



Selkirk First Nation

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From left to right: Mike Smith Assembly of First Nation Regional Vice-Chief, Simon Mervyn Nacho Nyak Dun First Nation Chief, Daniel Cresswell Carcross Tagish First Nation Chief, Ruth Massie Council of Yukon First Nation Grand Chief. Steve Smith Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Chief, Mathieya Alatini Kluane First Nation Chief, Carl Sidney Teslin Tlingit Council Chief, Roberta Joseph Tr'ondek Hwetch'in Chief, Ron Chamber Council of Yukon First Nations Elder representative, Kristina Kane Ta'an Kwach'an Council Chief and Kevin McGinty Selkirk First Nation Chief

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SFN Council Highlights

Elders Council

The Elders Council continue to meet monthly. They met on June 18. The Elders Council welcomed the new RCMP Corporal for Pelly Crossing, Ken Boone. They also thanked former Corporal, Josh Wiese for his commitment and service in our community. The Elders also want to thank Constables Alex Pagé and Ian Crowe for their dedication and service to the community.

New Shuttle Service to Whitehorse

Selkirk First Nation has entered into an agreement with Boreal Express Shuttle Bus.

There are five free seats available twice a month for elders or low-income families that need to get to Whitehorse for medical appointments, grocery shopping or other appointments/meetings. Please contact for shuttle schedule: Kevin Nelson at 537-3771 (5 to 9 pm) or 689-7283 (cell). Please book all your appointments according to the shuttle service schedule if you are planning on utilizing this service.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is recommending that SFN conduct an energy audit on the Selkirk First Nation government buildings. They are also investigating alternative sources of energy such as thermal energy in an effort to lower heating and electrical costs.

The Finance Committee will be conducting a community consultation to assess community needs. The Committee will be developing terms of reference to complete an economic forecast for the Selkirk region and will present it to Leadership and Citizens when it is completed later in the year. They will use the socio-economic data from last spring's survey in order to identify the priority areas for development, programming and resources.

On July 23, the Finance Committee held a meeting at the Link Building with SFN's investment managers. The meeting was to review the progress on the SFN investments. This meeting is held regularly to keep Citizens informed.

Constitution Committee

The Constitution Committee will be scheduling a community consultation for the amendments to the Elections Act. Dates have yet to be determined. The proposed amendment would seek to change voting age from 18 to 16 years of age. The Committee will also present the draft code of conduct for Selkirk First Nation Citizens.

Interested Citizens wishing to sit on the Constitution Committee are encouraged to submit their application to the Executive Director. The Committee is seeking two Citizens residing within the Traditional Territory; two Citizens residing outside of the Traditional Territory; and one Elder. The four priorities for the Committee are: the Code of Conduct, Family and Elders Council Roles and Responsibilities, and developing the terms of reference to establish a Justice working group and Election Act amendments.

Housing Committee

SFN is finalizing the Terms of Reference for the Housing Committee. We are seeking interested individuals to sit on this very important committee.

Duties would include but are not limited to:

- Developing a housing policy and service agreements;
- Identifying housing needs in the community;
- Developing a housing strategy to address housing needs;
- Working with contractors;
- Housing and Renovation Allocations.

Education Committee

The Education Committee have been busy this summer amending the Post secondary Education policy and developing the new Trades policy with Agnes McGinty. Committee members are: Dorothy Johnson, Julia Joe, Lucy McGinty and Tara Roberts.

Thank you to Hugh Taylor, Policy Advisor, for your assistance.

Please stay tune for the Final policies.

CYFN 35th GA

Minto Landing, SFN Council delegates for CYFN General Assembly.



Photo Chris Rodgers

Chief McGinty, Councillor Van Bibber, Deputy Chief Sims, Councillor Johnson, Elder Councillor Vance-Kurenoff

This year, the Selkirk First Nation hosted the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) 35th General Assembly. Four Council members and the Chief of the Selkirk First Nation, attended this important meeting in order to represent the Selkirk First Nation. At these meetings, Yukon leaders gather to discuss issues that affect us all such as salmon fishing, and Bill S-6. It is an opportunity to exchange and learn about each other. This year the meetings were held on our traditional territory, Minto Landing. Delegates from across the Yukon came and experienced our hospitality on our territory. Thanks to the excellent work of Selkirk First Nation Citizens, employees and Councillors, the meeting was a great success.

The 4 Councillor who attended the General Assembly were: Lori Sims, Ashley Vanbibber, Milly Johnson, Elder Councillor Annabell Vance-Kurenoff, and elder Danny Joe attended this year's General Assembly.



Elder Danny Joe,
former SFN Chief

Photo Chris Rodgers

Why did CYFN hold their 35th GA in Minto Landing?

During last year's CYFN leadership meeting, one of the agenda items was to discuss what member of CYFN would be interested in hosting the Annual CYFN General Assembly in their community. Each Yukon First Nation will take turns in hosting the General Assembly. At that time, SFN Chief and Council agreed to host the 35th Assembly on our traditional territory. It had been a number of years since SFN had hosted it.

The Yukon First Nations' who have recently hosted the General Assembly are: Kwanlin Dün First Nation in 2012, Kluane First Nation in 2013 and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations in 2014. We are now waiting to see who will showcase their traditional territory for the 2016 CYFN General Assembly.

What does it mean for SFN to host the CYFN General Assembly?

Having SFN host a CYFN General Assembly, gives us the opportunity to showcase Minto landing and Fort Selkirk, our traditional territory. It also gives us a chance to practice our code of conduct as Northern Tutchone people "share, care, teach".

It is a privilege to welcome leaders from all over the Yukon and outside of the territory to our traditional territory.

What did you talk about at this GA?

Discussions covered a wide range of topics such as: CYFN audited financial statement review, Executive Office report, 2014 General Assembly resolutions, CYFN restructure report, Assembly of First Nations Regional Vice-Chief elections, CYFN constitution amendments, and in camera sessions.

CYFN rules, minutes and its restructure were the big issues. We also discussed bringing the First Nations that aren't members of CYFN back into the circle. CYFN is re-organizing itself and so its membership are asking themselves questions Do we keep the CYFN existing structure, or do the self-governing First Na-

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tions branch off on their own? Do we keep the “Grand Chief” title or do we change it to Chairperson. These were the kind of discussions that took place and a resolution was tabled to further the research, and to visit and talk to the First Nations who are not members.

This year, there was an election for the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Regional Vice-Chief. The candidates (3) made speeches and then each First Nations had 4 votes. We also talked about the salmon run this year. A resolution was tabled for all of Yukon First Nations to shut down fishing for 5 or more years. The resolution was not passed since the Leaders wanted to take the information back to their



communities before making a decision.

Mike Smith was elected for another term as the Regional Vice-Chief of the AFN

For you, what are the highlights of the meeting?

The Assembly gives us an opportunity to exchange with CYFN Grand Chief, CYFN staff and other Yukon First Nations Chiefs and their delegation. Minto Landing was the perfect location for the Assembly and the weather (despite the forest fire smoke) cooperated. It is an honour to represent SFN.

One of the highlights was the election of the Regional Vice-Chief for the AFN. The 3 candidates made presentations. All are awesome leaders in their community, Yukon and even Canada.

We made important decisions and had interesting discussions such as the closure of Chinook salmon

fishing. It's always important to listen to what other Yukon First Nations have to say and what they are doing in their communities. The Teslin Tlingit, for example, haven't fished salmon for over 15 years



Photo Chris Rodgers

because they want their future generations to be able to fish the Chinook salmon.

Explain what is the role of SFN Chief and Council at CYFN?

CYFN is a central organization that assists all members of Yukon First Nations. The overall mandate is to implement and protect our agreements as one unified nation. 'Together today for our children tomorrow'.

Our role as a First Nation member of CYFN is to give our ideas and direction to CYFN. We also need to work with CYFN and all Yukon First Nations to make things better for our citizens and other Yukon First Nations Citizens.

What does CYFN do for Selkirk First Nation Citizens?

CYFN is a central organization for all Yukon First Nations members and provides assistance in different areas. The objective of this body is to respect the traditional territories of Yukon First Nations; ensure the protection of human, civil and legal rights of First Nation Citizens; provide a unified voice for all Citizens; assist with the implementation of Land claims and Self government agreements; have some political advocacy role; act as a liaison on government to government matters and; preserve, promote and protect Aboriginal language.

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At the beginning of self-government negotiations, a well-respected elder, and many other leaders worked towards the “Land Claims”. The main focus of CYFN back then, was to begin land claims and self-government negotiations for the sake of the younger generation. Now, times have changed and some 35 years later, we trying to figure out on how to keep the unity with all Yukon First Nations and to keep building on our future for our younger generation. CYFN is a central place where Yukon First Nations continue to share their resources, support each other and continue their work in bettering relationships with the Yukon and Federal Governments. Together we bring a stronger voice.

CYFN with SFN offer a variety of different programs : the Homelessness Project, the Wellness Program (WOW), which included the walking program. CYFN will be offering other activities in the near future.

What was your most memorable moment of being the host of the CYFN GA?

A most memorable moment came from watching two new stick gambling players; our very own Executive Director, Albert Drapeau, and visitor, Larry



Photo Chris Rodgers

Bagnel. They both received the most comical prize and landed 3rd place in the event.

Another memorable moment was having a productive and successful three-day event that everyone enjoyed. We are grateful for the positive feedback, respect, gifts and cards we received from all Chiefs

and their delegation, and from the CYFN Grand Chief Ruth Massie and staff.

Getting to see everybody was a highlight and hearing what other Yukon First Nations have to say.

In closing, we, the Chief and Council, would like to thank:

Coordinators

Jessica Alfred and Rebecca Roberts

General Assembly crew

Franklin Roberts, Roy Simon, Freddie Harper, Jimmy Simon and Ralph Blanchard

General Assembly working group

Betty Baptiste, Adam Vanbibber, Terilee Issac, Albert Drapeau, Lori Sims

Capital staff

Adam Vanbibber, Jake Brown, Rick Sims, Darren Johnnie, Scott Sawyer, Teddy Charlie

Lands and Resources staff

William Sydney, Eddie TomTom, Styd Klugie, Dean Gill

General Assembly cooks and kitchen crew

SFN summer students, and the CYFN staff.

With your hard work and dedication, we made this a memorable and successful event for all. The members of CYFN are: Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Ehdiitat Gwich'in Council, First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, Gwichya Gwich'in Council, Kluane First Nation, Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation, Nihtat Gwich'in Council, Selkirk First Nation, Ta'an Kwach'an Council, Teslin Tlingit Council, Tetlit Gwich'in Council, Tr'ondek Hwech'in



Photo Chris Rodgers

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Jessica Alfred, Coordinator and Rebecca Roberts, Assistant Coordinator, are a fearless duo, who pulled off the co-ordination of the 35th Annual CYFN General Assembly with the help from the Selkirk First Nation's GA Team.

In order to have a General Assembly run smoothly, a lot of preparation has to be done beforehand. Selkirk First Nation « GA Team » was instrumental in the success of the Council of Yukon First Nations General Assembly.

The GA Team composed of Selkirk First Nation employees and Citizens worked tirelessly to prepare the site at Minto Landing and welcome the CYFN delegates and make them feel comfortable while on Selkirk land. They ensured the camp sites were ready, buildings painted, cooking facilities were cleaned and ready; the meeting tent and electricity were ready; and most importantly, welcomed our guests with smiles and hospitality.

During the three-day meeting, the GA team worked tirelessly for the meetings to run smoothly, delegates fed and entertained. Delegates enjoyed delicious meals prepared by the cooking crew and indulged the tasty snacks during the breaks.



Photo Chris Rodgers

A traditional feast was held in honour of our guests, with the menu consisting of moose, salmon, and trout. A big thank you to the people who donated the food.



Photo Chris Rodgers

Many of the meals were sponsored by different organisations and governments. A big thank you to: CYFN, Yukon Government, SFN, First Nations Bank, dana Naye Ventures

The Council of Yukon First Nations' delegates thanked the Selkirk First Nation for their generous contribution in making the 35th General Assembly memorable and a huge success. Selkirk First Nation wanted to showcase our hospitality, incorporate our traditions, and provide a sense of our history. The



Photo Chris Rodgers

people who worked on this event, made it happen.

One of the nighttime activities during the general

CYFN GA Delegates Visit Historic Fort Selkirk

Over 150 people attended the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) 35th General Assembly held in Minto Landing from June 23 to 25, 2015. Selkirk First Nation hosted the event and made quite an impression with the delegates. A series of activities was offered to the attendees ranging from entertainment during lunches to activities in the evenings.

In Selkirk's custom, Selkirk First Nation leadership wanted to display our hospitality and welcomed our guests to Minto as in the days where we welcomed people for celebration.



The Selkirk Spirit Dancers performed the welcoming song and escorted the delegation into the tent where the General Assembly was taking place followed by an opening prayer.

One of the highlights of the GA was the Fort Selkirk tour. Delegates piled into river boats operated by Chief Kevin McGinty, Robert Van Bibber, Zach Fulton and Franklin Roberts. The scenery was breathtaking and inspiring, and provided our guests a glimpse of our history and heritage.



Photo Chris Rodgers

Once arrived, interpreters, giving the tour of Fort Selkirk, welcomed the delegates. The interpreters are for the most part Selkirk First Nation Citizens and have a direct family link to the area.



Photo Chris Rodgers

Freda Rosalie Alfred has been working at Fort Selkirk for the last nine seasons. Freda answered questions and shared a few of her family stories. Stories of ancestors abound and make Fort Selkirk a very interesting historical place.

Our group was fortunate enough to also have an elder who was born in Fort Selkirk. Marlene Drapeau



Photo Chris Rodgers

shared some of her stories of growing up, remembering and describing the week long dances at Big Jonathan's house. She described her running behind her aunts to go to the dance and being chased back, so she ducked over the river bank and ran along the shoreline and popped up and ran to Big Jonathan and his wife and sat there with them watching the dance. She remembered the arrival of Alex Coward's Model T and Johnny Tom Tom's truck that were brought up

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on the steamer. She made everyone laugh; and brought the place to life.

Upon our return, people were very thankful to Selkirk First Nation for offering the opportunity to have a view of such an important part of Yukon's history.

In keeping with Selkirk traditional activities, Selkirk First Nation hosted a stick gambling competition. Six teams came together and competed on the Wednesday night. It was a lively evening full of drumming



Photo Chris Rodgers

and cheers. People enjoyed both competing and watching the competition. The games went on into the wee hour of 1:30 am; nothing new to stickgamblers. There are stories of stickgambling in Ft. Selkirk going for days at 24/day of straight gambling.

On a more modern note, a fundraising bingo was held and enjoyed by all participants.



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A surprise visit from Mathew Coon Come. Matthew Coon Come is a national and international indige-

nous leader and advocate for the aboriginal, treaty and other human rights of indigenous peoples in Canada and internationally. Mr. Coon Come spoke some very inspiring words to the Assembly and many were moved by his words of wisdom. He encouraged CYFN and all Yukon First Nations to come together united as one nation and how strong we can be as one nation: have our own schools/teachers, lawyers, doctors, nurses..."It may take many years and with hard work and dedication it can be accomplished. And it will happen. It took my Nation 40 years to get to where we are today..." If we take the time to look around at Yukon First Nation people, we may be half way there!

Overall, Selkirk First Nation was pleased to host the CYFN General Assembly with a cultural flavor and a nod to our traditions.



Photo Chris Rodgers

CYFN Grand Chief Ruth Massie gets ready to travel to Fort Selkirk by river boat



The CYFN GA crew stand outside the GA tent as they receive acknowledgements from Council.

Thank you to photographer Chris Rodgers

The Last Truth and Reconciliation By Milly Johnson

I would like to thank, Residential School Support program for applying for funds from the church for the last "Truth & Reconciliation" in Ottawa, from May 31 to June 05th, 2015.

This year, it was decided to take 3 former students, and 3 intergenerational to attend the ceremony and conference in Ottawa. I've provide some pictures of witnessing the findings of 95 recommendation of the Residential Truth & Reconciliation that took a number of years for review from the testimony made from students of the, "painful memories of their childhood in the instituted system" It was attended by many support workers, and many former students, very emotional, but good to hear and witness that it was recognized by some non-natives who have attended the ceremony at the parliament building and Rideau Hall heart ceremony. The guest speaker, Sinclair and co-worker did an excellent job in the findings of the recommendation. We all know that there is still lots of work to do, and to keep teaching the younger generations of the teaching of what their grandparents, parents had endured, but not to live in the past, but to focus on building our nation on ***learning our culture way, teaching, songs, and dances.*** The former students are encourage to heal whatever pain that prevents them from moving forward and to teach their children, grandchildren the importance of living a balance life. As a former student, yes it was a ***painful past and I've made a choice not to carry that in my life*** and to focus on helping others to make a better choice in life. Anger will not do any good, and neither is holding on to painful memories, seek counselling, or support and work towards positive changes, education, and learn new positive ways to live a happier and positive future. The younger generation need to learn where their grandparents, or parents are coming from, but "Love & Respect" them, and always remember it was not their fault.

At this time, our Residential School Support worker have being busy getting the \$3000.00 Credit to the former students to work on their camps, cultural plans, and support for some education, this takes lots of paper worker, and she has put her heart out

there to help her community.

I appreciate her caring manner in this and she knows that every little funds available from the federal government is a bonus. If anyone does not follow up with their plans for the Credit, will miss the deadline dates, and she will not be running around after these individuals. We thank you for your continuous support to this program.

Thank you, SFN community Wellness Coordinator,
Milly Johnson



Participants



Residential School support worker, Lena Joe

Visit the Big Jonathan Center to view the Moose Skin Boat



This Moose skin boat is so famous that it caught the attention of outside media!

Thanks to Laird Hebert, Dorothy Johnson and Teri-Lee Isaac for putting their heads together one day as they were chatting at the Big Jonathan Center about the old boat frame that hangs from the ceiling...

Later, they put their funds together and offered the Moose Skin Boat project. The Heritage department started seeking donations of moose hide. After the project was confirmed, some local ladies: Alice Joe, Marie Harper, Virginia Bennette, and community volunteers worked on the hides.

The ladies worked on the hides from scratch: taking the hair off of the skin and fleshing the skin. I commend them for their hard work. It is very hard on the hands and arms and very time consuming to take

hair off of moose skin. That procedure took about one week.

When the hides were ready, some local elders: Charlie Joe and Johnson Edwards built the boat frame, and then the moose skin boat with the help from a few of their children and grandchildren: Charles Joe, Christiana Joe, Derek Edwards and other community volunteers.

The completed boat is on display at the Big Jonathan Center.

There is another moose skin boat on display at the National Archives in Ottawa, with the wording, Boat from Big Salmon Lake; Purchased from Hudson Bay in 1911. The boat was handmade Northern Tutchone style out of moose skin.

May Gathering was well attended by the Three Northern Tutchone FN's

The 2015 May Gathering was scheduled for May, 20, 21 and 22. We had a day and a half of the gathering and closed it down in the afternoon of the 21st in respect for the passing of our SFN/Northern Tutchone Elder.

The day and a half of the gathering was well attended by Northern Tutchones: Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation, Na-cho Nyak Dun First Nation and Selkirk First Nation. Approximately 200 people attended the May Gathering this spring.

Day one:

The Arctic Institute of Community Based Research presented "What would we do without fishcamp?" You can read more on this project on page 12, Keeping Our Traditions.

The Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee/Fisheries and Oceans Canada updated the people and had a discussion on the 2015 salmon run. You can get more information on salmon by contacting SFN's Fish and Wildlife Officer.

Mark Donoghue presented the Northern Tutchone Traditional Territory Fish and Wildlife Report. Mr. Donoghue's report continued into day two. For more information on Fish and Wildlife, contact SFN's Fish and Wildlife Officer Eugene Alfred.

We were unfortunate to participate in the annual Northern Tutchone displays this year due to the gathering closing, but everyone seemed enthusiastic about next years gathering and suggested that we host it in Minto Landing.

For more information on May Gathering, contact the Heritage Department.

Thanks to Coordinators: Carmen Baker and Rebecca Roberts



Kenny Harper preparing traditional meat.



Mini replica of a traditional fishcamp



Northern Tutchone Participants



Northern Tutchone Participants

Keeping Our Traditions By Marilyn Van Bibber

Keeping Our Traditions for the Mental Wellbeing of Youth: “What do we do at the fish camps when there is no fishing?”

Research Project 2015-2016

Research is to learn something or to gather evidence. Research is organized learning, looking for specific things to add to your store of knowledge. . It is also remembering old knowledge.

Funded by:

Health Canada’s Climate Change Program. This is the final year for this program aimed at increasing our understanding of how the changing climate can affect human health. It is designed to help northern communities to adapt to climate change. *Keeping Our Traditions* is one of several chosen from across the north. Other topics include building traditional shelters on the land; impact of forest fires on human health, food security strategies, youth health and wellbeing.

A number of issues were identified by Selkirk, but declining salmon and its effect on the practice of summer fish camps is a priority. The review committee accepted the Selkirk project but with some changes. It asked that the research pay attention to the mental wellness of youth. The reason for this is because these issues are important issues for many communities across the north.

This research will seek direction from Selkirk people on how we can keep our traditions strong in the face of climate change.

Benefit of Project

Plan to continue cultural practice of going to the fish

camps, even if there’s no fish.

Build resilience in times of change.

Involve youth to promote their own mental health.

Build on cultural connection amongst youth.

Raise awareness and action on climate change.

The project will run through the summer and fall at Pelly and at fish camps. **Activities include:**

Communities meetings (eg. May Gathering, GA, community meeting)

Literature search

Youth training on research and climate change;
Youth photovoice research

Surveys by youth at fish camps

Adaptation plan on best way to continue to use the fish camps and practice Tutchone traditions.

Presentation/approval of plan to community and Reports to funder



Chinook salmon

Research team:	Researchers: M. Van Bibber; Norma Kassi; Katelyn Friendship
Research Advisory Committee: SFN local	
Research Coordinator: Rebecca Roberts	Partner: Arctic Institute of Community based Research
Youth Research Assistants: SFN	



Shelby Blackjack
 Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation Citizen
 Yukon College
 "Empowering Our Women" Project

Thank you for welcoming me into your community this summer as I work on this exciting project with Selkirk First Nation and the Yukon College. I will be gathering information and hosting a few meetings this summer to design and implement a workshop regarding the empowerment of Women in our community.

I will be working with a committee to finalize what the workshop in August will look like, if you would like to be on this committee or offer your opinion on what you would like to see in this workshop, please email me at;

sblackjack@yukoncollege.yk.ca



Last Words to SFN from RCMP Cpl. Josh Wiese

"It is bittersweet to be leaving such a welcoming, positive and progressive community such as Pelly Crossing but we are looking forward to making Old Crow our new home in the Yukon. I hope to take all the lessons I have learned and experiences and knowledge from Pelly Crossing and move forward in Old Crow seeking to enhance already existing partnerships and become part of a vibrant, unique community. My family and I are very excited for the new friends, culture and experience that very few people have the opportunity to enjoy first hand in our new home of Old Crow.

I'm very proud of the work I've done in Pelly Crossing and especially the positive, collaborative working relationship developed between the RCMP and Selkirk First Nation. I never expected for myself and my family to feel so welcomed and at home in the traditional territory of the Selkirk People and am grateful for all the knowledge and wisdom that has been passed to me by this unique community. These will be experiences that I will reflect upon for the rest of my policing career and have taught me a new approach to policing in First Nations communities. Even as the date approaches I still have mixed feelings about leaving but I am confident that the Detachment will be under excellent leadership with Cpl. Ken Boone, with Cst. Kevin Wright and Cst. Sam Anderson. I am very proud to have served as the Detachment Commander here in Pelly Crossing for the last 2 and a half years.

Cheers! Josh



Constable Ian Crowe and Corporal Josh Wiese

2015 Graduates

Eliza VanBibber School K5



Eliza Van Bibber School Kindergarten Grads. Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Mary Bradford, hosted a cute little ceremony and barbeque for her students moving onto grade one. It was proud moments for the parents. The students were very welcoming, polite and happy, as they were dressed in their cap and gown wear for the special event at EVBS.

SFN Highschool



Selkirk First Nation Secondary Grads. L-R: Tutchone Musick, Jacy Sam, Shannon Morrison, Cody Sims, Brandon Brown, James Graham, (not in photo, but acknowledged, Stephen LaRoque). EVBS and SFN hosted a graduation ceremony, dinner and dance for the 2015 high school grads.

SFN Postsecondary Education



Selkirk First Nation Post-Secondary Grads. David Silas and Darlene McGinty, (not in photo, but acknowledged, Carlene Anderson). SFN hosted a graduation ceremony and dinner at the KDFN Cultural Center on June 19th, 2015. The dinner for all Post-Secondary Students where members of Council congratulated the graduates and wished them well on their future endeavours.



**Congratulations to all the 2015
Post-Secondary Students!**
Tara Roberts,
A/ Education Manager, SFN.

2014/2015 Post-Secondary Students

Student	Graduating/Diploma/Certificate	Institution
Graduated - Diploma		
David Silas	Renewable Resources Diploma	Yukon College
Graduated - Certificate		
Darlene McGinty	Native Language Instructor	Yukon College
Carlene Anderson	Aboriginal Bridging Program	University BC
College Access Pathways – One Year Certificate		
Kaylyn Baker	College Access Pathways	Yukon College
Alysha Quock	College Access Pathways	Yukon College
Curtis Lafreniere	College Access Pathways	Yukon College
Rhona Edwards	College Access Pathways	Yukon College
Patrick McGinty	College Access Pathways	Yukon College
Kyley Marcotte	College Access Pathways	Vancouver Campus
In Process		
Katelyn Brown	Business Admin Diploma	Yukon College
Danielle Marcotte	Bachelor of Science	University of BC
Krystle Coughlin	Bachelor of Fine Arts	University of BC
Donald Bennett	Social Services Diploma	North Island College
Nesta Hager	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Thompson Rivers University
Reginald McGinty	Bachelor of Criminology Degree	Simon Fraser Univ.
Vyctoria Coughlin	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	B.C. Institute of Tech
Shadae Johnson	Tribal Govt & Bus Mang	North Indian College
Chantel Fulton	Renewable Resource Diploma	Yukon College
Shellby Fulton	Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Thompson Rivers Uni.
Samantha Dawson	Law Degree	University of BC
Janelle Hager	Practical Nursing Diploma	Yukon College
Phyllistine Hager	Northern Outdoors Studies Diploma	Yukon College
Candice Menzie	Mang Studies Diploma	Thompson Rivers University
Jennifer Ward	General Studies Diploma	Yukon College
Dayna Joe	Office Admin Medical Diploma	Georgian College
Michelle Bernier	Medical Transcription Certificate	University of BC

Photo Gallery



Happy Canada Day! Pelly Crossing had a great day at the link building and baseball park, thanks to Jeremy Harper, Lori Sims and their crew. There were many events for all ages and everyone had a blast, about ten events with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place categories and

prizes. We even had a parade! A delicious barbeque and they ended the day with stickgambling. It was a very fun filled family day in Pelly Crossing and the weather was wonderful to compliment the day.



Late Elder, Tommy McGinty's cabin



Photo Chris Rodgers



Photo Chris Rodgers

Photo Gallery



Mayo Ball tournament



Carmacks ball team with SFN players (Tyler, Cody, Jacee) placed in D division



Selkirk Development Corporation hosted a barbecue at Minto Resorts June 10, 2015



CYFN Native Graduation Ceremony. A historic moment for Yukon as the most grads at 139. SFN proudly held seven spots.





Attention

Selkirk First Nation Citizens

The Elders Council have set the
General Assembly dates for
August 23, 24 & 25, 2015.

In Minto Landing

**All SFN citizens are
encouraged to attend.**



Community Information Session

Thursday, August 13, 2015

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

LINK Building

A community information meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for Citizens to hear about the progress in each department on programs and services provided by SFN.



Doóli Dän K'i report

LSCFN / Doóli Dän K'i - June 2015



Doóli Dän K'i Update

This program has been Shared between the three communities of Northern Tutchone Elders for 15 yrs. LSCFN administers this work on behalf of NT Elders and has led the project for the last 5 years. All three communities work together and contribute varying levels of funds and staff time to accomplish our Elder's work.

The vision of Northern Tutchone Elders Doóli Dän K'i (DDK) is to use the information about how we once governed ourselves to guide how we will govern ourselves in the future. This work of 15 years lead by SFN, LSCFN and Northern Tutchone Elders will provide us with guidance on how to educate our children, how to build a Justice system, how we govern ourselves, and how to succeed in today's world. Doóli Dän K'i is here to help our NT governments and Elders Councils with the implementation and administration of all cultural and traditional matters along with economic and social matters within our respective Traditional Territories.

2014/2015 Work

Doóli Dän K'i has demonstrated significant success Northern Tutchone Elders sharing together for 15yrs. Here are the highlights from this last year...

- One Uncle's Retreat and one Auntie's Retreat were hosted by LSCFN. There was a special focus on Traditional Medicine. Significant connections happened between the generations and the transfer of knowledge and experience was wonderful. The Auntie's Retreat had over 90 women and girls attend.
- Hats'adán lesson plans and activities were created for 7 more storybooks by our Northern Tutchone Teachers. The first year of lesson plans were rolled out to Pelly and Mayo schools. Two years worth of lessons have gone forward at Carmacks schools.
- SFN, NNDNFN and LSCFN hosted a story retreat with a new group of Northern Tutchone Elders to gather more of our Hude Hudán stories.
- Work has continued organizing the Elders stories and Doóli Dän K'i information gathered over the last 15 years. This is intended to be compiled into a Traditional Knowledge database.
- DTeam meetings were held three times through the year in both Mayo and Carmacks.
- Three working group sessions were held and a great deal of research was completed on the framework of



the NT Hude Hudān K'i Hats'adān (Traditional Code of Ethics and Conduct).

- Northern Tutchone Naming Practices have been reviewed by our Elders. All three communities completed Family Tree gathering work and a gathering is scheduled for November 2015.
- 8 new storybooks are in their final stages and will be printed this summer.
- Over 90 Northern Tutchone Elders met together in March to...
 - a. discuss 'What is Doóli?'
 - b. approve the Framework Hude Hudān K'i Hats'adān
 - c. discuss a proposed emergency language plan
 - d. review the work from 2014/2015, and
 - e. discuss the workplan for 2015/2016.
- DDK received outside funds from the Yukon Community Development Fund and support from all three Northern Tutchone Governments to send staff and Elders to research our materials and information at the Museum of History and the National Archives in Ottawa. This trip was a great success.



The continued implementation of Doóli into the everyday life of NT People and NT First Nation Self Governments, means that today's people (Akān Hudān) honour their ancestors (Hude Hudān) and the Elders (Echo) through demonstrating Caring (Īe ya e Le), Sharing (Sothān Īeká néte), Respect (Ná Le tráa) and Teaching (Netśin Tun).

2015/2016 Worplan

Here is the work Northern Tutchone Elders have asked us to tackle in partnership with Northern Tutchone Lands and Heritage Departments...

- Continue the work on Traditional NT Names, Family Trees and Clans. Northern Tutchone Family Tree Gathering scheduled for November 2015
- Hats'adān Storybooks for Daycares (CDF Funded Project)
 - Convert as many NT storybooks to Daycare versions.
 - Create 'age appropriate curriculum' for the daycare little ones based on our stories.
- Hude Hudān Storybooks - Complete another 5-8 storybooks
- Hats'adān Lesson Plans and Activities for NT Schools - Continue this good work teaching our children using our Traditional stories.
- Hude Hudān K'i (K'ete) Hats'adān
 - Complete the first draft for NT Elders review.
 - Layer 1 – Ts'eki Creation Stories
 - Layer 2 – Etsózhi/Beaver Man/ Smart Man Stories
 - Layer 3 - Hude Hudān Stories – When animals could talk to people

(These three sets of traditional Northern Tutchone stories provide all the teachings, lessons and laws we need to be good NT People, Elders and Leaders)
- May Gathering 2015 (15th Annual) – SFN hosted.
- Uncle's and Auntie's Retreats (June 08-11 Uncle's at Little Salmon – LSCFN; NDFN hosting Auntie's Retreat at Ethel Lake)
- DTeam – 2 to 4 Meetings - DTeam to provide 1x per year briefings minimum to each NTFN Elders Council, Chief and Council and Administration
- Language Emergency Plan *(Additional Funding will be Required to Complete this)*
 - This proposal was brought forward due to requests from NT Elders to help with this emergency situation.
 - First Six Months of 2015/2016 – Stories Gathering Stage from fluent speakers by video interview.
 - Next Six Months – (1.) Video editing, transcription and translation (2) Meeting to come up with a 5 year recovery plan.
- Noho'e Practical Manual - *(This will be an instruction manual to help NT families in a time of great need.)*

NT Elders Additions to WorkPlan

(No Funding is currently in Place for these initiatives. (Time and resources available to complete this work are limited as well.))

- Complete the Trapping and Fish and Wildlife Doóli Work
- Men's and Women's Manuals – responsibilities of a NT Man or Woman from Birth to Death... based on our stories.
- Traditional Land Planning - start in one NTFN Traditional Territory
- DTeam to work with each NTFN Elders Council
- Men's and Women's Small Group Traditional On-The-Land Training
- Continue Traditional Medicine Project Work. Practical Training required.

Doòli Dan K'i – Ottawa Research Project

In March 2015, a team of 17 Northern Tutchone Elders, Doòli Dán K'i and Heritage technical staff from the First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, Selkirk First Nation and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, embarked on a trip across the country in search of pieces of our heritage.

This incredible research project was part of Doòli Dán K'i, which the three Northern Tutchone communities have been working on extensively for 15 years to record Northern Tutchone traditional stories, culture, laws and values for the next generations to learn and uphold. To date, 22 books have been produced, illustrating the stories and history of the Northern Tutchone people.

The determination of the Doòli team on behalf of our Elders to find more information and connections to our past led us to the Canadian Museum of History. Many of our First Nation artifacts, regalia and

ceremonial objects of the past are now located in private collections and museums across the globe – some traded fairly and others taken without the consent or knowledge of the families that they belong to.

Supported by a small grant from the Yukon Community Development Fund, the Doòli team contacted the Yukon Tourism & Culture run project, Searching for Our Heritage (SFOH) which "locates artifacts and natural history collections from Yukon found in museum collections around the world." This helped give us a start to find out what we could expect to see in Ottawa.

DTeam technical staff did a lot of research before we left to understand the extent of the collections we would be looking at and listening to. Despite this work, the Doòli team would soon find out that many of the artifacts being held by the museum were not on the database and a few surprises were on their way...

For months before the trip, Museum of History staff worked with the Doòli team to find everything possible that could be Northern Tutchone

within the museum's collections and Archives. When we arrived at the museum Monday morning, we were greeted by very helpful staff who were finally ready for us. Key words such as "Northern Tutchone", "Yukon", "Fort Selkirk", and "Stewart River" were submitted to the research staff in the weeks prior to the visit. Based on those key words, artifacts, photos, documents and sound recordings were located for us. We entered a secure room with everything carefully laid out on a table. Almost instantly, Elder Emma Alfred, (Selkirk First Nation) recognized something that she had never expected to see again. It was a purse that she helped make with her mother with beaver claws and beading. Her excitement and emotions could be felt by the entire room and as we began to look closer at the other objects on the table, more unexpected discoveries were made.

One Elder was examining a set of beaded "dog packs" that were used to decorate dog teams. They were often accompanied by bells that could be heard from miles away. The elder was sure



that it was the beading of Gina Gill's grandmother (Selkirk First Nation) who was also present on the trip. Gina instantly called Elder Johnson Edwards and he confirmed that a set went missing from his cabin years before. He told her to "bring them back!"

Elders Rachel Tom Tom and Lizzy Hall found arrows their Dad had made to sell at the Taylor and Drury Store.



Some other artifacts of particular interest are a drum, Noho'e sheephorn spoons, and what looks to be the top of a Noho'e ceremonial stick. None of the Elders present with us in Ottawa could say for certain what the painted symbols meant. More artifacts were shown to us the next day. When we were finished, we held hands in a circle around the objects and gave thanks for this wonderful opportunity to see and feel the deep-rooted works of art of our ancestors. As Gina explained, "I feel like I have more of my identity now, I didn't even know this feeling existed." This is the feeling we hope to instill in all of our people. Our history dates back millennia and the strength of our ancestors can be recovered through projects such as this.



The remaining days were spent in the museum archives, sorting through documents, photographs and recordings. Our Elders were taken back in time, some even finding photos of themselves. Emma was shocked once again to find a photograph of herself when she was 14 years old holding the purse that she had found the previous day. All of the photographs and recordings relating to Northern Tutchone were reviewed and our Elders comments about each were documented. The Doóli team and Heritage Departments will be ordering digital copies and these will be **SHARED** between each of the three Northern Tutchone communities to enhance our collections.

The final day of our visit to Ottawa was spent meeting with our local MP Ryan Leef, Senator Dan Lang and Minister of Canadian Heritage Shelley Glover. The Doóli team explained the Doóli Dän K'i program work to them along with our findings and hopes for the future. We also took a tour of the Parliament building and got to see first hand, where the decisions of our country are made.

Our Doóli team and Heritage Departments are continuing to work together on behalf of the Northern Tutchone Elders to gather our Doóli, stories and traditional knowledge for our future generations.

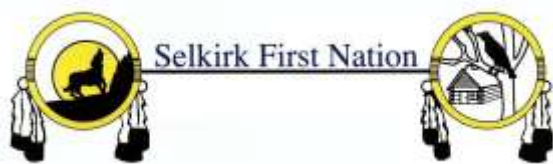
We would like to thank our funders, the Community Development Fund, First Nation of Nacho Nyak Dun, Selkirk First Nation and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation. We also appreciate the support of Yukon's Searching For Our Heritage program, and the Canadian Museum of History. Most of all, we would like to thank our Elders for showing us the way forward by learning who we are...

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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

Selkirk First Nation

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Boreal Shuttle Express Service is a new transportation business owned and operated by SFN Citizen Sharon Nelson and her husband Kevin. The bus service is now in full business. The schedule is posted at the SFN Administration building and around town; you can also ask for a copy. Please book your appointments according to the bus schedule.



In addition to passenger transportation, small freight service will be provided.

For more information, you may contact Sharon or Kevin Nelson from 5 to 9 p.m. at 537-3771 or 689-7283 (cell)

See shuttle schedule posted at the SFN Main Building

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW ARRIVALS



Proud parents
Rick & Tannis welcome
their baby girl, Sarah Sims
on July 24th, 2015.



Proud parents
Mark & Chantelle
welcome their baby
girl, Shian Staub on
July 17th, 2015



Proud parents
John and Shannon wel-
come their baby girl Keeva
on July 25th, 2015

Selkirk Development Corporation

is seeking individuals who have skills and experience in the trades field, and/or is a business owner in this field, to register with SDC.

SDC is always looking for SFN citizens who are skilled in trades to do projects in the Pelly Crossing area.

If you are interested, **please submit your resume with a cover letter stating your skills and experience,**

by email, ceo@selkirkdevcorp.com,

by fax to, (867)393-2182

We will keep your resume on file for any future projects.

N-hûudlin Dzenú Sóthän

(Your Birthday Good/Nice) (Happy Birthday)

Happy 1st Birthday for June 6th, 2015 to Julianna Dora Alyson Alfred. When the heavens sent you from above, your brothers, daddy & I truly felt blessed. We love you so much & enjoy every moment with you baby girl. Love, Mommy, Daddy, brothers Luca & Levi.

Happy 4th Birthday to my baby girl Sophie-Ava for June 5th! Lots of love and hugs on your special day, from Hunter and Mom.

Happy Birthday to the following people: My Princess for June 19th; Auntie Milly for July 10th; KK for July 14th; Shadae for July 7th; Mom on Aug. 14th; Shaheen on Aug. 27th; Carmen on Aug. 28th; Keisha on Sept. 3rd; Sierra on Sept. 18th. And a very, very Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad on Aug. 19th! Lots of love and hugs from Carol Duquette.

To the same people above from me too (April), love you all! Also HBD to: Teri-Lee and Norma in August; Ralph on Sept. 18.

July 22nd HAPPY BIRTHDAY to a wonderful Niece/ Cousin Kimmie, hope you had the most wonderful day and more xox Love Uncle Deano, Auntie Maris & your lil Cousins

August 20th "Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be A dad...and that someone is you, HAPPY BIRTHDAY" Have a wonderful day dad! With love Maris & your kiddie's <3

August 26th Happy 13th BIRTHDAY to our "Beautiful" Tyra! <3 have a great day, thank you for being so wonderful. Love Always Mom, Dad, Sisters & Bros

August 1st, Happy 76th Birthday to Marlene Drapeau from family

August 12th Happy Birthday to Teddy Charlie

Happy Birthday to Tyler Charlie July 27th

Happy Birthday to Shannon Morrison August 3rd++

ANNIVERSARIES



Happy 10th year Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Nelson on July 16th, 2015.



Happy 1st year Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Drapeau on August 2nd, 2015 and congratulations.



Happy 49th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Baker on August 19th, 2015. Together for 50 yrs. Married for 49 yrs.

Happy 1st year Anniversary to Frederick and Kate Johnnie

Happy 3rd year anniversary to Danielle and Chris Sawyer

If you have an announcement you want to make in the Fall edition, send it to us at Communications @Selkirk.com or call us at (867)537-3331



Employment Opportunity Auxiliary on-Call Positions

Selkirk First Nation is developing a list of individuals to call upon for short term employment. The following positions will be for on-call purposes to fill in for staff on leave or short term projects.

- Administration—in all departments
- Drivers—to take citizens/clients to Whitehorse and around the community
- Event Coordinators
- Cooks/Cooks' Helpers
- Janitorial
- Finance
- Carpenters/Carpenters Helpers/Labourers
- Maintenance Workers
- On the Land Activities
- Elders Advisors for Social Programs

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Training Opportunity

Tlcho Engineering and Environmental Services td. (TEES) has a number of learning and training opportunities as part of the Faro Mine Care and Maintenance Project. We are searching for the right people to train/work at the Faro Mine Complex in both office and industrial settings.

Training Opportunities

The Faro Mine Complex has training opportunities in the following areas:

Administration

- Clerical
- Shipping and Receiving
- Emergency response
- Health and Safety
- Site Security

Site Maintenance

- Trades
- Equipment Operation

Water Treatment

- Operators or Technical support
- Sampling
- Plant operator

Environment

- Water filed sampling
- Data entry and data analysis
- Laboratory procedures and analysis
- Habitat and Wildlife Studies

If you are interested in any of these areas please complete an application form and submit a detailed resume. Please return applications and resumes to:

Email: AYFNCoordinator@tlchoeng.com or
Fax :(867)994-2378

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Selkirk First Nation is seeking applications from interested SFN Citizens for nominations on the

SFN HOUSING COMMITTEE

Please submit applications to Annette Albert

For further information please call (867) 537-3331

Deadline: August 21, 2015

August 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Council mtg 10am-5pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Community mtg 10am-3pm	14 Audit re- view at SDC 1pm	15
16	17 Discovery Day office closed	18	19 Council mtg 10am-5pm RCMP Lunch 12pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	SFN General Assembly					
30	31					

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 SDC An- nual General Meeting All day	15	16 Council mtg 10am- 5pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Council mtg 10am- 5pm	30			

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General Principles

The most basic law and underlying principal of our culture can best be expressed in English by the term **‘respect’**

It is this truth that brings harmony and wholeness into our daily family relationships, community life and work.

Our ancestors listened to the land and the land showed us how to live. Many other teachers have come and gone, but the land remains. We must respect and care for mother earth, our teacher.

We were taught to be quiet and still, to observe and learn all that we could, and to pass on that wisdom and knowledge.

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