



Selkirk First Nation

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Selkirk First Nation's 2014-2017 Chief and Council: George Magrum, Wolf Councillor; Lori Sims, Deputy Chief; Kevin McGinty, Chief; Ashley VanBibber, Crow Councillor; Milly Johnson, Crow Councillor; Annabel Vance-Kurenoff, Elder Councillor.



Shaheen Baker is sworn in.

Shaheen is officially your 2014-2017 Selkirk First Nation Youth Councillor. This is the first term to have a Youth Councillor on board with Chief and Council as your 2013 General Assembly decision to have nomination and election for Elder and Youth Councillors.

Congratulations Shaheen!

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Frederick Johnnie	Custodian		
	Custodian Link Bldg		

This is a reminder to folks to be respectful of the cheque run schedules for:

TRAVEL: Deadline for submission for cheque issuance on Thursday afternoon is **Tuesday by 4:30 p.m.** Please ensure you have the travel authority signed prior to submission; otherwise, Finance has been instructed to send it back which will cause a delay in processing. This is the responsibility of the employee.

INVOICES: Deadline for submission for cheque issuance on Thursday afternoon is **Tuesday by 4:30 p.m.**

TIMESHEETS: Deadline for submission of timesheets to **Jerlene Joe** is **Thursday by 4:30 p.m. on the week before pay day.** Jerlene will then submit all the timesheets to the Executive Director for final approval and sign off on Friday, and processing will commence the following Monday.

If you miss the deadline, folks will have to wait until the next available cheque run. This means it is your responsibility to ensure you have the proper documentation completed with attachments and approvals prior to submission.

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Chief and Council Highlights By Albert Drapeau

The newly elected Council heard the voice of the people, and as a result, is moving forward to building a healthy and sustainable community, providing employment and training opportunities, providing educational support, striving for better communication with our people, and taking advantage of economic opportunities, while enhancing an accountable and fiscally responsible First Nation Government.

Healing is one of the priorities that was expressed from the Family Heads earlier this spring. Over the past four months, events that supported our objectives included the community workshop with Lee Mason who worked with community members who are on their healing journey. Experiencing and learning our traditional ways is another priority that was identified, and for the first time, the May Gathering was facilitated by three Northern Tutchone women, who provided opportunities to gather traditional foods, teach about snaring, traditional medicines, and providing demonstrations such as caring and preparing harvested food. The gathering was well attended by all three Northern Tutchone communities and provided time to share and learn; and practice our cultural traditions of gathering and having fun.

Council has worked at providing summer employment opportunities to post-secondary students, summer students, community garden crew, Ft. Selkirk, and Big Jonathan Center. In addition, Selkirk has been working with Minto Mines to retain and employ Selkirk Citizens. Selkirk supported Selkirk Citizens to take environmental monitoring training being held in Faro. In a joint effort with Selkirk Development Corporation, employment opportunities were provided on the Pelly Roads work.

This year, a number of Selkirk Citizens graduated from college and university. The graduates are role models for our younger generation as they have persevered to meet their educational goals while maintaining their family life. As of July 15, 2014, there are 33 student applications for post-secondary financial support. It is imperative that students also seek other sources of funding such as the Yukon Grant, bursaries and scholarships from the Yukon Foundation,

and the Canada Student Loan program. Selkirk's Citizen Development department is also in partnership with Yukon College and Yukon Mine Training Association to develop and offer courses to provide Citizens with the basic skill sets required to enter into the trades program, office administration, or prepare for furthering their educational career. Our younger generation is making a difference, not only for themselves but also for the community.

The Finance Department has hired Judy Chen as Finance Director. She brings many years of experience in the accounting field and has recently worked for the First Nation of Na Cho Nyak Dun for four years. The Finance team is meeting day-to-day demands, entering and completing the working papers necessary for the audit, and reviewing all contracts, contribution agreements, and draft financial policies. The team recently obtained training the Quickbooks accounting software, which will allow each team member to cover for each other during times when they are not in the office. Selkirk First Nation extends its appreciation to Jerlene Joe, Mona Silverfox, and Elaine Alfred for keeping the finance department operational in the absence of a Finance Director.

The Selkirk First Nation administration is finalizing its budgets, reviewing the draft finance policies, entering into Financial Transfer Agreement negotiations with Canada, undertaking an organizational review of existing structures in an effort to become more efficient and cost effective. This year, the work plans will be linked to the strategic objectives with performance measures to be more accountable to our people.

Leadership has heard from the people that there is a need to improve communications within the First Nation and with its Citizens. Selkirk First Nation is also proceeding with a communication plan for internal and external communications. The plan will cover a process and approaches for communicating with Citizens and staff; handling media relations, creating briefing and speaking notes.

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The General Assembly dates have been scheduled for October 23-25, 2014. Directors hosted a community meeting to provide Citizens with an update on August 14, 2014. The purpose of the community meeting is to find solutions to issues that the community is facing.

Selkirk First Nation has observed declining salmon populations over the past years, and has resulted in Selkirk First Nation's participation in the closure of the salmon harvest in an effort to conserve and allow for increased stocks in future.

The 2014 salmon fishing closure along the Pelly River has affected Selkirk people's food supply and traditional practices of harvesting salmon. Selkirk First Nation, Capstone and Casino know the impact the closure has had on Selkirk people. In a joint effort to have Selkirk people return to their fish camps, process salmon and teach the younger family members Selkirk's traditional ways of smoking and drying fish, sockeye salmon was ordered for the distribution to active fish camps along the Pelly River. Each active fish camp received an allocation, and in the spirit of Selkirk's culture, families are to share the allocation with family members. The sockeye salmon arrived in Pelly Crossing Friday, August 1, 2014, and was distributed to each active fish camp.

Recent events have seen the community pull together and support the Alfred, Joe, and Hager families during this difficult time. It is the Northern Tutchone way to support each other in a time of need. Leadership and staff extend condolences and prayers to the Alfred, Joe, and Hager families.

“The chief's power did not come from his holding the title of 'chief' (*dan cho*). Nor did his power come from a piece of paper (like the Indian Act). His power came from the respect of the people”

~Stanley Jonathan

We have been proud to witness how the community comes together to show they care, by providing support to one another, this alone goes along way.

The NT people have made major changes in recent years, some may think it's been a slow process, but we need to keep in mind the fact that we are still fairly new at being Self-Government. However, sometimes it is easier to focus on the issues rather than recognizing the positive changes that have taken place over the last 16 years as a Self Government. We now need to focus on the major accomplishments and changes that have occurred over the past years and take pride in doing so.

Over the past years we have seen that the community has many determined NT people whom truly care for all people, these people have taken the lead to bringing the community together. SFN has a constitution that lays out the roles and responsibilities of the governing bodies. We have been working on developing ways to strengthen the governing bodies, to ensure the support is there. The respect, values and beliefs play a huge role in the overall success, once this is accomplished, together as Selkirk people, we can move mountains.

Our elders that have passed on, have blazed the trail for us, it's up to us as Northern Tutchone people to now carry on the values and beliefs that are all rooted us. Our elders have encouraged us, to walk together, to be respectful to one another, as this is what was set forth to us in the early years.

Our Goal is building a strong, healthy united community. Success will come when all people contribute to this one common goal.

In closing, let's continue working on developing good communication and strong relationships, as this is most important to moving the community forward.

Mussi



The Pelly Crossing roads are looking good!

I know Jon Ra residents are excited to be rid of their dusty ol' washboard road

Capital Works Department (CWD) Update By April Baker

Council has given direction to focus on renovations as opposed to new housing. Renovations were made a priority due to a number of health and safety issues. Eight to ten residences will receive renovations this season. Two new houses were approved for two SFN Elders.

The Self Help Renovations Program is currently under review as CWD had run into some minor issues. All applicants are on file and will be kept on file. CWD is not accepting any new applicants as of June 26, 2014.

SFN is closely working with EBA in the process of attaining a water licence from Yukon Water Board for a sewage lagoon.

The Pelly Crossing Road Upgrade project is underway. SFN citizens are encouraged to abide all construction zones and PLEASE watch your small children as heavy equipment will be working the roads.

The water pump house is having issues and spare parts are on order. Please bear with us as we work

to fix all issues. Under YG policy, SFN does water sampling every two weeks to ensure safe drinking water for the people. Also, all water tanks will be thoroughly cleaned this season that started the first week of July.

Tetra Tech EBA is an engineering firm working with CWD on a proposal to plan for Phase II of the piped water system for Jon Ra subdivision.

CWD is looking at a proposal from Ian Robertson of Inukshuk Planning on the planning and development of a mapping blueprint for proper street names and building numbering project for the community of Pelly Crossing. A project like this is long overdue and helps other organizations such as Yukon Electric and EMO's locate residents in the community with proper addresses.

CWD is working on implementing a Resolution from 2012 SFN GA of developing service fees that CWD provides to generate cost recovery for CWD.

Six new houses were built in 2013 are now occupied.

Selkirk First Nation Staff By April Baker

Each month we would like to highlight one or two of our staff members and the positions they hold within SFN.

Can you introduce yourself for our readers; e.g. Your name or traditional name if you want to share it, where you come from, who's your parents/grandparents, your clan...

Teri-Lee Isaac, part of the wolf clan, from Pelly Crossing, my great-grandparents are the late Jessie and Billy Isaac.



Any background info you would like to share?

I was thrilled to start my position as the Heritage Coordinator as I have a lot of expertise to do a good job in the Heritage field. I graduated from the Heritage and Culture Certification program in 2011. This program has taught me to prepare for the heritage and

culture management skills. Some of the courses were hard but I managed to pull through. With a supportive partner who helped with our kids while I studied day and night, I completed the course in 10 months. I would encourage this program to anyone; it was so fun and interesting.

What is a recent highlight of your job you would like share with people?

One of the highlights of my job so far, was organizing and facilitating the May Gathering. There is a first time for everything, but I managed to do a job well done. Phew!

What major projects are you working on now or in the near future?

I have many ideas and projects I want to accomplish. One of my goals is to plan a heritage day, gathering all of our historical information and have a day set aside to share knowledge, history, stories, songs, and cultural activities.

What's your favorite thing to do and why?

I like helping the Selkirk Spirit Dancers with scheduling performances because that means we get to travel and dance our hearts out, sharing our dance and songs is my utmost thrilling adventure I enjoy at the moment.

Selkirk First Nation Staff continued...

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April Baker, Communications Officer. I realized that it was my one year anniversary being in this position and haven't highlighted myself as a new employee yet! My hometown is Pelly Crossing. My grandparents come from: Fort Selkirk and Dawson City (Charlie and Elsie Johnson), and Carcross/Tagish and Whitehorse (Mable and John Baker). I am of the Crow Clan. Most of my life has been in Pelly Crossing and I had spent a lot of time in Tagish, Carcross, Whitehorse and Dawson as well, but Pelly is where the heart is. I grew up here, went to school here and received my high school diploma from Eliza Van Bibber school. I have three beautiful children.

Any background info you would like to share?

Right after graduation, I went to Yukon College. In 1997, I produced a newsletter for SFN and continued to do newsletters, then SFN developed the position, communications officer. I remained in that position for seven years, until relocating in Whitehorse where my boys went to elementary school. I came home every summer and worked for SFN. In 2012, I was accepted into the new program, Multimedia Communications, at Yukon College. I graduated with honors in May 2013 and moved back home to be SFN's communications officer. SFN hired me on August 14, 2013.

What is a recent highlight of your job you would like share with people?

A most recent highlight of my job is having a communications expert, Line Gagnon, mentoring me.

What major projects are you working on now or in the near future?

Currently, I am working with Line on a communications plan and communications policy. I had been having trouble getting my hands on the software: Adobe Creative Suite 6 (CS6), which I learned in college. I am hoping to have access to that soon to develop new templates and start working on redesigning SFN's website. There is so much more I can do with that software, I am excited to get it. I.E. We need a higher resolution logo, with CS6, I can make one! I have been busy with coordinating meetings and events and running around with my camera. It's been great having a mentor and I thank Line for her time and expertise.

What's your favorite thing to do and why?

I will have to agree with Teri-Lee: Selkirk Spirit Dancers are my favorite to be apart of! Also, spending time with family and friends. And I am very passionate about promoting unity amongst the people.

Mussi Cho!



Citizens Development/Education Submitted by Ingrid Johnson

	Post-Secondary Degree	Institution	
Sheri Lafreniere	Bachelor of Education	Yukon College/University of Regina	
Candice Menzi	Bachelor of Social Work	Yukon College/University of Regina	
Shelby Fulton	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	University of British Columbia	
	Diploma	Institution	
Michelle Bernier	Health Care Assistant	North Island College	
Sabrina Blanchard	Practical Nursing (Dean's Honour Roll)	Camosun University	
	Certificate	Institution	
Janelle Hager	Liberal Arts	Yukon College	
	Access Programs – One Year	Institution	
Phyllistine Hager	General Access Pathways	Yukon College	
Alysha Quock	General Access Pathways	Yukon College	
Jada Joe	General Access Pathways	Yukon College	
Kyley Marcotte	General Access Pathways	Yukon College	
Shaheen Baker	General Access Pathways	Yukon College	
Delany Alfred	General Access Pathways	Yukon College	
Katelyn Brown	General Access Pathways	Yukon College	
Georgie-Ann Sam	General Access Pathways	Yukon College	
	In Process	Program	Institute
Chantal Fulton	Renewable Resource Management	Yukon College	
Danielle Marcotte	Bachelor of Science, Pre-Med	University of British Columbia	
Davis Silas	Renewable Resource Management	Yukon College	
Krystle Coughlin	Bachelor of Fine Arts	University of British Columbia	
Natasha Sam	Social Services Diploma	North Island College	
Nesta Hager	Liberal Arts Diploma	Yukon College	
Reginald McGinty	Bachelor of Criminology	Simon Fraser University	
Vyctoria Coughlin	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	B.C. Institute of Technology	
Shadae Johnson	Tribal Government & Business Management	North Indian College	
	ASETS	Program	Institute
Roxanne McGinty	Administrative Assistant	Yukon College	
Zina McGinty	Skills for Development, Esthetics	Yukon College	
Jay Gagnon	Welding	Yukon College, Dawson Campus	
Saanuwa Alfred	Skills for Development, Esthetics	Yukon College	
Laura Joe	Targeted Initiative for Older Workers	Yukon College	
Carlene Anderson	Trades Exploration	Yukon College, Mayo Campus	
Jenna Joe	Skills for Employment, Intro to Eco-Tourism	Yukon College	

Shellby just completed her nursing degree in Kelowna, BC. She is currently working in Penticton Regional Hospital as a registered nurse on the paediatric floor, and she is also back to school part-time to obtain a graduate certificate in child and youth mental health. Shellby would like to extend her biggest thanks to Selkirk First Nation for the financial support they have provided her with during the past 4 years. She could not have done it without them and it was greatly appreciated. She would also like to congratulate all the other 2014 graduates!

Shellby Fulton

Greetings leadership, SFN students, staff and community members.

I am pretty sure you all know me and what I am attending school for but for those that don't, my name is Nesta Hager and I am currently studying Liberal Arts at Yukon College. I will be transferring to Thompson Rivers University next fall to obtain my Bachelors Degree in Criminology. I plan on continuing into Law School shortly after. It still feels like a really long way to go but I can't say enough how much appreciation I have for my First Nation for all of the amazing support they have given me thus far. I never realized how breaking out of my comfort zone and enrolling in college would change my life. Education has helped me understand so much of the world and the people around me. It has taught me new ways of thinking, seeing, and feeling. It has made me a better human being.

I want to take this opportunity to tell my fellow community members and youth that nothing bad has ever come out of taking a leap of faith. Being scared of something just because you are not sure of the outcome will never fulfill your soul the way trusting your heart does. If you want to go to school, please, go to school. You have the capacity in you to be the greatest at what you do and teach others as well. Every single person in this community has greatness and something to contribute. Believe in yourself as much as I believe in you.

I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate my fellow post-secondary students who completed their studies. I send my heartfelt pride to all of you and to all who are still going! No one said it was easy, but I can promise it will be worth it!

Mussi Cho,
Nesta Hager

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SFN Language, Culture and Education

Conference By April Baker

June 16, 2014

To, The Northern Tutchone of Selkirk First Nations!

I just wanted to take a few moments of your time to say Thank You, Mussi cho to Selkirk First Nation for supporting myself in my efforts at post secondary school. I am attending Northwest Indian College in Lummi Tribe, Bellingham Washington State. It's very comforting to study with other First Nations people, from the students to the staff, and even guest speakers. I often bring my 2-year-old daughter with myself to class, and everyone is very understanding of myself being a loving parent. I have exciting news that I have been married this past May 1st, 2014 to Brent Jensen, he is a full blood Navajo man. He's the father of my daughter. I am so thankful for their understanding, and allow a safe place to learn. I am working towards an Associates Degree in Tribal Governance and Business Management. The college has given space for myself to be the president of the Beadwork club at the college, and I have also had an internship as an Eco-Ambassador. There are many wonderful opportunities here at this college, and I just wanted to Thank the Selkirk First Nation, to Ingrid Johnson, the Wolf and Crow councilors, to the Elder and Youth council member and also our Chief. I often think of Selkirk, and want the best for the Nation! I look forward to continuing my education path this coming summer into the fall!

One more exciting thing that is taking place currently I am in the running to be Mrs. British Columbia. I am the only First Nation in my section, and I am doing my best to represent our people on a whole new platform. You can find more information on line.

Thank you for your time!

Mrs. Shadae Jensen

Mussi Cho.

Ingrid Johnson, Education Manager and Gina Gill, Language/Culture Coordinator hosted the Conference March 13 and 14, 2014. They invited a few experts on language revitalization: Christopher Cox, Linguist; Sharon Shadow, Programs & Partnerships; Shawn Smith, Language Revitalization Program CYFN; Garry Njootli, Toponymist; Roger Alfred, Doòli Dän K'i; and our Elders.

The conference was very informative. On day 1: Ingrid opened the conference and Chief and Council welcomed all. Following the welcoming remarks, Ingrid and Gina presented a language update. Then Christopher Cox and Sharon Shadow presented. Throughout the day they had planning and discussion sessions and workshops on language revitalization and teaching the children. At the end of the day was group presentations about the whole day's learning.

Day 2: Shawn Smith presented on Language Revitalization and spoke on how far CYFN has come in that process. He also spoke about Master Apprentice, Language Nesting and Language Immersion. Sharon Shadow presented again. Garry Njootli did a presentation on place names and he had some pretty neat artifacts from thousands of years ago. Roger Alfred spoke on NT Dooli. More planning and discussions and group presentations.

They had information booths set up: Hetsedan Ku House of Learning; Education/Language, CYFN; Yukon Native Language Centre; Education/Language, SFN.

Here are a few resources you can look up online from the presenters: ELAN: Transcribing Recordings Online; CILLDI: Canadian Indigenous Language & Literacy Development Institute; COLAG, The Green Book, How to Keep Your Language Alive.

SFN Language, Culture and Education Conference Photos



Christopher and Sharon...



The Elders looking content throughout the two days.



"Dooli is our bible; it is our law." Roger speaks on NT Dooli and encourages the people to practice our dooli. "Learning starts from the womb..."



Shawn Smith...



"Dooli is our way, learn it. Mothers used to pack baby on their back when they do everything, now days mothers are looking for babysitter. Visit the elders!"

Keeping Our Spirits Alive February 24 to 26, 2014 By April Baker

Carmen and Lena hosted Residential School Workshops, Keeping Our Spirits Alive, in Pelly Crossing February 24-26, 2014.

I attended the first day and had the privilege in participating in Randall Tetlich's workshop. Randall is from Old Crow and resides in Whitehorse. Randall is a First Nations Doctor and Spiritual Healer. He does programming and sweats at the Yukon College. Randall is an excellent speaker. We really enjoyed his lecture and I believe, every one of us listening to him, learnt something to live by.

I recorded some words of wisdom from Randall and here is one to think about, "All across North America, people want to be indigenized, because they know they will need the Indigenous People to survive in this world." Because of the world changing, global warming, natural disasters... "Be proud of who you are and where you come from."

Randall showed us some laws to live by:

The Creator's Law:

- Respect**
- Care**
- Acceptance**
- Sacrifice**

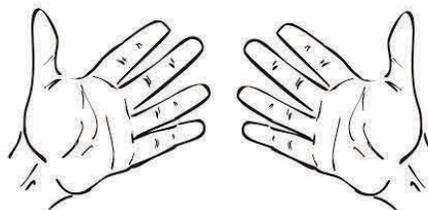
The Natural Law:

- Have fun**
- Healing self** – spiritual healing, mental healing, physical healing, social healing, economic healing
- Fire** – burn a sacred fire
- Look for things that will give you life**
- Go to the land** – all living things depend on the earth
- Give**

The Tribal Law:

- Respect everyone no matter what**
- Teach** – it's the man's job to look after the pregnant woman and teach the baby as soon as conceived – train your young ones
- Ask yourself, how can I be effective?**
- Know the bloodline of every family**
- Create life**
- Except the universe you live in**
- Know your language** – the fastest way to learn your language is to Pray in your language

"Don't waste time complaining, nobody will listen anyway."



A good way to look at life is to look at your hands and see what they represent and remember these principles:

Left hand = Faith	Right hand = Belief
Thumb = Kindness	Thumb = Honesty
Pointer finger = Patience	Pointer finger = Humble
Middle finger = Love	Middle finger = Care
Ring finger = Acceptance	Ring finger = Respect
Pinky = Sacrifice	Pinky = Compassion
Palm = Community	Palm = Family

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Randall said, “There is only one path in life; that is the path that you create for yourself.” I strongly agree with him and I always tell my children and often give this advice, what you think and say create your experiences so do it positively. Think positive and talk positive about yourself; your words are very strong to the universe.

Randall said, “Always, always, think, see, listen and talk healthy to yourself and others.”

Randall was asked some physical health questions and he gave some advice to: pray and smudge every day to cleanse the spirit; eat rhubarb to cleanse the body; cold water is not very good for your body, instead drink warm or hot water, hot water soothes the brain. Randall also mentioned that people like to run for exercise, but running is very hard on the body. Walking is better for the body, so go out and enjoy a nice walk on the land.

In conclusion, I was told that the rest of the Residential workshops were good and that everyone enjoyed the three days.

What is an elder? By Elizabeth

Levesque Submitted by Lori Sims

Recently I was asked, “Who gets accepted into the Indian community?” I replied, “The community determines who are accepted.” Then the question came up about who makes those determinations and I said, “often the elders.” My reply got me thinking about different ways that elders make or break communities.

The woman who asked me the previous question is from a Messianic Jewish community. Her mother is a Jew. Her father, a Christian. From what I know about the Jewish community, a Jew is one who is born a Jew. You must have ancestral lineage, or be a convert, to be accepted. Among the Reformed, Orthodox and Conservative Jewish communities, this does vary, but each community decides for itself.

Out in Indian country, it is pretty much the same. Most Indian communities would prefer, I think, to have their members have Indian ancestral lineage of some kind. There are those exceptions for mixed marriages, tribal employees and other non-Indians that get accepted because they are willing to “fit with Indian ways.” That is all okay. Native elders make those determinations and their decisions influence the whole community.

Who is an elder? Some people say there’s a difference between elders and old Indians. Some elders do abuse their station in life, but people know who they are. Selfish behavior from an elder undermines the meaning and calling of elders. **Elders are recognized by their humble walk and their teaching through acts of kindness.** It is not okay to be an Indian elder who makes demands on others and wants to be waited on hand and foot for being an elder.

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That is not how community works, although it happens. Part of our preparation for becoming elders is putting up with those “high maintenance” elders.

Sometimes those in spiritual authority or tribal office are considered elders as well, even if they are not older. Among the Cherokee, one is not officially considered an elder until age 48.

If you are out in Indian country, and you are not native, or from the local reservation, it is still possible that you will be considered an elder. But if you are new to the community or to Indian country, be very careful. There are self-appointed elders who boss people around. They give Indian elders a bad rep.

The way that community works the best is when all members are learners. Elders are often put in the position of teaching but a true elder is a lifelong learner and servant of the people. **The characteristic that makes a true elder is kindness.** You don't have to continually dispense knowledge to be considered an elder. **You just have to treat other people in a grandmotherly or grandfatherly fashion. Often, the most wonderful thing that elders get to do is comfort people.**

I have been at Indian feasts where elders harangue the people. I have been at feasts where non-elders harangue the people on behalf of the elders. This isn't true elder behavior. Elders don't need to harangue anybody. Their lives of community speak for themselves. **True elders usually go around minding their own business and quietly serving the people.** When a person who is worthy to join the community arrives, they just know it. **These “types” of elders have the close love relationship with the Creator**

who sees into the heart of the individual in front of them and allows them to determine whether or not this person will also love and serve the community.

That's what it is really about.

Words of elders

Chief Dan George (Coast Salish) said this in “Words to a Grandchild” - “Perhaps there will be a day you will want to sit by my side asking for counsel. I hope I will be there but you see I am growing old. There is no promise that life will live up to our hopes especially to the hopes of the aged. So I write of what I know and someday our hearts will meet in these words – if you let it happen.”

No harangue here, **just the desire to talk with the little ones and the desire to have enough time to do that. This elder only speaks about what he knows and the hope that he will pass a portion of himself into the hearts of those who will listen. In addition to the comfort and the kindness that elders show their communities, there is also the hope that they will gift a piece of their hearts to the community before they cross over.**

Elders deserve our utmost respect and assistance. They also have to earn it through their behavior and acts of service. Respect is a two-way street. May we all be diligent about our service to one another as we anticipate our own inevitability of arriving at old age someday. And if **we listen and serve well, perhaps we will become the elders that we are intended to be.**

Minto Mine Liaison Update By Mary McGinty

Greetings to the community and citizens.

I continue to recruit citizens for employment opportunity and training for Minto Mine.

In the past few months, I have been involved in the following:

- Assisting our youth with Driver Exam as per the requirements for job opportunity.
- Coordinating and meeting with students at EVB on Summer Student Employment opportunity and supporting with transportation for testing etc.
- Collaborate with SFN programs in reference to training
- Advertising job posting on Minto Bulletin Board as requested.
- Meeting with NTC citizens for resume and information on application and employment opportunity as per the job requires.
- Continue the Cultural Orientation Project and continue with elder interviews and youths.

- Coordinate orientation trip to historic site Ft. Selkirk with Capstone staffs.
- Teamwork with SFN programs on citizens building employment skills and capacity building for job entry with Cap stone.
- Recruitment of our young people is quite successful and they are the target that we will be pursuing with training and apprenticeship opportunities

For any employment inquiries, please come by and see me at the office in the basement of SFN admin building.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It has been a pleasure working for SFN and I can say that I enjoy the work that I do and that is something that I treasure: my compassion for our SFN peoples.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Mussi cho!

The 2014 Chinook Salmon Harvest Closure Has Huge Impact on Selkirk First Nation

Due to the 2014 salmon harvesting closure, on July 24, SFN placed an order from Prince Rupert for 6100 lbs of sockeye. This initiative was made possible with the financial contributions from SFN, Capstone and Casino. The order was to provide active fish camps to do their traditional processing and to promote SFN to be out on the land at their fish camps. Fish camp is our traditional way of life, our family bonding time. Each fish camp received sockeye and it is in the spirit of our culture to share with family and friends. The sockeye salmon arrived in Pelly Crossing on July 30 and was distributed to each fish camp. SFN also purchased extra sockeye salmon for potlatches, ceremonial and others.



At the Baker/Johnson camp, we smoked, vacuum sealed and froze our sockeye. The oil was dripping; very different from chinook salmon.



On June 10, 2014, SFN held a community meeting on chinook salmon. As a result from this meeting, a decision was made to purchase the sockeye that everyone received on July 30.

You can read the full minutes of the salmon meeting on the Selkirk FN website or request a copy from Communications Office.



McGinty's fish camp: ready to process!

Thank you SFN, Capstone and Casino for the sockeye salmon! Delivered July 30th.



Joe's fish camp: they reported that it was very different salmon to process.



Summer Season's: Beautification Project, keeping Pelly beautiful; Community Garden and Riverfront Park...





March 2014 Hockey School



Ice Fishing at Jack Fish Lake. "We need to rely on our fresh water fish as the salmon count is decreasing."

~Alex Joe

2014 High School Grad's Traditional Ceremony: Angell Johnnie, Kim Gill, Tyler Charlie, Aaron McGinty and Donnie Bennett stands in a circle while the community congratulates them...



1st Place at the Pelly Crossing baseball tournament. August 24, 2014





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Ptarmigan and Caribou teach Dan how to make snowshoes



SOUTH WIND (NTSIDHAW) STORY



CROW (TS'EK'I) AND HIS EYE



Etsózhi (Beaver Man) and Náye (Wolverine)

Samples from 13 books produced in 2014

Doöli Dän K'i

Doöli research has been going on for 13+ years since the Selkirk First Nation (SFN) Elders GA Resolution in 2000. This work has brought back to light many Doöli laws, traditional governance practices and stories that will help our communities and our future generations know what it means to be Northern Tutchone...

- Fish and Wildlife Laws
- May Gathering
- Salmon and Fish Camp Doöli
- Traditional Self Government
- Land Use Plans for all SFN Lands
- A Consultation System – Dan Ki
- Trapline Doöli (not complete)
- Potlatch - Noho'é Book - Elders also want us to make a manual for families and people running Noho'é events.
- Personal Doöli - SFN and LSCFN Elders interviews
- Personal Doöli - Uncle's and Auntie's Retreats and Traditional Stories

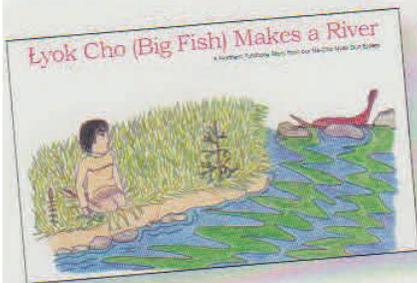
Last year was the first year that all three Northern Tutchone (NT) First Nation Governments followed our Elders example and worked together, sending Elders and staff to all Doöli Dän K'i events. This is a very positive step and we are grateful to have Na-cho Nyak Dun and Selkirk First Nation Elders and Staff working with us on our Doöli Team (DTeam) that manages all the work and helps Elders keep everything moving forward.

This is your DTeam:

- May Roberts: UKÁ YETS'EDINCHIN
- Lizzy Hall: HETT'E TADDÁ
- Rachel Tom Tom: DADDH'A
- Evelyn Skookum: TA'THEY
- Agnes Charlie: HALAAZHAN
- Roger Alfred: TÁ CHE TE
- Shirley Bellmore: CHU ZRA
- Viola Mullet: MINJI
- Joella Hogan: needs NT Name
- Chris Alway: DEK'ANA'ZRA
- Jimmy Johnny: JAWWA
- Eileen Fields: GU WHA KET
- Robert Hagar: DONIN ŁADA
- Christine Hagar - needs NT name



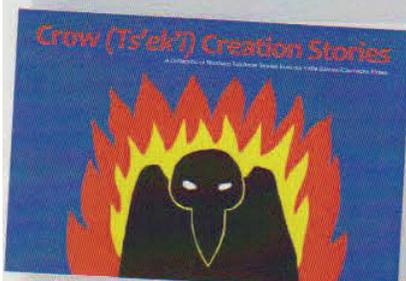
More samples from 13 books produced in 2014



Lyok Cho (Big Fish) Makes a River
A Northern Tutchone Story from the Northern Tutchone Elders



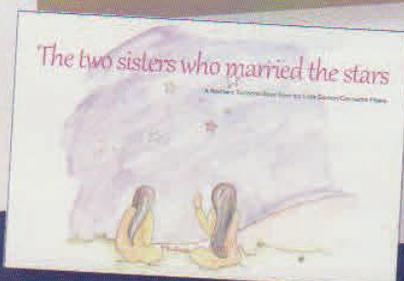
Camp Robber (ts'jnk'e)
A Northern Tutchone Story from the Northern Tutchone Elders



Crow (Ts'ek') Creation Stories
A Collection of Northern Tutchone Stories from the Northern Tutchone Elders



The young woman who married Bear
A Northern Tutchone Story from the Northern Tutchone Elders



The two sisters who married the stars
A Northern Tutchone Story from the Northern Tutchone Elders

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We are really proud of everything we accomplished last year;

- Held DTeam meetings 4x
- Uncle's Retreats at Minto and Airport Lake
- Auntie's Retreat at Airport Lake – over 75 ladies attended!
- Worked with our NT Teachers on Hats'adän (Learning) lesson plans for the first storybooks
 - The lesson plans were tested in the Carmacks School
 - Next year they will be taught in the Mayo and Pelly Schools
- All three NT First Nations worked on gathering NT Names and Family Tree info
- Put together 12 story books and the Crow Creation Stories collection, some were even illustrated by NT artists (at the printers now!)
- Hosted the annual NT Elders Gathering in Carmacks in March

For this next year, we plan to work on;

- Gathering more of the old stories that remain from our NT Elders in order to complete more storybooks and a first draft of the Northern Tutchone Hudëë Huk'é Hadt'se Dän (Traditional Code);
- Gathering the story of traditional NT Men's and Women's lives and responsibilities;
- Producing 5 more storybooks including one on 'What Is Doòli?' to get them into NT homes, daycares and schools;

- Telling our Elders stories in booklets in NT language and revamping the small storybooks for our daycares.
- Continue working on the NT Names and traditional family tree work based on our Elder's guidance.
- Auntie's (July 21-25) and Uncle's Retreats (June 09-13) on the land at Airport Lake with focus on 10-13 yr old kids to learn traditional skills. This year's Auntie's Retreat will also have a special focus on Traditional Medicine
- Digitize and organize all of the Doòli and Traditional Governance information from the last 13 yrs and before
- Help NT Governments implement our Traditional Governance System with today's needs to find a new path forward for our communities
- Continue making our Elders stories into educational materials for parents, daycares and schools
- The DTeam, NT Teachers and NT Education staff will be working together over the summer to develop more lesson plans and activities on the other books

Please go and visit your Elders as often as you can! If you have any questions or you want to know more about everything we are doing, don't hesitate to go see your technical staff.

The Elders are working together for the benefit of our future generations...





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2014/15 SCHEDULE | COURSES BEGIN ON THE FIRST WEEKDAY OF THE MONTH

Short, practical, online courses for First Nation Government employees. Each course is self-paced over four to five weeks, approximately four hours per week, but flexible to accommodate nearly any schedule.

October	2014	Time Management	FNCS 001
October	2014	Conducting Research	FNCS 002
November	2014	Analyzing Client Training Needs	FNCS 003
November	2014	Developing Employment Opportunities	FNCS 004
February	2015	Knowledge of Contracts and Agreements	FNCS 005
February	2015	Problem Solving & Conflict Management	FNCS 006
March	2015	Career Counseling for Individuals	FNCS 007
March	2015	Evaluation of Projects and Reporting	FNCS 008
April	2015	Developing and Maintaining Budgets	FNCS 009
April	2015	Maintaining and Using Databases	FNCS 010
May	2015	Partnerships and Proposals	FNCS 011
May	2015	Working with Clients	FNCS 012

Each course begins on the first weekday of the month, but register early to reserve your seat!



For more information on these or other classes, or to register, contact Michael at 867.456.8577 | fnCSA@yukoncollege.yk.ca
School of Community Education and Development



On behalf of Lands and Resources and the Heritage Coordinator, we would like to thank the community in taking part in the annual garbage clean-up day on May 7th, 2014.



We formed a women's group in July and will start meeting weekly when programs fall into place as it has been a very busy summer. Anyone is welcome to join us. Our goal is to unify and heal our community.



Mussi Cho to all who took part in the sewing project!



Everybody taking a break from the Fracking meeting. All who attended are 100% in support of "NO FRACKING" in the Yukon.

Thank you Teri-Lee for taking us berry picking at the Stewart Tower and we learned something new: "When you are berry picking, do not mix your berries, that is dooli." -Clara Silverfox



Minto Mine Employment Liaison Office

Please drop by the office anytime to inquire about: employment opportunities, employment information, if you need assistance in completing a employment application or writing your resume.

Thank you and I look forward to working with you.
Have a nice day!

Mary McGinty

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ZERO TOLERANCE

For Workplace Violence

Selkirk First Nation, as an employer, is committed to maintaining a workplace free from threats and acts of intimidation and violence.

All reported incidents will be investigated.

Looking for donations:

To all the hunters, please help the heritage coordinator put together a traditional hide tanning workshop in the future by keeping the moosehide and donating it to SFN. This workshop will help bring back our knowledge of how to tan a moosehide with the help of our elders. Mussi Cho.

Teri-Lee Isaac,

SFN Heritage Coordinator

N-hûudlin Dzenú Sóthän

(Your Birthday Good/Nice)

(Happy Birthday)

**To all celebrating birthdays
in the summer and fall 2014**

Some good questions to ask teachers about your child's learning:

Is my child meeting expectations for his/her grade level?

Does my child attend classes regularly?

Is my child getting along well with other students in the class and school?

Is there information I can provide as a parent that will help my child's learning?

How can I support my child's learning at home?

Does my child complete assignments well and on time?

What are my child's strengths and challenges in specific subject areas?

Are there extra-curricular programs or services available to my child?

Is my child involved in any other programming besides regular classroom activities?

September 2014

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Postage For Mail Outs

Last Words By Communications Officer

I would like to thank you very much for your patients! Mussi Cho!

As you may or may have not known that I was away from my office for six weeks in the spring, and the summer has been very busy, so I didn't get a summer issue out.

It has been decided to distribute a newsletter quarterly: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter issues per year.

Since the Spring issue, a lot has happened in our community. As well is in my office, things are looking up and I am excited to work on my upcoming projects.

We are currently working on a communications strategy to better serve our citizens

Always watch for postings and if you are not sure, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mussi Cho,
April Baker

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