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Deputy Chief Message

Inye dóhúch'i (how are you)

I hope you and your family have enjoyed the summer and fall, most importantly, remained safe as the Selkirk First Nation continues to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic as best we can. Gatherings were significantly changed or cancelled this summer due to the virus. Selkirk is complying with the Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health orders. It has not been easy, but the sacrifices we have all made, and continue to make, helps ensure that the health of our citizens and elders remain our top priority.

In the year ahead, Council is looking forward to engaging with the community to promote ongoing dialogue with citizens with quarterly reports on priorities put forward by the assembly and hosting great celebrations that our people are accustomed to.

Council continues to meet and represent Selkirk First Nation on a government to government basis with Territory and Canada, and also (CYFN) Council of Yukon First Nations and (AFN) Assembly of First Nations.

Early this summer Council met with Minister Ranj Pillai; the Minister responsible for Economic Development, Tourism and Culture, Yukon Housing Cooperation, Yukon Liquor Corporation, and Yukon Housing, and Yukon Lottery Commission. Some highlights of the discussions included:

- Trail development for walking and cyclists; the purpose of this discussion was to promote tourism and healthy activities for Citizens.
- Yukon Housing: discussion on Yukon Government providing social housing.

Council also met with Minister Richard Mostyn, the Minister responsible for Community Services and Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board. Highlights included:

- Fire truck and trainees
- Early Childhood Development Centre
- Pipe Water and Water Treatment upgrades
- Multiplex
- Gas Tax regarding street lighting upgrade

Selkirk First Nation participates in the Yukon Forum. The joint priorities the Yukon Forum is working on include:

• Yukon First Nations & Yukon government continue to tackle the opioid crisis in the territory



DEPUTY CHIEF MORRIS

- Education priorities
- Residential school recoveries

Selkirk First Nation also continues to work with the Council of Yukon First Nation and attends the Leadership meetings.

In closing, I would like to extend a big celebratory welcome to the Selkirk First Nation newborns. My hope for them is that they maintain a strong connection to their culture and traditions. To the Selkirk Citizens we have lost, I share my deepest condolences to the ones they have left behind, and wish them peace as they navigate the grieving process.

Council is working with the new Executive Director, Jason Peters and is moving to having more consistent meetings every Tuesday and Thursday. They are happy to have the vacant Wolf Councillor seat filled, and welcome Dean Gill to the Council. Council wishes Jeremy Harper the best as he moves on to his new role as MLA.

Work continues on completing the ECDC building, and they are moving forward with the Jon Ra Piped Water system to provide safe drinking water to those living in Jon Ra. As well, 11 new residences are currently being built to help alleviate the housing crunch in Pelly Crossing.

Signing at Ft Selkirk: The Council wanted to acknowledge past leaders for their work on this long-standing file. Selkirk First Nation and Yukon government have now negotiated and signed a new buffer zone area around Fort Selkirk that is coming into effect. This is significant because of the importance of the area of Ft Selkirk and the historical ties of Selkirk First Nation People to this area. This buffer zone protects the area around Fort Selkirk in regards to mineral or oil and gas development; this land will now be protected into the future.

Work has been done this year upgrading the camp at Ta'tla Mun Lake. The cabins have now

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TA'TLA MUN LAKE FIRE (JULY, AUGUST 2021), COUNCIL FLEW OVER TO SEE THE EXTENT OF THE FIRE.



AERIAL VIEW, TA'TLA MUN LAKE FIRE

been properly wired and a diesel generator is set up.

There was a major fire in the area this summer, but it did not reach the camp and there was no damage to the cabins. Future discussions will be held with the Northern Tutchone Council Leaders on possible future use of this area.

The Council has also been working from a previous General Assembly Resolution on bringing traditional governance into the administration and governance of the Nation based on the Northern Tutchone Code of Ethics Sothän Yets' ochi' do ('so we can live together in a good way') and includes the four principals:

Caring Ekátsedli

- (1) Help others when in need, and show them how to help themselves
- (2) Caring takes courage, and is sometimes difficult
- (3) Make amends for mistakes or poor choices when they happen

Sharing *Lyeâts'eli*

- (1) Share your knowledge, food and belongings with those who need them
- (2) Take what you need, and leave some for others
- (3) Treat visitors as honoured guests

Respect Notsät Ukânithät

(1)Be careful with your words – about others, the land, animals and yourself(2)Have pride and confidence, without bragging, vanity or arrogance(3)Preserver our sacred relationship with the animals and land

Teaching Hats' adän

- (1) Teach others by showing them how, and letting them try
- (2) Listen and learn with patience and careful attention
- (3) Use humor to help teach others and to fix problems



(L TO R) YOUTH COUNCILLOR CODY SIMS, MLA JEREMY HARPER, DEPUTY CHIEF MORRIS MORRISON

Selkirk First Nation By-election

Selkirk First Nation held a recent by-election for a Wolf Councillor to fill the seat vacated by Jeremy Harper. Jeremy was elected as the Mayo-Tatchun Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in April 2021. While we are happy Jeremy has moved on to represent us at the Territorial level, we will miss him on the Council. We would like to congratulate Jeremy on his new venture as MLA.

The election was officially called by the SFN Election Committee. Dean Gill was the only nominee to let his name stand, so there was no need for a full campaign and election process. Dean was acclaimed as Wolf Councillor on October 8, 2021 and Sworn into office on October 15th.

Dean has prior experience serving the Citizens on Council from April 2017 to April 2020 and on a previous Council in 2010. He also has prior experience working as staff for the Nation as the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA) officer, and more recently as Land Steward.

Council would like to welcome Dean to the team. Dean is passionate about the implantation of the SFN agreements and will uphold the SFN Constitution.

Swearing In Ceremony

The Ceremony started with Charlene Baker-Holland singing the Selkirk Song and drumming Dean into the Link Building. RCMP members Corporal Ryan Salant and Constable Daniel Rependa also participated as Dean's Honour Guard. MC Audrey Baker led the ceremony with Milly Johnson providing an opening and closing prayer.

Deputy Chief Morris provided welcoming remarks and thanked Election Committee members Dorothy Johnson, Jean Van Bibber and Shaheen Baker for their work on the by-election. Although the Ceremony was to Swear in the new member, Deputy Chief Morris also took a brief moment to acknowledge the challenges the Council has faced with the recent September 30th holiday to recognize Truth and Reconciliation along with working through the pandemic. He welcomed

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SWEARING IN CEREMONY, DEAN GILL WOLF COUNCILLOR







SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Dean to the Council and looked forward to what he would bring to the table. Other Council members also provided a few welcoming remarks to the new Wolf Councillor.

Dean swore the Oath of Office to Election Committee member, Jean VanBibber, with a limited audience in attendance due to Covid protocols. Dean's family members were present and past Chief and Elder Danny Joe attended, and also provided a few remarks and encouraged everyone to stand behind the Council. The event was live-streamed on Facebook.

This Council sits until the next general election that will be held in April 2023.

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SWEARING IN CEREMONY



GRAND CHIEF JOHNSON ON LEFT AND DEPUTY CHIEF MORRISON ON RIGHT.



ELDER LESLIE JOHNSON, SFN STAFF JESSICA ALFRED, SFN CITIZEN DANIELLE SAWYER, AND DEPUTY CHIEF MORRISON

Deputy Chief Morris Morrison attended Warriors Walk for Healing

It was my honor to witness the welcoming of Warriors Walk for Healing in Kamloops on August 9th, 2021. We witnessed the arrival of the Walkers from the final leg of their journey to the Residential School where the 215 children were found. This experience in itself was hugely impactful, emotional and empowering.

What I witnessed was the coming together of First Nations

connecting over a traumatic and intergenerational experience. I also saw the healing that each of us on that traditional and sacred land was experiencing on an individual level. Each one of us had a take-away from this experience. For me as a leader, I saw a glimpse of what we need to heal. We need the land; we need the acknowledgment, and we need to be connected to our culture.

The acknowledgment that we need



WILFRED JOHNSTON WALKED TO KAMLOOPS FROM TESLIN

is to recognize that, as First Nations people, the majority of us are all either a survivor of residential school, or a 2nd or 3rd generation survivor even if you didn't attend a school, or your parents didn't. The impacts were and are so severe that none of us have escaped the legacy of these schools. The impacts are truly intergenerational, and we all need to humble ourselves and acknowledge that we are all on our own healing journey.

I heard a lot of people speaking from their lived experiences in the schools, and others speaking about how this trauma has impacted them. I also witnessed the same people speaking about how their real healing happens with traditions, singing, dancing and being on the land. We need to continue to uphold these values as Northern Tutchone people. We have knowledge keepers; these are our Elders, and we need to take what they are offering to help move us forward.

We also need to acknowledge our past (traumas and all) because it has shaped where we are today. We make sense of our past and present to heal for our future generations. Mussi

Isaiah Silas: Comic Strip Creator

SFN is delighted to highlight the work of one of its talented young artists. With a passion for drawing, Isaiah Silas made this comic specially for Selkirk Citizens by pulling inspiration from his experiences hunting with his father. The aspiring graphic artist says it's "pretty cool" to share his work with his community and looks forward to creating more cultural themed comics. In addition to drawing, Isaiah also enjoys reading, sleeping, and skiing as his hobbies.

To see more of Isaiah's artwork and comics, visit his Facebook page @ unicomics2020.





Governance

Governance Staff:

Sharon Nelson, Governance Director Diana Dawson, Implementation Manager Jerry Alfred, Enrollment Officer Lois Joe, Justice Coordinator Elders/Family Head Coordinator – Vacant Records Manager & Officer – Vacant New Staff: Debbie Trudeau has joined the Governance Department as Communications Officer.

Committees:

Finance

Committee Members: Lori Sims, Lois Joe, Rhona Edwards, Mary McGinty. The Committee continues to meet regularly. The priorities are developing Finance Policies and the implementation of the Strategic Fund. Council prioritized a Credit Card, Emergency Loan and Purchase Order policies which are now in draft form. The Committee is meeting soon to review the application process and package documents for the Strategic Fund, and to finish up policies to meet with Council in the New Year.

Challenges: Drafting policies require detailed discussions and professional advice to meet the needs of SFN which is time consuming and takes a while to finalize. The Strategic Fund will need an Officer to administer the program which requires creating a new position and hiring before the program can be launched. There is no office space currently for this position.

Constitution

Council appointed 5 members to the Committee: Candice Menzi, Lizzie Hall, Mary McGinty, Betty Baptiste, Karen Van Bibber. This Committee has not initiated meetings, primarily due to current workload in the Governance Department. Next steps for the Committee: Orientation of the Committee members on the current SFN Constitution and develop their workplan. The mandate for the Committee is to review/ renew the Selkirk Constitution. This Committee's work will overlap with other Committees such as the Election Committee, Finance Committee and Citizenship Committee. Prior committee members identified the need to amend the Constitution and create a Governance Act, Finance Act and Code of Conduct Act. Any Constitution amendments the Committee recommends will need to be guided by consultation with Selkirk Citizens and by a declaration from the Elders Council. We look forward to starting this important work with the Constitution Committee.

Citizenship Committee

Committee Members: Marie Harper, Jane Fairclough, Amy Johnny, Lizzie Hall, Freda Alfred. The mandate of the Citizenship Committee is to review enrollment/ citizenship applications and make recommendations to Council for approval/denial. They are guided in their recommendations by Chapter 3 of the SFN Final Agreement and section 4 of the SFN Constitution This Committee is also tasked with developing an Enrollment Act.

Justice

Committee Members: Michelle Kolla, Mia Fulton, David E Silas, Samantha Dawson, Lucy McGinty. The mandate of the Justice Committee is to develop recommendations to Council for:

- The application and implementation of Article 11.0 of our Constitution including any amendments to the Constitution and any related Selkirk legislation which the Committee may consider appropriate;
- 2. The scope, design and implementation of Selkirk's programs and services for the administration of justice; and
- Any other matter relating to Selkirk's administration of justice which may be referred by Council to the Committee from time to time for the Committee's recommendations.

The Justice Committee has been focusing on the need to capture and document our traditional SFN laws and values and are hoping to

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accomplish this by interviewing Elders as they are the experts regarding customary laws and traditions.

The Committee has also been working on providing recommendations to Council regarding the programs and services Selkirk First Nation would offer in the Justice field. The SFN Justice Programs and Services shall reflect 'restorative justice' principles consistent with SFN values of caring, sharing, respect and teaching.

Resolutions Committee

The Selkirk First Nation Resolution Committee was established by the Selkirk First Nation 2019 General Assembly by way of Resolution #10. The Resolution Committee's primary purpose is:

- To establish a Terms of Reference to receive all proposed Assembly resolutions.
- To manage all aspects of the resolutions process, including finalizing and presenting the resolutions for consideration by the next Assembly.

The resulting work was a Resolutions Procedure guideline which the SFN General Assembly adopted in 2021. The purpose of a resolution procedure is to have a better way to share with Citizens, a resolution process that is accessible to all Citizens, and to enable Citizens to follow how decisions are being implemented. Also, to allow sufficient time for SFN Government Departments to determine any costs, policy, legal and organizational implications.

The 2021 General Assembly appointed 3 Citizens to be members of the Resolution Committee. They are Shandal Sam, Rhona Edwards and David Silas. The Assembly also appointed 2 alternate members, Lori Sims and Shaheen Baker. The term of their appointment will be from the adjournment of this Assembly to the adjournment of the next Assembly. This Committee will be commencing its work in the new year.

Negotiations

Budget 21: Canada's budget 2021 announcement is resulting in significant investments in Selkirk First Nation to advance initiatives in several priority areas. The following is a summary of those investments currently being sought after by Selkirk's negotiation team consisting of James Harper, Sharon Nelson and Diana Dawson:

 Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care (IELCC): Commitment is over five years to build on the IELCC with a long-term investment in Indigenous-led programming that parallels the government's commitment to provinces and territories. This includes

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before and after school care plus additional support for programming and capacity building.

- Community Infrastructure 'on reserve' over five years: To support immediate demands, as prioritized by Indigenous partners, with shovel-ready projects in their community (including housing). This requires an Action Plan to be filed; Council approved the Action Plan to include priorities as follows: Housing, Piped Water System Expansion to Jon Ra, Early Child Development Centre – additional costs associated to the building not already covered by the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) \$1.5 million dollars.
- Language Reclamation and Revitalization
- Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA) Amendments: / Local Government and other Services and Infrastructure Supplement: SFN is currently negotiating additional funding for the FTA base for local government services and infrastructure funding. This will require settlement on the amount and an FTA Amendment. The draft amendment is underway and research is being done by Governance staff to determine

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what our current costs are in certain areas such as insurance and property tax.

- FTA Adjustors (increase): in the FTA, the parties agree to further pursue what an appropriate adjustor should be. Currently our adjustors are calculated by a formula based on price (inflation) and population.
- Child and Family Services: On August 7, 2020, the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society brought a non-compliance motion to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT). The motion alleged that Indigenous Services Canada failed to implement the CHRT's orders by not providing sufficient prevention funding for First Nations children, youth and families receiving child and family services from a federally funded provincial or territorial service provider. In response, ISC worked with the Assembly of First Nations and

the Caring Society to develop an interim funding approach for First Nations whose children and families are served by a federally funded provincial or territorial child welfare service provider. The approach was agreed upon by the parties and brought to the CHRT to resolve the non-compliance motion. The Tribunal issued an order on consent of the parties on March 17, 2021 and funding will be coming to Selkirk First Nation as a result. This funding is for the development and delivery of prevention and early intervention activities or to support cultural continuity for children in care, and is intended to support children and families in Selkirk First Nation. These activities will promote culturally based well-being and safety for First Nation children, youth and their families by addressing the factors that contribute to First Nations children coming to the attention of child welfare authorities.

FTA / ISETP (Indigenous Skills and Employment Training Program): an amount for Skills and Employment Training programs and services was added to the FTA for a specified period ending in 2020/21. Negotiations are underway to Amend the FTA to extend this agreement and funding. With these funds, 'the First Nation shall deliver skills and employment training programs and services during the term of the FTA to assist its Citizens to gain skills and find employment and to promote the achievement of their longterm employment and career objectives?

General Assembly

The audit needs to be presented to a General Assembly. The audit for 2020-21 is expected to be completed in draft form by February. If the audit is finalized in February, we anticipate having a March 2022 General Assembly.

Meet Our New Executive Director

New staff

JASON PETERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Peters came on board as the

Executive Director in July 2021. Jason is Mi'kmaw from Nova Scotia, from the Snake Clan and a member of the Glooscap First Nation. He comes from a family of leaders; Great Grandfather, Louis Peters was Chief of Bear River First Nation, Grandfather was Chief Joe Peters, and Aunt was Chief Shirley Clarke, along with other family members who are leaders within his community. His Aunt, Lorraine Whitman, is the current President of the

Native Women's Association.

Jason brings extensive experience leading and working for Provincial government, Indigenous organizations, non-Indigenous organizations, as well as in the private sector, and local and international Boards of Directors. Along with his corporate and governance experience, Jason is also in the New Brunswick Indigenous Hall of Fame and has worked with Aboriginal sports and recreation groups; he is a basketball and rugby coach and coached teams at the provincial, regional, high school and local levels. He also wrote and published a book in 2011, "Aboriginal Sport Heroes". Jason is already enjoying his time in PC as he is working with SFN Recreation to start a Jr. NBA program for the youth.

We welcome Jason to the team and look forward to what he brings to the position.

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The Lands Resources and Heritage Team work on a variety of different files and projects. During these unforeseen times, we continue to work safely in the administration office. Meetings with other organizations throughout the Yukon, are accomplished through zoom. These meetings do not have the same value as meeting in person, however; some meetings are hosted in person where Covid-19 restrictions apply.

The Department has received 21 bear bins that will be assembled and distributed this year and will be submitting for another 21 bins for next year. The Community had requested the metal garbage bins that can't be opened by wildlife so 21 bear bins were distributed to homes in high bear activity areas last year which are working.

The Pelly River Sonar Project was also a little different this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. Unfortunately, there was only one SFN employee at the site this year, but the hope is to get back to normal soon. The Department would like to say "Hats off" to Addicus Baker for being a

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The Department would like to say "Hats off" to Addicus Baker for being a real trooper working on the sonar project this summer.

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real trooper working on the sonar project this summer. The program started on July 1 and finished on August 25. A preliminary passage total of 4,812 upstream migrating Chinook salmon was counted during the period of operation for the 2021 Chinook Salmon Sonar Program.

Due to the declining salmon numbers, there was a "No fishing notice except for traditional use" this year. However, Selkirk leadership approved having local Elders harvest. The harvest count this year from 12 local fish camps was 135 Chinook salmon. Two fish camps out of the 12 were unsuccessful and did not get any fish.

Regarding the low fish count, leadership purchased salmon from Taku River First Nation, Atlin, B.C. to distribute to the Citizens. A big thank you to the leadership and Taku River First Nation.

The Mica Creek Fish Habitat and Restoration Project is still in the investigation mode. The Department could not transport any eggs this year as funding was cut due to Covid-19. The Department will be reviewing this project for the next season.

Also, due to Covid-19, the Department received an extension on the Climate Change Program contribution agreement funding. It is hoped to involve the youth as much as possible in this program.

Dana Korten is working with the Director, Ellie Marcotte regarding a contribution agreement related to "COVID-19 research". There will a local person who will soon be doing interviews on the effects of Covid-19.

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The Fort Selkirk Committee held their regular meetings via zoom. There will be a newsletter from this Committee distributed soon.

The Land Stewards are very busy with a variety of tasks. They participate in meetings which involve their role as a steward. They had recently finished a moose monitoring program in the MacMillan range, and the data will be reported at the May Gathering. They will also be busy opening existing trails and working with Compliance Monitoring Inspections.

There is a trapping course scheduled for December 2 to December 6, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, with Ryan Sealy. There is an honorarium for local trappers who would like to assist with the fur handing (Friday and Sunday). If you are interested, please contact Ellie @ (867) 334-5354. Lunch will be provided with daily beverages. SFN will be sponsoring Pelly residents. Please watch for the notices.

The Lands Resources and Heritage Department will be seeking those who are interested in trail cutting and /or carpenter work soon. If you are interested, please contact Kevin McGinty @ (867) 689-0755

With the Covid-19 restrictions and more cases, there were a lot of meetings and programs cancelled but the hope is to get back to normal in the new year.

Mining Report

Faro Mine Remediation Project: Selkirk First Nation is participating in the review and comment period through the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) assessment phase. As to where the project currently stands, CIRNAC filed responses for the fourth and fifth rounds of information requests on Aug 6th and Oct 8th, 2021. The project is now nearing the end of the Adequacy phase. The screening process will begin once the project is deemed adequate by the YESAB Executive Committee.

SFN is receiving contribution funding to participate in the governance and technical engagements throughout the phases of regulatory licensing and permitting. This will insure SFN will be at the table in addressing the legacy concerns with the Project impacts.

Before the active remediation of the Faro mine site can be initiated, it must go through the Environmental and Socio-Economic assessment and Regulatory approval process. Right now, only the Care and Maintenance and urgent works are on-going at the site.

Minto Mine: SFN is participating through the bi-lateral technical working group in the review of Minto's mining plans which is being assessed by Yukon Water Board (YWB) and Yukon Government Energy Mines and Resources Department (EMR).

SFN is also engaging and providing comments with the other two Regulatory Bodies simultaneously in relation to Minto Mine.

There is also a new request that SFN is in the process of reviewing and engaging with YG on, for potential impacts in relation to Minto's application for an Exploration Expansion Permit within their existing Claim but outside the mine impacted area. This is currently in the draft decision document stage.

The Minto Mine Socio-Economic Monitoring program released its annual report for years 2016-2018. The tri-lateral working group consisting of members from SFN, YG and Minto are currently working on completing the Annual Report for 2019-2020, plus they are looking at securing funds to complete the second SFN Household Survey. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it was impossible to do door to door visits to complete surveys this year. The team will continue to investigate ways to provide SFN Citizens the opportunity to participate in the survey exercise.

Coffee Creek Project: This project is also in the Regulatory review stage. Newmont is providing details in response to YESAB info requests. SFN has provided its technical comments and responses to YESAB and is waiting for the next stages in the review screening process.

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Consultation obligations have been difficult to coordinate during the global pandemic. The team is doing their best by way of teleconferencing with proponents. This summer Lands staff and SFN Leadership coordinated a river trip to Coffee Creek for a site tour. This tour was a successful excursion, it provided the opportunity for a visual perspective of potential development of the area. The company provided helicopter tours during the site tour.

SFN and Newmont are working out the details in relation to a Funding Agreement that will allow SFN to participate in the regulatory process. With this funding arrangement, SFN costs will be covered to provide comments and concerns in relation to the impacts on SFN treaty rights in the area.

New mineral management

legislation: SFN is participating in the newly developed Steering Committee Working Group for the review and amendment of the current mineral legislation. The committee consists of First Nation reps and Yukon Government reps. This working group is in the early stages, so SFN will see what comes from this engagement process. Future updates will be provided on the progress.

Collaborative Stewardship Initiative: This is a pilot project between First Nation groups and YG. SFN is one of the four First Nations identified in the pilot project. This is the 3rd year of this project. This project brings

both Governments together in partnership to participate in joint land inspections that happen within SFN's Traditional Territory. There is an annual fall workshop scheduled to review the season's workplan and discuss the successes and challenges that were experienced this season.

This pilot project remains a

priority for SFN, it provides SFN the opportunity to see firsthand what is going on in the Traditional Territory. Also, it provides SFN staff with an understanding of what the proponent can and can't do through the terms and conditions of their issued licences.

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Fort Selkirk Management Plan:

This summer, Tourism and Culture Minister, Ranj Pillai and Selkirk First Nation Deputy Chief Morris Morrison met at Huchá Hudän / Fort Selkirk Historic Site for the official signing of the updated Fort Selkirk Management Plan.

The updated Fort Selkirk Management Plan ensures the protection, conservation and interpretation of the heritage values at Fort Selkirk, and recognizes and protects the traditional and contemporary use of the area by Selkirk First Nations Citizens and other Yukon residents and visitors. This is the 3rd edition of its kind and took nearly 5 years to complete.

Hot Springs Trip (Ddaw Ghro):

The purpose of this trip was to take elders to visit the McAurthur Mountain's Hotsprings. The idea was to take those who were sick and needed healing right away, and then bring others who needed on the land healing as well. However, because budgets were not approved until July, with limited staff in office due to Covid-19, and, since the place has not been occupied for several years, the decision was made to plan a trip with SFN Lands, Resources and Heritage staff first in September. Staff found that although Ddaw Ghro Hot Springs is still there, the water levels were surprisingly low. SFN Lands, Resources and Heritage plan to get people out there early next summer when all the medicines are bright and fresh, and maybe the water levels will be higher.

Archeological Project: Some archeological assessment was done at Fort Selkirk this year. There were three large graveyards discovered in the backside of the wooded area. The graves are over 100 years old and are diminished. There are no records of who was buried there, except that it was people from all over the Yukon who lived, traded, or were visiting Fort Selkirk before, during and after the Flu pandemic.

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Ecorfor Consulting, a local Whitehorse based Archeological assessment company, used a GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) to detect the ground below to help identify existing graves. The plan was to identify most, if not all, of the graves so that restoration can begin with a ceremony. This work can take a few years. Next on the plan is to identify graves in other parts the Traditional Territory such as down the Yukon River and back up the Pelly and McMillian Rivers. Fort Selkirk Culture Camp: A successful Cultural Camp was held August 15-21, 2021. This was a pilot project in collaboration with the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department, the Citizen Development Department and Yukon University. There were a total of 35 people that included students, elders, cooks, boat operators, labourers, university staff, SFN Staff and parents. This camp combined both Cultural and Modern Science.

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Cultural Workshops:

The **Sewing Circle** is held Mondays and Fridays, from 6-9 p.m. at the Old Community Hall. Many sewers picked up kits to work on at home.

On Thursday, November 4, 2021, Artists/Fashion Designer, Natasha Peters was invited to teach **Scrunchy & Granny Hanky Headband Making**. In addition, she brought her clothing line. Each workshop was topped up with a full meal.

The *Tagwat* (Fleshing tool) Workshop was held Tuesday, November 1 & 4, 2021. The fleshing tool was made for moose hide tanning. This was taught by elder Don Trudeau.

The **Christmas Sewing Project** is set for November 26 -December 9, 2021, at the Link Building, 9-5 p.m.

Watch for upcoming events that will include salmon jarring, Hide tanning, and a Tatl'mun Lake fishing trip. Contact Culture Coordinator, Charlene Baker-Holland for more information.



Hunting Camp: A Hunting Camp was held at Fort Selkirk from September 12-18th, 2021 in collaboration with the Lands, Resources and Heritage Department, Citizen Development Department and Yukon University. There were a total of 40 people that included students, parents, staff, boat operator, hunters, cooks and labourers. The camp was successful with harvesting one ram sheep and a young bull moose. The meat was shared amongst those attending camp, as there wasn't enough moose and sheep to share with everyone in town. Those attending also made jam, bannock on a stick, sewed key chains, painted sceneries, hunted every day, fished, heard scary stories, made bow and arrows, pitch salve, and ate good food. All in all, everyone had fun.

Traditional / Dooli Report

Traditional / Dooli work has been on-going; the budget was approved

by Council, but there is a new Project request. This project will be worked on once the green light has been given through the Council approval process. Everyone must keep in mind safety and other issues that surround Covid-19 since 2020, 2021, and with the prediction that it will be ongoing in 2022. For this reason, some large gatherings and projects for the 2021-22 budget year will not be achieved.

Because of safety and health matters, there are projects that will

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not happen such as two Northern Tutchone Elders Gatherings; 1 of each Northern Tutchone's Aunties and Uncles Retreat.

This is what has happened with the Traditional / Dooli project so far and what's being worked on:

- Dooli Team meetings are still to happen through virtual or in-person meetings; these guide the Traditional / Dooli projects and working matters. Here again the team is being told to be careful with in-person meetings.
- Completed the Draft Worker's Manual of "Nohóe" Potlatch Guiding Booklet for all Workers.
- Completed Draft Document materials of "Sothän Yets' ochído" So we can live together in a good way. This document is about how Northern Tutchone /

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Selkirk People lived and treated and behaved with respect to each other wherever they may be and whatever they are as a person. This Document is to be printed and used by all Northern Tutchone / Selkirk persons / people. It will be used to teach and also formatted into working / learning areas in school, college, government bodies, FN government staff and, etc.

- Completed Aunties / Uncles Retreats 2021. These were held in Minto, and only for SFN Citizens because of being very careful around Covid-19, where rules were strictly followed. These events were successful in sharing teachings and learnings and were very successful for the overall meaning to the project.
- Traditional story: the "Shoo ghee" Beaverman Story is partly drafted in writing; it is still being researched with a lot of reading to be done on this subject. This story was told in the past, and hopefully to date may explain where all Northern Tutchone guidance, knowledge, laws and spirituality came from. Older Elders of the past and even today, with the Elders that are left with this knowledge, called this story, "Our Indian Bible". All other stories that Selkirk / Northern Tutchone First Nations worked on and made document booklets out of are tied to the Shoo ghee story.

It's a very complicated story to interpret by others. That's why it must be done right.

 SFN held a workshop on the "Historical Pandemic" of long ago and how it was then and how Selkirk People / Persons' helped to overcome this dreadful disease by using Traditional methods that helped save many lives back then. That's why many Selkirk descendants are still here today.

How we live, work, and carry out our Selkirk First Nation matters as people, from babies to the Eldest Elder in our community, our workplace, within our governing bodies and at home depend on how, what and when we use the teachings that the Old Elders and Selkirk People developed to live and guide us. These teachings will be developed into Traditional Documents to guide how to be good NT / Selkirk people. Those guiding documents will be done through workshops, meetings, and in schools. Eventually, they will also involve leadership and will be brought into the governance of the First Nation. This will be facilitated through careful forums that hopefully do some meaningful changes or corrections by using our Traditional system of "Respect, Caring, Sharing and Teaching".



Event HALLOWEEN





Event Sewing



Event BERRY PICKING



Language Update

A lot of the programs we're working on started in 2020; they have been delayed due to COVID, but we are slowly moving forward. The Master Apprentice Language Program was cut due to COVID. Beginner Language Lessons with Miss Shirley Joe has been dropped as well due to COVID, we eventually tried Zoom lesson, but it has been a slow process. Sometimes we would sit there, and nobody would show up. It kind of faded away, but I'm optimistic to get it back up and running.

We planned to have a Northern Tutchone Literacy Session and Word Collection for the updated dictionary, but COVID beat us to the punch again! We planned it for February 2020, then August, then October...watch for an ad once COVID settles.

I had a Summer Language Pilot Project, which didn't meet my expectations, but again, it was due to COVID and a couple other difficulties. I would like to try it again next summer and keep it going every summer!

We took/take our regular language training at YNLC, and it was great to actually get to go to the YNCL facility, rather than zoom in! We are currently facilitating Introduction to Northern Tutchone Level 1 with Miss Lizzie Hall. Registration is through YNLC. But anyone is welcome to come to the Language Center. It's every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 1:20 – 3:00 pm.

Our language APP is currently on hold, as the developers are from Las Vegas. This APP is already paid for by YNLC, so it is a work in progress. We are currently figuring ways they can do it remotely.

Upgrading the existing dictionary is an ongoing process. I would like to thank Shirley for typing out the whole Selkirk Noun Dictionary in a Word document for our word collection, we keep adding and correcting it every day seems like. This new dictionary will also be online once complete.

We are working on a Robert Munsch Books project. Transcribing some of his books into Northern Tutchone, which is very exciting! I can't wait to see the final products!

I will do my best to bring language into all the Culture events! It has been difficult finding willing and available fluent speakers and teams for all these projects, but I will keep doing my best!

The Language Center has "open doors" so please stop by any time Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. If we are in that is, sometimes we may be elsewhere, in town or home sick, you know, everyday life is different. After school it tends to get loud in the building, so best if you come before 3pm. Do not hesitate to contact me: cell number is 867-335-1692, and email is bakera@selkirkfn.com.



Community Safety Officer Program

The CSO program has been running since January 2019 with Gina Nagano as the Community Safety Advisor. The program continues to be very busy at times; the Community Safety Officers work with other Justice professionals on a regular basis. Some of these agencies include the local RCMP, Probations, YG Conservation, and SCAN (Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods). The CSO's and RCMP meet weekly to do community updates.

The program has new contact posters being made with new contact numbers; it is hoped to have them soon to distribute to the community.

On-going Tasks within the CSO Program

- The CSO program continues to move forward on getting a volunteer fire department established.

- The CSO program has been involved with training with some community members on the Emergency Preparedness and Response Team in case of any disasters that may occur such as fires, flooding, contaminated spills, highway closures, etc.
- The CSO program continues working on dog complaints and to get some community education workshops going as soon as they are able to during these difficult times with COVID – 19 still happening.
- The CSO's still receive high volumes of complaints coming in from community members regarding Bootlegging and Drugs within the community.
- Many of the CSO files are confidential and cannot be distributed or commented on publicly.

NEW PHONE

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Reasons to call CSO's

- ✓ Suspicious activity
- ✓ Property damage
- ✓ Noise complaints
- ✓ Unusual traffic or people
- ✓ Unsafe activities
- ✓ Misuse of Traditional Territory
- ✓ Wildlife concerns
- ✓ Animal welfare

Community Safety Officers:

Darcy Marcotte CSO-Lead (867) 689-0303 David Bennett CSO (867) 689 -1163

Auxiliary on Call CSO's: Freda Alfred, Sheldon Joe, Andy Silverfox

Citizen Development

The Citizen Development Department is working with the following priorities:

- Selkirk First Nation (SFN) /Yukon government Education Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- SFN Citizen Development and Capacity Building
- Post-Secondary Education
 (PSE) Student Policy Review to
 Incorporate Trade Programs

MOU on Education with Yukon Government

The Department is continuing with meetings and a review process with SFN Council on the strategic plan for implementation of curriculum and programs at the Eliza VanBibber School (EVBS) which includes Selkirk First Nation traditional and cultural values. As well, there are continuing meetings with the Superintendent of Education (YG), Principal of Eliza Van Bibber School, the Selkirk First Nation Education Committee and EVBS School Council to review priorities and the action plan. Ongoing meetings will be held in this year to finalize curriculum and action plan goals.



Other Department news:

- A new Education Committee is being recruited and will be joining the team soon.
- Education Support Worker (ESW) and Eliza VanBibber School (EVBS) continue to collaborate to provide on the land activities.
- Jordan's Principle Nutrition Program provides Hot Lunches to all EVBS students.
- Jordan's Principle Christmas Hampers will be provided for 0-18 years of age within Pelly.

- Summer Employment Program established to employ Post-Secondary students and high school students.
- On going Kids Music Program in collaboration with EVBS
- Land base Education Initiative Program continuing with EVBS students.
- Youth Science Camp at Fort Selkirk in collaboration with Yukon University and SFN Heritage.
- Youth Hunting Camp at Fort Selkirk in collaboration with the SFN Heritage and Yukon University.

Event Kids Hunling



Early Childhood Development Dunya Ra K'ats Inte Ku

Warm greetings, hope this update finds you and your family well. We sincerely hope you, your children and families are staying safe and healthy during this unpredictable time. As you know, we are in a unique and challenging situation with the pandemic, that has caused us to look at creative ways to continue delivering services to the community in a safe manner. Let's continue to do our part in keeping our families and community safe.

I'd like to start off with introducing the Dunya Ra K'ats Inte Ku team: Amber Baker - Toddler Educator; Tay-Lynn Charlie - Preschool Educator; Maryann Sam -Afterschool Educator; Tannis Charlie - ECDC Floater; and Lori Sims - ECDC Manager. Farewell and wishes of success to past employees Roxanne Buyck and Nicole Sargent.

Although we have a great team, a lot of time has passed since we've provided early learning services to the community due to a fire last fall where we lost the building and all contents. However, we have started over, and are extremely pleased with our newly built temporary Centre that we recently moved into. We are very eager in having the little ones back in attendance.

Over the past year we have engaged with families, providing early learning kits, continued notifying parents of any updates and have completed re-registering their children. Once we tally up the numbers of enrollment and licensed ratio, we will be opening any vacancies within the 3 groups; toddler group ages 12 months to 2 years of age, preschool group ages 3 to 5 and the afterschool group ages 6 to 8.

The team has kept busy with setting-up and prepping the Centre for re-licensing. Unfortunately, at this point we are unsure of a reopening date, currently there are a lot of factors and steps to licensing. One being the arrival of the new furniture and supplies so we're able to set up for inspections.

Our mission is to be able to provide quality childcare to our community that meet the needs of the children and families at our Centre. To commit to a positive and respectful team relationship with our families by providing healthy and positive daily experiences to children along inclusion of children through a holistic approach to meet the needs of each individual child.

Professional Development is a requirement, staff are deep into their online studies in the Early Learning and Child Care fall semester at Yukon University. They are committed and focused on working towards their level 3 in the ELCC program. The new staff are currently working towards their level 1 and others towards their level 2. There are 5 levels to gain their Child Care

It is that time of the year again, where the days are shorter and colder. So be sure to stay warm and plan fun indoor *activities with your* family. And to avoid cabin fever, here are a few fun ideas; board games, puzzles, Lego, indoor scavenger hunt, build a fort, science experiment, I spy, hide and seek, Simon says, bake Christmas cookies, cook a meal together, read books, journal writing, arts and crafts, make homemade Christmas gifts, yoga, movie popcorn night...

Professional Level Certification. Today, the staff have shown they've each gained additional skills that they will implement into their daily programming and routine at the centre. As they continue to dive deeper into child development, they are seeing the benefits to making those connections with understanding the importance of early learning for young children. Fantastic work staff!

Fort Selkirk Management Plan Signing



Capital



Housing / Lot Development: 11 houses will be ready next year, with expected completion dates in the Spring and Fall; services are in. 2 Renovations are currently underway. Structure removal of vacant or condemned buildings is being done in preparation for future building.

Streetlights: street lighting for Pelly Crossing has been mapped out for the Main Village, Jon Ra and Willow Creek areas. The data has been submitted to the Engineering Firm; Capital is waiting for a quote. This project will be completed next year.

Office space: there is limited office space for the whole Administrative and Capital building presently; Capital is working toward getting more office space.

Taraw Water Treatment Plant expansion: this has gone out to tender; waiting for quotes.

ECDC building: the last tender did not result in any bids; Capital will continue working on this long-term project.

Capital yard: The Capital yard has

been cleaned. The Capital crew is now preparing for an upcoming Auction; watch for notices.

Community buildings: Security upgrades will be coming for a number of community buildings; including cameras. Deferred maintenance required repairs of community buildings is an outstanding issue.

Contracts: Wood Contracts: Wood contracts are available on an ongoing basis and are available yearround. Construction Contractors: There is work available for local contractors. Contact Capital for more info.

After Hours Dispatch: (867) 689-1681

The Capital Department now has an After-hours Dispatch Number for Emergencies when the office is not open. Call this number after regular office hours (9am - 5pm), on weekends, holidays or when the office is closed. This number is for Emergencies related to: Heating / Furnace, Sewage / Septic, Water or Freeze-ups. Do not use this number for regular Capital items or during regular office hours. Note: this is not a complaint line.

Winter Notifications

- Snow Removal: Capital is working to keep streets clear of snow, especially for the Water Truck route and for community buildings.
- Turn on your heat trace for your water pipes; if you're not sure how to do this, contact Capital and someone can assist you.
- Do not drive over your septic field; even though it may be covered in snow, it can still get damaged.
- Clear a path for the Water Truck, and please make sure the path is clean of dog poop and other garbage.
- Water Delivery: Reminder that water delivery is done three times a week: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Chimney Cleaning: Chimney cleaning had been put on hold. The Chimney Cleaner will be in Pelly Crossing in November; please contact Capital if you require chimney cleaning.
- Garbage Pick-up: Garbage is picked up on a regular basis.
 Ensure your garbage is placed in bags, inside the bin. Please make sure you clear snow so the truck is able to reach your bin.

Wellness

The Wellness Department has been busy this past summer and fall, including the following communityrelated events:

- Orange Shirt Distribution on July 1st for Canada Day for the Residential School Survivors
- Hosted a Sacred Fire for the gravesite discovery at the Kamloops Residential School
- Hosted an Orange Shirt Day Fire/ Soup/ and Walk September 30th, 2021
- Distribution of Orange Shirt Pin Sewing kit to Citizens who wished to bead small Orange Shirts
- Held Foot Care Clinics for Elders and Clients that require the service in November 2021; and Foot Care will be held again in early February 2022
- The SFN Child and Family Services program held a Shawlmaking Workshop in October 2021

Upcoming activities from the Department are being planned through December and into the New Year (depending on Covid)

 Meals on Wheels will start December 2021 and will run until June 2022 from Home and Community Care program for Elders and those with disabilities.

- Parent Group with the SFN Child and Family Services program; this is a planned parent support group.
- Photos with Mehak Kahan on December 11th, 2021. This had been planned for November and was rescheduled due to COVID-19.
- Family Make and Take *Craft night with the SFN Child and Family Services program where families can come together make crafts and Christmas gifts to take home on December 13th and 14th.
- Family Sliding (Dec 23, 1 to 4) at the Sliding Hill, and Kicksled (28rd 1 - 4) at the School yard.
- Art Contest for Adult Artists for a Woman Against Violence Campaign. The Department is accepting submissions from Artists over the age of 18; watch for future posting with more information.
- In addition, there are three upcoming Woman Against Violence Workshops for youth and the Community in the new year; watch for future postings for more information.
- Meg Grudeski (Community Councillor) comes to the Community every month, contact the Wellness Department for appointments.

The next planned visit in Pelly Crossing is December 13th to 15th.

- Mickie Gregory offers spiritual guidance, counselling, and Reiki hour long sessions. She is here December 3rd to 9th.
- Monika Steputh offers holistic approach to energy healing, counselling, and massage. She is here December 13th to the 17th, 2021.

Wellness Department staff will be on-call for Emergency responses throughout the Holidays, please watch for postings of names and number to contact.

Please stay safe and take care of one another. Please keep in mind to be safe when travelling to Whitehorse during the Holidays as the Covid-19 virus is still active in the Yukon; remember to hand sanitize each time leaving the stores, keep your mask clean, change your surgical mask frequently, wash your hands as much as you can. Wellness would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2022!

Eliza VanBibber School Council

Your voice in the Yukon's Education System

Who are we?

The EVB School Council members are Chair Mackenzie Boyden, Secretary Lori Sims, Member Rhona Edwards, SFN Guaranteed representative Cody Sims

What do we do at a glance?

School Councils can influence everything from school programming to discipline policies. School Councils help with problemsolving and decision making, and they also:

- Review and approve school plans, which are the blueprints for the school's activities and priorities;
- Participate in the hiring of the school's principal;
- Make recommendations on how the school's budget is spent;
- May choose to propose locally developed courses; and
- Advise on the length of the school year, staffing needs, school renovations, school programming and student

transportation.

School Councils provide a rewarding opportunity for Yukon people to get involved in the education of their children. They are the voice for parents and community members. They work with students, teachers, administrators, and the Department of Education to provide high-quality education. They can have an impact on issues that go beyond their school.

Along with teachers and administrators, School Councils are a key source of information and support for parents who have questions about their children's education.

Upcoming SC meeting: Jan 19th 2022, 6:00pm, at the EVB School.

Parent Student Engagement: If you require any support, have questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out, please feel free to contact a member to assist you.

Would you like to become a School Council Member? Watch for Election notices in the Spring of 2022.

Top 5 Qualities of a Great Role Model for our Students

- 1. Clear set of values
- 2. Passion and Ability to Inspire
- Ability to overcome obstacles
- 4. Selflessness and Acceptance of others

Wishing you a Safe and Happy Holiday season, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

University Corner



Hets'edan Ku – Yukon University, Pelly Crossing Campus

Like the rest of the world, Hets'edan Ku YukonU Pelly Crossing Campus is undergoing lots of exciting changes. Norma Alfred left for brighter endeavors, and we want to thank her for all of her work and dedication through the time she

was here. Cheryle Patterson is acting as the Adult Education Coordinator until the recruitment is completed in the spring of 2022. Annette Albert has returned to her position as Community Liaison.





Hets'edan Ku has

our new sign; it is the only campus in the Yukon that is written in the local language. The campus is being rearranged to meet the needs of the Pelly Crossing Community. There is a need for a computer lab and smaller study spaces for distance learning, so we will be shifting all the spaces here at the campus.

There will be two courses starting in November and December, including:

First Nation Youth Arts Certificate

- This program will run November 29, 2021 until March 18 2022
- Students must be under the age of 30
- There is still room for 2 more students to register.

And the Campus is happy to host courses for Yukon Learn who will be conducting:

Computer Skills for the Workworld.

Note: You can attend this program as your Christmas Work Project

- This program will run November 29 to December 10, 2021
- Only room for 8 participants, so register EARLY

Coming the new year: 2 PAL courses, 1st Aid, Chainsaw Safety and Food Safe. WATCH FOR POSTINGS

Contact: Cheryle Patterson, A/ Adult Education Coordinator; Hets'edan Ku, YukonU Pelly Crossing Phone: (867) 537-8800 / Email: cheryle.patterson@yukonu. ca







Citizen Spotlight

There are many amazing Northern Tutchone / Selkirk First Nation Citizens who are not always recognized for what they are doing or have done in the past. SFN is starting a new regular column to recognize and show Respect to these outstanding Citizens. who have *Cared, Shared or Taught* in many different ways — either through good works they do for the community, or who have put effort and work into themselves through their artwork, sports, learning their language, etc. As well, there are amazing SFN Citizens living outside of the Traditional Territory who are doing remarkable works and representing SFN / Northern Tutchone People in a good way. There are Citizens running companies, heading up organizations, working for other First Nations, elected into official positions such as Mayor, Member of the Legislative Assembly, etc.

There are also those who go quietly about and do such good works for others that we don't always hear about, so please send us your nominations for Citizens that we can put in the Spotlight!

RCMP Pelly Crossing, local detachment would like to remind everyone in the community:

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"Now that winter is here, please adjust your driving to the road conditions. If you are travelling on the highway, make sure that you have winter clothing in the vehicle and you are equipped to survive in the event you become stranded."

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DETACHMENT COMMANDER CPL. RYAN SALANT, AND CONSTABLE PERRY HANDING OUT CANDY TO THE KIDS ON HALLOWEEN THIS YEAR AT THE LOCAL RCMP DETACHMENT.

COVID-19



1. Social Distance

Keep your social distance with everyone outside your bubble. – a 2-metre (6- feet) distance. Do not share any items that touch your mouth such as cigarettes, cups, bottles, etc.

2. Keep your hands clean

Wash your hands and wash them often. But - before and after - there's so much more you can do to keep your hands clean:

- use hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol. Remember to sanitize your hands when leaving a store.
- avoid touching your face;
- cough and sneeze into your elbow.

3. Feel sick? Stay home

Even if you feel like you could power through - do not. By staying home, you protect others and allow our community and Yukon to carry on strong.

If you have any of the following symptoms, you should stay home: cough;

- fever or chills; •
 - sore throat; headache;

shortness of breath; runny nose; loss of sense of taste or smell; nausea and vomiting;

 fatigue; loss of appetite; diarrhea: or muscle aches.

Use the online COVID-19 self-assessment tool (https://service.yukon.ca/en/covid-19-selfassessment/) to see if you should get tested for COVID-19.

4. Avoid crowds

Less is more when it comes to group gatherings. And, unless someone's in your social bubble, no close-talking when you meet up. For all gatherings, keep 2 metres (6 feet) between yourself and anyone who is not in your social bubble. Read the complete gathering guidelines. https://vukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/holding-gathering-guidelinescovid-19

5. Travel with respect

Consider the risk before travelling between communities. If you decide to go, follow the guidelines when you arrive. It's all about respecting everyone's comfort levels.

6. Self-isolate if necessary

Being alone does not have to be lonely. Keep in touch with the outside world while you're on the inside. Video chat, phone, heck – write a good old-fashioned letter! It's communication with the human touch. Find more information on self-isolation in Yukon. https://yukon.ca/en/health-andwellness/covid-19-information/your-health-covid-19/information-self-isolation

"Plus 1:" Wear a mask in all public places.



Recreation News



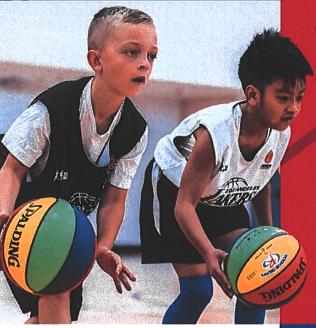
Following the latest Covid-19 Guidlines the SFN Recreation Team is excited to announce that we can safely offer a variety of recreation events for both youth and adults in up-coming weeks. For the Youth these events include: Kick-Sledding, Skating, Tobogganing, Tuesday Arts & Crafts, Wednesday Cooking Club, Friday Movie Nights, and Multi-Sport nights in the school gym.

Adults can enjoy the fitness facility from 6 - 9 pm Monday - Friday as well as look forward to7:30- 9 pm Monday Night Floor Hockey, Tuesday Night Basketball, Thursday Night Volleyball, and lots of HOCKEY!

Be aware that masks must be worn at all times, participants are required to sign-in and out, capacity is limited, and for some events breaks will be needed to sanitize equipment.

SFN Recreation Team





Jr. NBA Youth Basketball (JNYB) is the official youth basketball program developed in partnership with Canada Basketball and NBA Canada. JNYB is geared towards youth between the ages of 5-12 with a focus on developing fundamental skills, sportsmanship, and a love for basketball.

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE:

- Jr. NBA Reversible Jersey
- Spalding Basketball
- Certificate of Participation
- Poster
- Parents Guide for all parents
- Plus more!

COME PLAY WITH THE JR. NBA!

JR.NBA VOUTH BASKETBALL

CONTACT US TODAY TO REGISTER

Wolfpack Basketball Training www.wolfpack-basketball.com

Host Organization

Pelly Crossing

Address

Jason Peters

Coordinator

SFN Recreation

Contact

Contact: Dani Marcotte

Registration Details

LEARN MORE AT JRNBA.CA



JR. NBA YOUTH BASKETBALL PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION			
First Name:	Last Name:		
Date of Birth:	Gender: Male Female Other		
Age:	Jersey: Youth Adult		
Address:			
City: Province:	Postal Code:		
Please note any medical conditions the club/organization should be aware of:			
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION			
First Name:	Last Name:		
Day Phone:	Night Phone:		
Email:	Preferred Language: English		
Emergency Contact:	Emergency Phone:		
 By registering with JNYB and providing NBA Canada, Canada Basketball and/or your provincial/territorial basketball association with the personal information of yourself or your child/ward, you are hereby authorizing NBA Canada, Canada Basketball and its member provincial/territorial associations to collect, store, share, and use that information for the following purposes: A) To allow NBA Canada, Canada Basketball and its member provincial/territorial associations to collect, store, share, and use that information for the following purposes: provide you with offers, promotional materials, and other marketing information about our programs and services; B) To promote, communicate, and market products, programs, and services from NBA Canada, Canada Basketball, its member provincial/territorial associations, and their various sponsors and partners. No, I would like to opt-out of receiving all such communication and information from NBA Canada, Canada Basketball and my provincial/territorial association. JNYB Waiver & Release of Liability 			
In consideration of being permitted to participate in JNYB programming and related activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:			
 The risk of injury from activities involved in JNYB is significant, and while rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk does exist; I knowingly and freely assume that all such risks, known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of NBA Canada, Canada Basketball, referees, volunteers, and/or employees, players, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners/lessors of premises used, and any related events and/or activities (the releasee(s)), and assume full responsibility for my participation; 			
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately;			
 I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless the releases, with respect to any and all injury, disability, loss or damage to person or property, whether caused by the negligence of the releases(s) or otherwise; 			
5. I further agree to irrevocably grant NBA Canada, Canada Basketball, and their affiliated Pro royally free rights to record, reproduce, broadcast, exhibit, publish, sell, distribute, or use in a developed, in connection with my attendance and participation in the JNYB program, includin claim, title or interest to my attendance or participation or any materials produced hereunde	vincial/Territorial Sports Organizations or assigns, the perpetual unlimited world-wide and any way whatsoever my name and likeness in any media, whether now known or hereafter ng without limitation a video tape recording of such performance. I agree that I shall have no		
This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, consent and agree to his/her release as provided by all of releasee(s), and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I have read this waiver and release of liability. I fully understand its terms and agree to indemnity the releasee(s) from any and all liabilities to my minor child's involvement or participation in the program as provided above. Also, I confirm that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.			
Signature:			

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Call this number after hours or when the SFN offices are closed. Do not use this number for regular Capital items, but for emergencies after hours. SFN Offices are open 9:00 - 5:00.

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PLEASE NOTE THE COMMUNITY SAFETY OFFICERS HAVE NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Community Safety

Darcy Marcotte CSO-Lead (867) 689-0303 / David Bennett CSO (867) 689-1163

Waiting for a Cheque or other Notification from SFN?

If you are expecting a cheque or other notifications from Selkirk First Nation, please ensure we have your correct address.

Contact: Enrollment Officer, Jerry Alfred, Selkirk First Nation Box 40 Pelly Crossing, YT Y0B 1P0

Email: alfredjerry@selkirkfn.com or Phone: (867) 537-3331, ext. 211

Call for Submissions

Please send us your Artwork, Stories, Poems, Pictures (with captions), Birthday Greetings, and Community Greetings!

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