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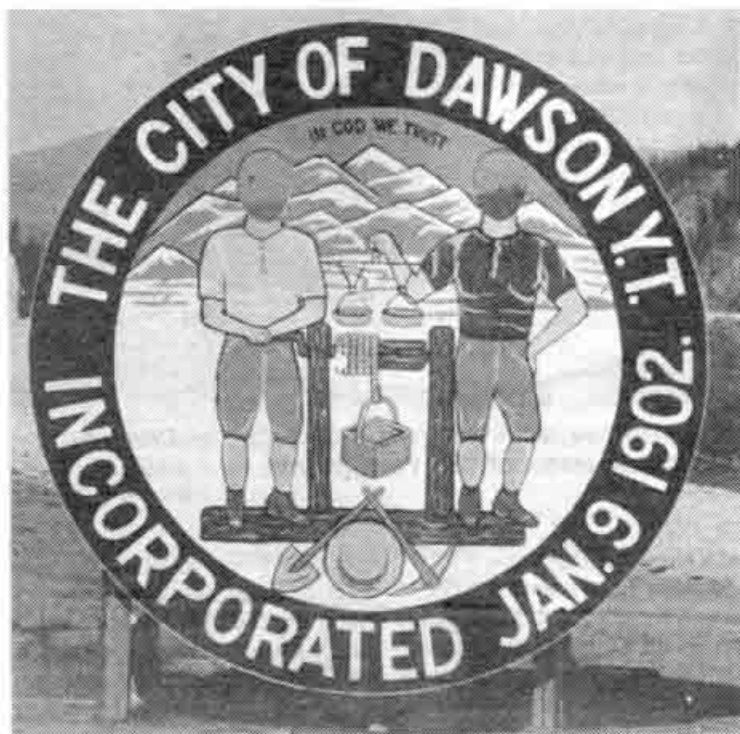


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SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF YUKON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

by Palma Berger

Dawson City was chosen to be the site of the seventh annual Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 18th and 19th. This was held at Tro Chu Tin Hall with a dinner followed by a dance. The theme of the annual general meeting was "Business and Government: Working Together".

The evening opened with a welcoming address by outgoing Yukon Chamber of Commerce President Stu Wallace. The presentation of awards was made by the new President, Pat Irvin of Watson Lake.

The President's Award for outstanding amount of work done on behalf of the Chamber was to an individual who came to

Yukon first as a teacher at Ross River. Later as Deputy Minister of Economic Development he gave much time to the communities. He worked through Govt. Services for the betterment of the Yukon. For outstanding personal services and for doing an exceptional job in making this organization grow, the President's Award went to Dan Odin.

An award was presented to Barbara Moyle who, in her first year as manager for the Yukon Chamber, has done an exceptional job. Ms. Moyle organised this weekend in Dawson.

Mayor Peter Jenkins was

called upon to swear in the new officers who will be running the Yukon Chamber this coming year. They were as follows:

- Pat Irvin (Watson Lake) - President
- Michael Bryant (Whitehorse) - 1st Vice President
- Gail Hendley (Dawson City) - 2nd Vice President
- Mark Walker (Whitehorse) - Treasurer

The Business Service Awards as nominated from each community were presented by Pat Irvin.

The Dawson City Chamber of Commerce nominated Guggie-

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Dawson Election Forum Highlights Open Government

by Dan Davidson

The 1991 edition of Dawson City's all-candidates' forum was a first from a number of perspectives. It was one of the largest ever, with 14 candidates vying for the four councillors' positions and two for mayor. There were three mayoralty hopefuls last time around, but two provides a very clear choice, so it may even be better.

The forum was a first because it was televised. Dawson's cable channel, DCTV (the video arm of CFYT-fm), was out in full force, manning the sound system and broadcasting the two hour event to the entire town on channel 11. So, in addition to the 65 or so residents who sat in the Robert Service School gymnasium, no one really knows how many people saw the presentations.

The major contest was between the two candidates for mayor, who got most of the speech time and most of the questions. For Gail Hendley, this must have seemed a bit ironic, for one of her campaign planks is the need to scale down the imperial aspect of the mayor's chair and operate a council which is more a gathering of equals.

In her summation, Hendley said she had decided to run, at last, after nearly three years of regular attendance at council meetings. She said she had seen councillors resign out of frustration with dealing with the mayor and that her goal was to establish a council that could be seen to be open, honest and non-threatening.

Peter Jenkins, who has been fighting the image of being autocratic and negative for the last two elections, was back for an extension of his 11 year term. He explained that he had reversed himself and decided to run as a result of conversations he'd had with people in town.

"They said, 'We don't like you, but you're doing a fine job for Dawson,'" Jenkins joked. But that is the essence of his appeal to the public. He often seems proud to be the politician that Dawsonites love to hate and prepared to thrive on that if he can.

As the incumbent, Jenkins had the advantage and liability of running on his track record, which contains many strong accomplishments. Hendley did not have access to the inner side of city affairs in spite of her time in the gallery, and it showed. Jenkins received the most questions and was best able to con-

vert his answers to them into statements of vision. Hendley, on the other hand, rejected the concept that all vision should emanate from the mayor's office.

This idea would sit well with a number of the stronger candidates, who would probably be less willing to take direction than to share it. Each of these candidates had a scant three minutes to make his or her pitch.

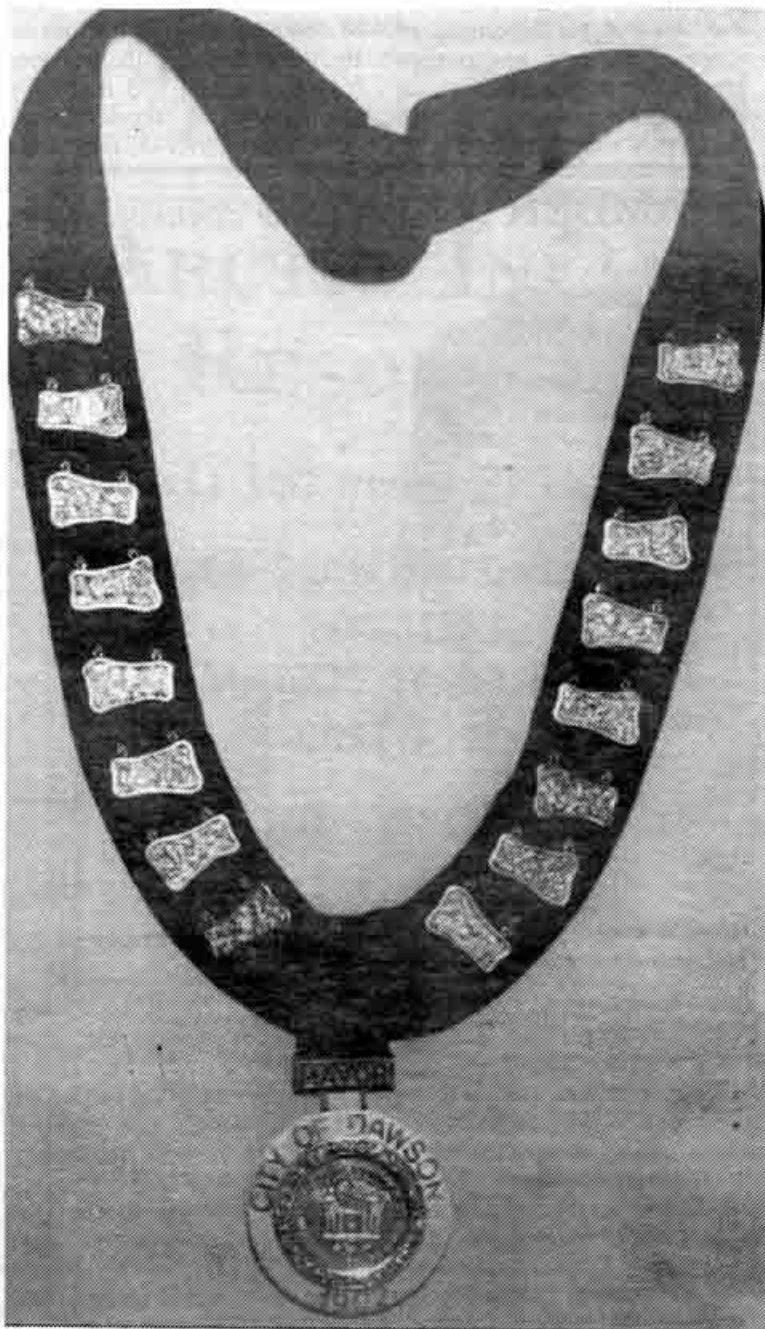
John Steins spoke of giving back something to the community after 16 years of good life here. He said he had no axes to grind.

Glenn Everitt, an incumbent, made policies, fairness and consistency his campaign planks.

Henry Procyk offered his 5 1/2 years as city treasurer and recording secretary at many board meetings as experience worth putting on council. He sees city finances and recreation as being his strong suits.

Helmut Schoener noted that "It's not enough to just elect people...". A public that doesn't follow what happens behind those doors and complain about it at the time has no right to "bitch about it" later on. Schoener wants to see a greater use of plebiscites for major issues, thinks council meetings

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MAYOR'S CHAIN OF OFFICESTORY ON PAGES 15 & 17

Photo by Michael Gates

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should be broadcast on t.v. regularly, believes the planning board needs revision and would like to see the franchise extended to out of town residents who own and operate businesses in the town.

Walter Procyk offered his experience in financial management and identified boundary expansion, North End development, a new ball park and an increase in building lots as being his primary issues.

Marcia Jordan promoted herself as an involved, caring, approachable type of councillor who would work hard to open the channels of communication between council and the public.

Shirley Pennell cited her years in educational administration, her time and experience on volunteer boards, and her dedication as valuable assets. Shirley saw water and sewer problems and boundary expansion as being major issues over the next three years.

Allanah Fuhre put some distance between herself and council policies which she had enforced during the two years she was city manager, saying she personally had disagreed with some of those policies, but had carried them out because that was part of her job at the time. Since leaving the city, Allanah has spent a year with YTG's lands branch, and says that her experience of several levels of government would be an asset to the city.

She did have two axes to grind. She says a capital reserve fund

was "money in the bank" when she left the city and she'd like to know what happened to it. She'd also like to know why Dawson's taxes are the highest in the territory.

Karen McCann was bucking a reputation for being too focussed when she told the crowd "Yes, I can be objective." The key to her candidacy is to assemble a ground of "people who can work together".

Don Tutin spoke of a need for change and fresh ideas and was especially concerned with water and sewer and the impending renewal of Dawson's water license.

Hugh Gouthro, a newcomer to the community, said that most of the points mentioned by the other candidates weren't issues at all. Issues are open to discussion. Most of these items are going to have to be dealt with, like them or not, and thus form an established agenda for the next council. The issue, said Gouthro, was how these items would be dealt with. Would the new council be able to rise above "egos bouncing off each other", personal bias and vendettas and get through the workload? Would the councillors last the term or go the way of 3 of the last 4 elected? Gouthro promised to finish his term if elected.

Tim Gerberding, a councillor for the last 7 1/2 months, wants to continue what he has begun. He is frustrated with decisions from "on high" and feels any council must be prepared to exercise control over the mayor. He

wants to see fewer "in camera" sessions, greater council control over the larger contracts, plebiscites on the major issues and new ways of doing things which untie the "old boy" network which he claims is too embedded in city affairs after a decade.

Lambert Curzon, another incumbent, wants to encourage development and open affordable land to the public. He is able to point to experience gained on a wide variety of boards and organizations, as well as to his last term in office. Generally a very private man outside of his public duties, Curzon even offered to publish his unlisted telephone number in a move to give the public greater access to his ear.

Kevin Anderson was the last of the candidates to speak. His agenda was heavy of recreational issues and he declared himself open to listening to and reflecting the concerns of the electorate.

This was a more gentle forum than the one three years ago. Whether it was the presence of the television cameras, or whether people simply decided that anger didn't accomplish anything last time is a bit hard to say.



Gail Hendley, with the Yukon Chamber of Commerce Businessperson of the Year Award.

Photo by Michael Gates

the Yukon for 31 years.

Watson Lake's award went to Jarand Building Products. Alice and David Kalle, the proprietors, started their business in their garage and built it up from there.

Haines Junction nominated North Country Service Centre Ltd. for their award. Brent and Donna Kardash could not be present but sent thanks to their help, their customers and the Chamber.

The Whitehorse Chamber awarded Doug Thomas of the Gold Rush Inn their Business Service of the Year Award. This received much applause from the crowd. Doug Thomas said that he had to be in business in Whitehorse 24 years to receive this.

The Business Person of the Year award went to a Dawsonite. Pat Irvin said that this person liked to be involved. She showed aggressiveness in business, while stressing service at all times. She also showed great entrepreneurship. This award was presented to Gail Hendley for her work in setting up the Northern Network Bed and Breakfast brochure. Later Gail said that the idea originated when she and a Whitehorse Bed and Breakfast linked up to alert their guests of the availability of a B & B in each other's town. From this has grown Gail's brochure listing B & B's in Alaska, Northern B.C., and Yukon. The brochures are handed out constantly and they advertise in German magazines, Alaska publications, in the Ferry Schedule and Northern B.C. tourist books. To date they have over thirty members and more are being added. Gail has lived in the Yukon for 25 years.

In his final speech, Pat Irvin said that, at first, the theme of "Government and Business Working Together" struck him as rather funny, but it is possible

as shown here today. The emphasis must be on communication, and the Yukon Chamber will be communicating with all Chambers and Government.

Shelter Update

by Marjie Hills

November is proving to be a very busy month! The Shelter held its first craft night on November 7 at 7 P.M. and will continue hosting the program every Thursday night over the winter, with exceptions to the holidays. We hope to offer a variety of creative craft evenings for women in the community and encourage those of you who are interested in facilitating an evening to contact us. The craft supplies will be provided!

The shelter is holding a book drive, starting at 7 P.M. on November 14th. Staff and board will be going door to door collecting for the event. Arctic Drugs and the Post Office will also have drop boxes available for book donations from November 15-20. The book drive is a fundraiser for the Shelter to sell books at the Christmas Bazaar later this month. If you prefer to drop books off at the Shelter or have them ready for pick-up, please call 993-5086.



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Brenda and Gordon Caley won a Yukon Chamber of Commerce Business Service Award.



Photo by Michael Gates

Ville Enterprises Ltd. for the Business Service Award.

GuggieVille Ent. Ltd., a local business since 1984, provides excellent service to its customers and business associates. When bus tours arrive, the staff, dressed in 1898 costume, are always very helpful and courteous and provide excellent gold panning instructions for the visitors. Visitors have very positive remarks about GuggieVille and its staff, who help to make

their stay in Dawson City more enjoyable.

The majority of the employees are local people and students who return to work at GuggieVille each year. These employees go out of their way to give that little extra service for customers.

The campground facilities are always kept in very clean and neat condition. GuggieVille caters especially to caravans and tour groups, as well as provides

shower and laundry facilities to local residents.

GuggieVille helps to sponsor many local events and individuals, showing community spirit. The owners, Brenda and Gordon Caley, are long-time residents of Dawson City, donating their time to many local organizations and special events.

Mayo Chamber's award went to Mayo Variety Store, where manager Vicki Frame has been in

DAWSON COUNCIL BRIEFS

by Dan Davidson

Councillors Give Up Perks

When the new members of Dawson's municipal council take their seats in a few weeks, they will be padded with one less set of honoraria. Dawson council has voted by 3-2 to give up the free family use of city recreational facilities which councillors have enjoyed as part of their compensation packages.

The proposal was made at the October 24 meeting by Lambert Curzon, and passed by him, Janet Lyon and Mayor Peter Jenkins over the objections of Tim Gerberding and Glenn Everitt. The latter two councillors have young families. Curzon is a bachelor; Lyon is not running for a second term and Jenkins has often stated that he takes nothing in the way of salary from the city for the time he gives as mayor. He has simply extended this to recreational passes.

Councillors have not stripped themselves altogether though. They retain their \$3600.00 annual salary, free sewer and water service and an annual return air fare for two to Vancouver.

Boundary Expansion to Callison

Council has voted unanimously to support first and second reading of a bylaw (91-11) to extend the city limits as far as the Callison Industrial Sub-division. This proposal will now go to the Municipal Board for review. Since the board tried to make Dawson take such a step about four years ago, it should not pose any serious objections now. If all goes well with this by-law, it should be in force by the spring of 1992.

This bylaw is a separate issue from an earlier bylaw which proposed an extension of Dawson's boundaries as far down the Klondike Highway as Flat Creek, just south of the Dempster Highway junction. That one is still under study.

Planning Board Challenged

Larry Veznia, owner of 5th Avenue Bed and Breakfast has accused the Planning Board of operating outside of its jurisdiction when it called the interior plans of his building into question at a recent meeting. Veznia's intention to install a refrigerator and sink in the downstairs reception area of his two story building was questioned by the board at a recent meeting.

Generally, the board concerns itself purely with exterior matters. For instance, Veznia's operation, as well as several other B

& B's and some other businesses, have received complaints from the board during the summer and fall over the use of fascia signs painted on the sides of their buildings in contravention of the sign sizes in the city's zoning by-law.

The board has expressed concerns over the proliferation of bed and breakfast establishments in residential areas of Dawson over the last year and a half. Nevertheless, it is not common for the board to look behind the historical facade it enforces on the outsides of buildings.

Gail Hendley, who has entered the race for mayor since this meeting was held, voiced her concerns over the planning board's powers as well. Hendley, who operates a B & B, as well as White Ram Contracting with her husband, John, said she felt that some building projects are being held back in Dawson because the planning board is picking at matters beyond its mandate.

Council has promised to meet with the board to clarify matters.

Spending Authority Questioned

After many trials over city spending it was decided a little over a year and a half ago that all city contracts over \$5,000.00 would have to be put to public tender to avoid the appearance of favoritism. While no one was suggesting that this old topic had reared its head again, Councillor Tim Gerberding is suggesting that the \$5,000.00 limit has been maneuvered around in a number of instances, and would like to see the policy tightened up to close loopholes.

Gerberding said he felt that dividing jobs into segments costing less than \$5,000.00 was becoming far too normal a city practice, and felt that many contracts, if they were reassembled into their proper shapes and sizes, would need tendering if the policy were being faithfully followed.

Coun. Lambert Curzon agreed that it had been the intent of the original policy to avoid subdivision of work and get as many contracts as possible out to tender. There was general agreement that the policy should be reviewed by the incoming council after the election and that city staff should, in the meantime, look into the matter.

OCP Now Approved

The final draft of Dawson's Official Community Plan, which was presented to the Municipal Board last summer and aired at a public meeting late in the season, has been given the green light by the Board.

Municipal Board chairman Craig Tuton made this announcement in a letter to city offices dated October 28, 1991. The plan, which is in a poster style, sets forth the proposed physical directions of the community over the next five years, though it does not necessarily dictate them. It was required by the YTG prior to the implementation of a number of council initiatives, including a massive zoning bylaw revision (which will now have to be brought up to date) and proposals to extend the boundaries of the town.

A Stormy Issue

As the tourist season closes and stores get ready for winter, those that remain open look to temporary storm porches to cut down on their shovelling problems and heat loss. The Planning Board has set a standard for porches based on the historical building code that governs the core area of Dawson City, but some porches don't conform.

Councillor Glenn Everitt wondered if it was truly necessary that they should, during the off season. Could not temporary, seasonal structures, that go on in late October and come off in early May, be allowed a more relaxed application of the code.

Coun. Lambert Curzon worried that this might lead to a proliferation of sub-standard, permanent porches, just the sort of thing the historic code was created to prevent. Everitt responded that this was not his intent at all, and that any structure like that should still be pursued in the usual way.

Mayor Jenkins noted that it would be unfair of council to make such a change unilaterally, without consulting the Planning Board. The board, after all, simply applies the standards which council created. Still, he said he could see Everitt's point, and that it was a topic which could be added to the continuing joint discussions council has been having with the board over its role.

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Canine Conundrums Continue

by Dan Davidson

The continuing problem of Dawson's canine population dominated new business during the last session of the Dawson's outgoing town council. Coun. Glenn Everitt brought the news that two families had had members attacked by roving dogs in the 4 days prior to the November 7 meeting. Everitt felt it was time that something more drastic was done about the problem before some person was badly injured, or some citizen took the law into his or her own hands and went after the offending animals.

Everitt proposed a campaign to give away dog tags over a period of 2-3 weeks and then announce that all untagged roaming dogs would be eliminated on sight.

His suggestion was backed by Coun. Tim Gerberding, who also wished to provide an incentive to dog catchers by increasing the bounty on captured dogs and an incentive to dog owners to be careful by increasing the fines.

"We've got to send a clear message to this community that we've got to change our attitude towards dogs," Gerberding said.

Debate got somewhat lively at that point, but did settle down to a general agreement to have city manager Carol Murray draft a new dog control bylaw which

would incorporate some of those suggestions. The new bylaw, as proposed, will likely also require that all dogs over 2 months old be tagged, and will establish fines of \$75.00, \$100.00 and \$200.00 for the first three offences during a 12 month period. With the 4th offence the dog will be destroyed.

Passage of this bylaw will have to await the election of the new council. In the meantime the city will post a notice on DCTV's rolling ads to the effect that all dogs at large, tagged or not, will be considered to be possibly dangerous and will be destroyed over the next few weeks.

That may be hard to do if the city can't keep dogcatchers. Mayor Peter Jenkins, in what had to have been a slip of the tongue, blurted out the name of the present dogcatcher not once but twice while going over the "accounts payable" portion of the agenda that evening. Known dogcatchers have in the past been assaulted verbally and physically and have suffered property damage as a result of their activities becoming known, so it seems unlikely that this one, who had accounted for 7 dogs recently, will continue in the job. This reporter does not intend to compound the original error by repeating the name of that individual here.



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Editorial: Looking Towards a New City Council

by Dan Davidson

It's exciting to see an election become a community event the way this one has here. The first exciting thing was the number of candidates. When fourteen people contest for 4 council positions you have lots of choice. Experience, expertise and enthusiasm are all well represented this time around, and there doesn't seem to be a preponderance of one type of candidate.

Last time around many of the people who ran were running against someone rather than running for something. Three years ago the public forum was something of a dogfight, and very hard to report on. Just quoting some of the things people were saying was dangerous enough without injecting any editorial opinion. A couple of people that I talked to after Saturday night's exercise said they like that sort of thing and had missed it. Personally, I don't and I didn't.

Controversy has a tendency to become personalized very quickly and often tends to make people lose sight of their original goals. This isn't good for the community, but it tends to be bad for the councillors as well. I watched a number of councillors burn themselves out over the last three years, having worked themselves up to a fever pitch on a particular issue and then - agonizingly - finding that there was no quick relief for either the problem or the internal tension. The firebrands cooled down and went out, and suddenly the heart was out of councillor's performance of duty. Resignation or removal was just a formality after that.

Council issues are so complex and run on for such long periods of time that regular, informed attendance is essential to any understanding of what has happened. Any vote we make should be for someone who will stay the distance. Too much time was wasted on this council with setting up and holding by-elections to fill vacancies and then training the newcomers on how to handle the system.

The system can work, although it doesn't always do so. The very last council meeting of this term was probably one of the best that I attended. No one cut anyone else publicly. There was argument, but it was civil, and it stuck to the issues. There was some respect shown for the opinions of others. Plans of action were mapped out for the future. It was good to see.

One of the nicest things was that the meeting ended fairly early. Council meetings begin around 7:30 in the evening, and that's often all you say about them as regards time. They regularly run past 3 hours and sometimes past midnight. I'm not certain that heavy meetings with long agendas accomplish as much quality work as they should, but it does take time to oversee a \$5.2 million business.

Council meetings usually begin with a time for delegations. That's anyone who wants to address council on any issue. Once that time has ended, council closes itself off from external input and discusses the rest of the agenda as if the gallery were not there. Many people take this as a signal to leave, but if you stick around you can always catch a councillor's eye and request the delegations be resumed if there is something you want to say about a comment that has been made or an issue that is under discussion. All it takes is a 10 second motion at the table.

There are lots of interesting things in council packages. Two media kits and one for the Chamber of Commerce are in circulation these days (there were none 3 years ago) and they contain agendas, correspondence, some reports, draft by-laws and information materials that council will be accepting or approving. There are always a few nuggets in this material.

All the material in the world can't save a sour council though. Mayoralty candidate Jenkins noted at the forum that "perceptions is reality" in many things. Council has an uneven reputation, to say the least, and the new one will have to work hard to prove it is above some of the reports still circulating about the old one.

So it was nice to attend a civil forum. It leaves me, at least, with some hope for the future.

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Dear Sirs:

I am surprised by your comments which "endorse Mr. Lang's stand with regard to the North Slope Conference" as they are made in complete ignorance of the facts.

For example, although Mr. Lang (and Mr. Brewster) would have you believe that I, acting alone as Minister of Renewable Resources, make the decision on which community will host the conference, nothing could be further from the truth. Please refer to the letter attached from Mr. L. Staples, chair of the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope), addressed to Mr. R. Laking, which explains the important role that the Council plays in determining a conference location and theme.

Secondly, while it is true that bids from Dawson City and other Yukon communities to host this year's conference were not called for, nor

were they prior to deciding to host the conference in Dawson in previous years. The fact is that the same procedure undertaken by the same participants for selecting the location of the first two conferences was used for determining the site of this year's event.

Notwithstanding the fact that Dawson City had done an excellent job of hosting the North Slope conference on two occasions, the Council's recommendation to convene this year's conference in Whitehorse was based on several factors which are outlined in both Mr. Staples' letter and my response to Mr. Brewster attached. I am pleased that my Government has been able to encourage and support the hosting of two North Slope Conferences in Dawson City, and look forward to future conferences being well-accommodated by the many capable businesses and services which our town has to

offer.

In future, I would appreciate the opportunity to present my perspective on such matters as it will assist you in providing a balance in the presentation of news stories, and may prevent "matter of fact items" becoming "misinformed issues".

Sincerely,

Art Webster

M.L.A. Klondike

Ed. Note: The thrust of our comment was to support the idea of bringing the conference to Dawson, and not an endorsement of the more partisan concerns in Mr. Lang's column. It should be noted that a letter from Palma Berger in the same issue explained the other side of the argument.

From Dawson City Chamber of Commerce:
Mr. Dave Hobbs
Business Agent
Yukon Government Employees Union

Dear Mr. Hobbs

I have been informed that an official memorandum/newsletter release has been issued from your office encouraging your members to boycott the Eldorado Hotel in response to comments made by Mr. Peter Jenkins at a recent Elder Hostel meeting in Dawson City. The Dawson City Chamber of Commerce is troubled by your decision to promote an organized boycott of the Eldorado Hotel in response to Mr. Jenkins comments. Our concerns are as follows:

are as follows:

1. In your efforts to castigate Mr. Jenkins, you are inflicting hardship on innocent employees of the Eldorado and their families. I trust this was not your intent.
2. While not defending Mr. Jenkins comments, we are obligated to defend his freedom of speech. Freedom of speech without fear of reprisal or persecution is a fundamental right of all Canadians. We would like to think that your Union upholds and supports this right.
3. Facts be known: Mr. Jenkins does not own the Eldorado Hotel at this time. More often than not, vengeful actions injure without discretion.

4. Mr Jenkins was addressing the Elder Hostel Meeting in his capacity as the Mayor of the City of Dawson. Our democratic process inspires us to express our displeasure with elected officials at the polls. It is a sad comment on our Society if common practise is to boycott an elected official's business when we take exception to statements made as a politician. Notwithstanding the reality that public officials are in the public eye and subject to scrutiny in all matters.

While not defending Mr. Jenkins' comments, it is our opinion that an organized boycott of the Eldorado Hotel is an inappropriate manner to express your

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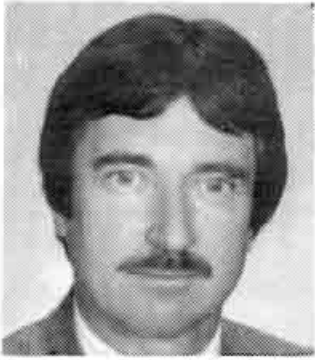
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Art Webster,
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By the time this edition hits the news stands, residents of Dawson City will have elected a new Town Council. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate all members of our new council, and to wish you well in performing your duties and responsibilities. As for the unsuccessful candidates, I know the disappointment (I lost a by-election for a councillor position in 1983 - by one vote!). Take consolation in knowing that you have played an important role in raising the profile of your concerns and ideas for consideration by the entire community. You have also helped to make this an interesting and exciting election. I urge you to continue your participation in, and knowledge of, community affairs by contributing your time and talents to the work of the boards and committees of our local governments and organizations. Not only will you derive personal satisfaction from this rewarding experience, but you will also be better prepared for the next election.

I was pleasantly surprised with the large number (16) who declared their candidacy for the five council positions. At a time when Canadians are losing faith

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displeasure with Mr. Jenkins. We would submit that your individual Union members should be permitted to choose their own course of action to display their discontent.

We are not convinced that boycotts serve any constructive purpose. An eye for an eye philosophy does little to achieve understanding or impart any sense of remorse. Please consider our comments and we welcome your response.

Yours truly,
Denny Kobayashi

WORDS FROM WEBSTER

in the ability of elected officials to provide responsive and responsible leadership, and are becoming increasingly critical, it is encouraging to see so many willing to take up the challenge of serving the public. I interpret this as a very positive sign for the future of our community for, despite the potential negative aspects of the job, there are many citizens from all segments of our society who are prepared to make a major commitment to ensuring our home of Dawson City becomes a better place to live and to raise a family.

Both the high number of candidates and the fact that so many were participating for the first time in the political process is a strong indication that people want a change in the style and manner in which municipal affairs are conducted. The desire for change was expressed through three major themes that were emphasized by most candidates throughout the campaign. These were the need to elect a municipal council which: (1) operates an open government that encourages greater and more meaningful consultation with the public in the decision-making process; (2) functions as a team; and (3) works in close co-operation with the federal, territorial governments and the

Dawson Indian Band to more effectively provide the services, programs and infrastructure required to meet the needs of all residents and to promote the planned growth of the community. Frankly, I welcome such change and am looking forward to working with the new council.

As members of the new council are about to be sworn into office, let's remind ourselves that we, as residents, can be of help to the incumbents in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. Instead of being quick to criticize, we should acknowledge that their job is not an easy one, and when mistakes are made (which all humans make from time to time), criticism presented in a constructive manner is a much preferred approach. If we each took the time and interest to become better acquainted with the issues which affect us all by learning the facts, we would no doubt develop a better appreciation for the difficulty in making some decisions and thus a healthier respect for those we have selected to so. Remember that, generally speaking, people run for municipal office to do the best job he or she is capable of doing to make our community a better place to live. For that alone, they deserve our support.

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REPORT FROM OTTAWA

by Audrey McLaughlin, Yukon
M.P.

A Sigh of Relief... For now

by Audrey McLaughlin,
Yukon MP

In case anyone wants to know what this vote means, it means we lost.

- U.S. Senator Bennett Johnston

What was Senator Johnston's defeat was a political and moral triumph for the Gwich'in peoples of Alaska, Yukon and Northwest Territories. Johnston's controversial energy bill, which would open up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas development, was dead - for now.

Three years of intense lobbying, letter-writing, speeches, petitions and phone calls by aboriginal people, conservation groups and like-minded politicians paid off last Friday when Johnston failed to get enough support for his bill to end Senate debate and advance it to a final vote.

Those of use who worked so hard to protect the refuge, the Porcupine Caribou Herd and the Gwich'in way of life can today breathe a collective sigh of relief.

Indeed, it's been my great privilege to work with such outstanding and committed individuals and organizations as Old Crow MLA Norma Kassi (and her staff), Doug Urquhart, Albert Peter and other members of the Porcupine Caribou Herd Management Board, and all the Gwich'in people.

There was Mike Matz of the Alaska Coalition (sponsored by the Sierra Club of Washington, D.C.), the Yukon Territorial Government, the Canadian government (which needed some urging at times), Stephen Hazell of the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, several U.S. Senators and Congressmen, and everyone else who cared.

In struggles like these, it's

easy to make the usual "David and Goliath" comparisons of the "underdog", isolated northerners taking on the huge and very powerful oil lobby (not to mention the President of the United States, who threatened to veto any energy bill that spared ANWR) - and winning.

But it never ceases to amaze me to see the kind of strength that can come from so many groups united in a single purpose, with a single voice. It was both exhilarating and an honour to be a part of that.

And, if we've learned anything from this experience, it's that concerned citizens who believe strongly enough in something should never give up - even if the odds seem overwhelmingly against them.

Also, I think this particular issue has shown the extent to which North American society as a whole has become much more aware of the value of a shrinking wilderness. And that short-term economic gain is not in the best interests of society - especially if such development would rob us all of a cherished national treasure.

However, as Lindsay Staples, chair of the Yukon Council on the Economy and Environment, warned before the parliamentary Aboriginal Affairs Committee in Ottawa this week, there's a very real possibility that the ANWR debate will merely be shoved in the "energy locker" to be trotted out again in some new bill.

This is a danger that all of us who fought to keep the refuge safe must remain wary of. This victory - while very significant - must be followed up with continued education of the Canadian and American public and their lawmakers.

And I know I will continue to urge our government to press the U.S. government to designate the Arctic refuge as a wilderness area and twin in with the North Yukon National Park to protect it from any future development plans.

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Local Skier Recognized for Achievements

by Kathy Jones-Gates

Dawson's Jane Vincent came out on top November 2 in Whitehorse. At the annual Sports Yukon Awards Banquet, Jane was voted Female Athlete of the Year, edging perennial favourite Lucy Steele of Whitehorse, also a top Canadian cross-country skier.

The ceremonies were attended by Geoff Gowan, president of the Canadian Coaching Association, and a CBC TV sports commentator. Dawson General Store manager Denny Kobayashi was M.C. of the event.

Jane's self-motivation has propelled her to the top of her sport, and she appreciates the added boost to her endeavours from the new award, as well as the wonderful support given her by Yukoners in general, and Dawson in particular. She credits her

parents, Patrick and Patience Vincent of Mississauga, Ontario with getting her interested in the sport and then driving her to various events. Four years ago, she came to the Yukon, fell in love with the country, married husband Francois Varigas, and picked up her skiing interest and competitiveness once more.

This winter, secure in the knowledge of her Yukon support, she will be competing in many races, the most important of which will be the selection races for the Canadian Olympic team, which will be held the first two weekends of December. If she reaches or surpasses the standards set by the Canadian Olympic Association, she will gain a berth on the Canadian squad. Early Yukon snow has helped this year, and the financial contributions from Ross Mining

Boy -- what an interesting community we have in Rock Creek and throughout the Klondike Valley in general! Some truly exceptional people doing exceptional things!

For instance, Mark and Bonnie Kearn invited the entire community to a skating party on a pond that is partially on their property. The pond had frozen smooth as glass, and before the first real dump of snow, it was an ideal skating rink. Many of the local children and parents had already discovered it's value and there was a handful of people enjoying the ice daily after school and in the early evenings (before the time changed, of course). Mark hauled a huge amount of wood to the side of the pond and started a great bonfire. Everyone brought weiners and hot chocolate, etc. and skated by natural light for as long as possible, then headlights from vehicles were directed at the ice so the party continued until almost 11:00 in the evening. It was a wonderful, family-type party -- thank you

NEWS FROM THE ROCK

Correspondent - Marjie Mann



Mark and Bonnie for making it possible!

And then there is Mitch Ryant. Mitch is the school bus driver and we parents depend on her to get our children to and from Dawson safely and in one piece. This is not an easy task at the best of times (hey -- I know what my kids are like!!) but it was a particularly difficult task when we had rainfall during the Thanksgiving weekend which turned the highway virtually into a skating rink. Great if you have skates -- not so good for vehicles with tires! Through a lot of personal sacrifice and time, Mitch was able to accomplish this task. Makeshift chains (why oh why are proper chains not provided to the bus driver?) helped with getting the children safely to their destination -- but as they did not fit the way they were supposed to, they kept falling off and a 1-hour bus route turned into a 3-hour ordeal. But then, Wayne Gavin became the "good Samaritan", spending several hours changing a set of borrowed

chains into chains that properly fit the bus. On behalf of all the moms and dads in the Klondike Valley, thank you Mitch and Wayne for all your efforts in getting our children to and from school during that particularly bad week!!

Most of us have settled into "winter mode:" out at Rock Creek. The Margesons are hosting both "Dart Night" for the gentlemen (?) on Monday evenings and "Craft Night" for the ladies on Tuesday evenings. The Klondike Valley Fire Fighters' Association have resumed their activities after a summer "pause". Some residents are planning for a winter holiday, others are already returning. Gerard Cruchon and Leslie Peirce are recently back from a wonderful month in France. Many people are making arrangements with each other for stoking stoves during prolonged absences. The river is pretty much frozen now with only one open channel -- it froze suddenly during an evening at which time the water level was raised about three feet and John Lenert got stuck on the wrong side for a day -- so we should be seeing more of Joan and George Kerr who were staying pretty much to home while freeze-up took place.

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Local Dentist Feels Federal Pressure

by Dan Davidson

Doctor Helmut Schoener is not a happy man these days. He feels he is coming under quite a bit of pressure from National Health and Welfare, the federal department which operates the Dawson City Nursing Station. The way things have been developing over the last year, he is convinced that the ultimate objective of Dr. D'Aeth, the A/Regional Director of the Yukon region, is to force him out of the offices which he has occupied for the last 11 years. Since building a clinic of his own in Dawson is as far beyond his resources as it would be for the two medical doctors who also share space at Father Judge Memorial Hospital, Schoener is concerned that his practice here may be brought to an end.

He is not sure why he has become such an unwelcome guest in the building. Schoener arrived here in 1979 from Germany, retaking dental board examinations so that he could practice in Canada. At that time the regional office of Nat. Health and Welfare set him up in a partially equipped dentist's office on the 6th Avenue side of the nursing station, and charged him a nominal \$70.00 a month rent for the office/waiting room/washroom area. Prior to that time, Dawson's dental needs were handled by visiting dentists who came here perhaps 5 or 6 times yearly.

Schoener, who handled dental visits to the Mayo area and Old Crow from Dawson for a number of years in the 1980's, says the travelling dentist option is quite expensive. Serving Dawson this way would cost at least \$12,000.00 at present rates for a minimum number of visits. He says that travelling dental visits to Watson Lake cost the department about \$30,000.00 last year.

On the other hand, Schoener's practice in Dawson isn't as busy as a medical practice, which can run one doctor ragged here. His work is quite seasonal. He finds that he has about 3 1/2 days work per week in the summer and about 2 days work in the winter. Winters used to be even less, but there are more people here now. What is essentially a part-time job for Schoener brings him an income of about \$30,000.00 yearly.

"I could make more money in the south, but I choose to live here to avoid the rat race," he says with a shrug.

Schoener hasn't paid rent on his office since 1987, when he was offered free space in lieu of the renovations he requested. The late Dr. George Walker, explaining that the medical doctor in the building didn't pay any rent, told Schoener that, while the department didn't have the money to do the sort of work on his offices that it was then doing on Dr. Parsons', he could drop the rent

in lieu of the upgrading.

"Unfortunately," says Schoener, "I never got this in writing."

At this point, in fact, it appears that his original contract with the feds was only for one year. It just took them a long time - until March 1991 - to get around to looking into it. At that time Schoener began to hear rumours that he would be asked to leave, or pressured to leave. In June he received notification that his contract needed renewing and that he would need a lease on the space he was using.

The proposal from Health and Welfare bothered Schoener on 4 main grounds. The rent was hiked to \$250.00, still well below the value of the space, but contrary to what he believed to be his status. He was offered only a 1 year lease, which could be terminated with 30 day's notice. The department could inspect his premises at any time without notice. Finally, he might have to accept relocation within the building.

He resented the rent, especially since it was not charged to the doctors, but he decided to pay it. He held out for a 3 year contract, with 60 day's notice and 24 hour notice of inspection. Relocation was not something he wanted to consider, but the carpenters had already been called in to prepare his new space.

At present, he does not see how he can be a bother to the nurses, since he has a separate entrance and never sees them on an ordinary day. He is self-contained. The new rooms will be different, though.

Schoener is being offered an interior room, smaller than his present space. There are no windows to the outdoors and he feels the ventilation is inadequate.

"Certain aspects of dentistry require natural light," he wrote to Dr. D'Aeth over the summer, "and proper ventilation is mandatory to avoid discomfort and health hazards."

So far this line of argument isn't getting him anywhere. Up until now he has kept his fight fairly private, consulting with council but not going to the public. He has now decided that it is time to let the community know that its regular dental service is in danger.

"There comes a point where I have to say 'forget it'," Schoener says. He says he has watched previous medical doctors get shoved around by the federal authorities, and he promised himself he would never go through that. At this point, he is looking for community support to be able to maintain his practice where it is, or at least be guaranteed comparable space and facilities within the building.

School Council News

submitted by
the School Council

Here's your chance to be a "partner in education"! Come out to the School Council meetings, held in the school on the first Thursday of every month. This is a great opportunity to stay in touch with what's going on concerning the education of our kids.

The principal, Carol McCauley, gives a monthly report of events and happenings in the school, and the Council discusses and decides on a variety of issues.

This year a native language program will begin at the Grade 1 level. A French exchange program is being organized between Dawson City and Quebec; about 20 students will be involved.

At the October 1st meeting, Vice-Principal, Shirley Pennell presented the discipline policy of the school. The staff has been working together to establish a code of conduct, and social skills instruction is being implemented, working with small groups of students (6-8) at a time.

Some parents have wondered about the rationale for splitting the primary grades, and an outline was presented, showing the various factors which led to the decision to divide Grades 1-3 into four split-grade classes. Council members would be happy to discuss the rationale with interested parents.

The staff submitted a proposal for the weighting of marks for the high school grades. The Council approved the plan, which will provide a consistent policy for distributing marks between classwork, tests and final exams.

The Council is working to provide extra janitorial staff to adequately serve the unique needs of the school's facilities, which are jointly used for community purposes. We are also pressing the Department of Education to construct more classrooms in preparation for the expanding student population. An ongoing topic of discussion is the Aids Awareness presentation given to the high school students, and possible alternate programs. We would like to see a Careers Program offered so that students have a broader knowledge of careers available to them, options beyond the typical northern summer jobs they are familiar with. We are looking for community involvement with this -- if you are willing to share your work and education experiences, please let us know.

The Council members are: Helen Winton, Linda Taylor, Fletcher Hunston, Bonnie Nordling, Bruce Campbell, Glenda Miller and Chairperson, Robbie Van Rumpit.

If you have any areas of concern regarding the school, please contact one of the members a few days before the meeting so that matters of interest will be included in the agenda. We welcome your input!



Students checking out the Students' Council Bulletin Board.

Photo by Dan Davidson

CONSERVATION NEWS

The Department of Renewable Resources has recently launched its T.I.P. (Turn in Poachers) program. A 24-hour toll free number is now in operation for members of the public wanting to report fish or wildlife related violations. Callers are identified by number and can remain anonymous. Cash rewards are available by a reward committee to those individuals who provide information instrumental in solving poaching crimes. The amount of reward payable will be assessed on a case by case basis. There is currently \$5,000.00 instant up money in the fund. To report a violation, the number to call is 1-800-661-0525.

On another note the Department would like to remind Dawson City residents that causing wildlife to become a nuisance by feeding it or otherwise is an offence under the Wildlife Act. Recently there have been

some concerns raised about local residents feeding foxes in town. Taming these animals by feeding them not only endangers their lives but also creates the hazard of someone being bitten, including children and others who have not yet learned to respect wild animals. Seeing foxes and other furbearers in town is not all that unusual nor is it cause for alarm. Please remember that it will be better for all concerned if these animals are not encouraged to become a nuisance.



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School News From the Sourdough

by Carol McCauley, Principal Robt Service School

Teachers' Conference '91

The teaching staff of Robert Service School returned to classes last Monday, October 8, following an exciting two and a half day conference in Whitehorse. 750 educators from the Yukon, Northern B.C. and Alaska gathered for this conference, the theme of which was Lifelong Learning. Resource people came from all over Western Canada, not only for the keynote addresses, but also to facilitate the many smaller workshops on various educational topics available for conference participants.

There was something for everyone as attested by the Robert Service teaching staff at a debriefing session last Wednesday. The local staff participated in a wide variety of workshops. Some of the highlights mentioned included: exposure to new teaching methods, meeting new people,

sharing ideas with colleagues from other communities in the Yukon or farther afield, and gaining a greater understanding of the larger picture of education in North America today. Many also noted that, coming from a rural setting, they enjoyed the feeling of being part of a large body which shares a common purpose and professional commitment.

Conference '91 was a valuable professional development experience for all who took part, and the benefits will be felt in the classrooms across the territory in the days to come.

Student Council Elected

The Student Council elections were held in September with the following students being elected:

Grade 7 - Frances Kormendy and Charles Drummond-Hay;
Grade 8 - Jacey Bowie and Lianne Bilodeau;
Grade 9 - Samantha Jenkins and

Eric Docken;
Grade 10 - Trevor Van Rump and Jeremy Roscoe;
Grades 11/12 - Cyndi O'Rourke and Donna Bullen.

The new council members then elected the executive as follows:

President - Cyndi O'Rourke
V.P. - Trevor Van Rump
Secretary - Donna Bullen
Treasurer - Jeremy Roscoe

We look forward to another active year of Student Council involvement in the school.

SEVEC Exchange for R.S.S.

SEVEC, the Society for Educational Visits and Exchanges in Canada, is a national non-profit organization which delivers educational exchanges for Canadian youth, giving students an opportunity to learn first hand about Canada's bilingual and multicultural nature. Robert Service School has been accepted to SEVEC exchange this school year with the

result that twenty students from Dawson will have an opportunity to travel to Quebec and, in return, to host students from that province in Dawson City later this year. Mr. Nadeau will be organizing the exchange.

New Staff Members

We welcome many new faces to the staff of Robert Service School and welcome back a familiar one. Angie Joseph-Rear has been hired as the Native Language teacher. During the early part of the fall term she was attending a training session in Whitehorse and commenced classes with Grade 1 students on October 21.

Deirdre McDowall, Meredith O'Connor, Wanda Schmidt and Chantal Frangetti have been hired to join Marjorie Logue as educational assistants. Mrs. McDowall replaces Debbie Algotsson, who moved to Sweden in October. The other positions are new ones.

Another person to join our staff is Danielle Boyer. Ms. Boyer has been hired as a French monitor and will reside in Dawson. Although her duties will take her to other schools in Area III in addition to Robert Service School, we look forward to the time she will spend as part of our staff.

Last, but not least, welcome back, Colette Pilon. Ms. Pilon joins us once again as math/science tutor at the high school level.

Mentoring Project

Five students have been selected to participate in the first stage of the pilot mentoring project under the direction of Pam Lawrie. These students will be meeting their mentors soon to begin a joint project which will be completed over the next ten weeks. Thank you to the community members who volunteered to mentor during this initial phase.



Photo by Sue Ward

Hallowe'en at the Bank

Who are these clowns handling our precious money?

Stay-in-School and Building Healthy Families Programs

by Pam Lawrie

Through the initiative of the Dawson Indian Band and the full co-operation and support of Robert Service School, two federal government grants, designed to benefit the whole community, are now in full swing. The three grant staff, Pam Lawrie, co-ordinator; Jim Johnston, school and family counsellor and Grant Hartwick, social skills workshop instructor, have met with many people in Dawson involved in various school, government, band and community programs, to discuss what kind of activities or programs the community would like to work towards for their children. Based on these meetings and conversations with our elders, parents and children, we have, with much help from the community, planned and completed many activities and have much more to come. Thank you to all those who have helped so far.

Already completed: an overnight trip to Moosehide during the summer; Grant and Jim's skits on attitude for Grades 1 to 4; mini-workshops on listening skills and personal space for Grades 1 to 3; Pam's trip for nine students Grades 7 to 12, to *Voices of Northern Youth Conference*, October 2 to 5 at Lake

Laberge; teen participation in the recent Bertha Blondin workshop on a "Cultural Wholistic Approach".

Ongoing activities include Grant's video-workshops for Kindergarten to Grade 12 on self-esteem, communication and negotiation skills, positive and negative self-talk, pride, drugs and alcohol awareness and teen-parent conflict; a weekly peer counselling support group for 12 students Grades 7 to 11; Jim's school and family counselling, which includes home visits if wanted, and a recently started support group for men on the topic of anger management. If you are interested in hearing more about this group, please phone Jim at 993-6036, or 993-6313. Jim is there for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students and their parents, to counsel on all issues, including sexual, physical and verbal abuse.

Pam's Mentoring Program is in full swing, with five volunteer students from Grades 4 to 7 working on a variety of craft and building projects with adults volunteers from the community. Twenty-seven students from the school were interested in participating in this pilot project, so hopefully, with help from the community, we can have even

more community skill-sharing in the new year! Let me know if you might be interested in being a mentor in our second phase, most likely starting January, 1992.

And last but not least, activities on the drawing board: we are in the early planning stages of a Yukon Youth Conference, to be organized and hosted here in Dawson by a Dawson Youth Council, taking place in February or March, 1992. The first meeting will be November 13 at 3:30 in the Dawson Indian Band Office. If you are interested in being on this Council, but can't make the meeting, call me, Pam Lawrie, at 993-5385. This will be a three- to four-day conference on social and environmental issues, with workshops on topics such as communication, self-esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, saving the Porcupine Caribou Herd and wholistic cultural approaches to living. If anyone in the community would like input on this, please come to the meeting to phone me at the Band Hall.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone again for their help so far, and remember that not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

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Premier Penikett's Public Performance

by Brent Morrison

Yukon Premier Tony Penikett held a public meeting in Dawson City on Thursday, October 17 at the Dawson museum. Residents were given about a week's notice of this event which was scheduled from 7:30 until 9:00 in the museum's A.V. room. The Premier decided to keep the meeting cozy and confined it to the coffee shop. Also attending the meeting were Maurice Byblow and two aides. Noticeably absent was the Klondike's MLA, Art Webster, who left town earlier in the day. As usual, there were several other events going on the same night, including the City Council meeting and the B.C. election which was being televised. Still, eighteen concerned citizens showed up to listen to the Premier, then let him listen to them.

Penikett began the evening by announcing that he was here in his role of Minister of Finance to discuss the upcoming Budget which would be presented to the Legislature in November before its April '92 inception. Penikett had a vast array of colourful charts showing how the territory's capital had been split up in previous years, and later handed out an eight page document containing photocopies of all the charts. He pointed out that he could not give details of the upcoming budget because it must remain secret until its unveiling. The majority of the audience did not appear to be too excited by the information.

Most of his speech was spent slapping his government on the back for keeping balanced budgets for five of the last six years, and the lessening of dependency on the Federal Transfers. He also went on to note that the Yukon Government is working with a budget surplus and spends more money per capita on roads, education, and reinvesting in the territory than any other government in Canada. All of which has been accomplished despite a narrow economy that he describes as being "like a three legged stool" because its three chief employers are: mining, tourism, and the Territorial government. All of this self-indulgence on the success of his government's monetary skills (which is certainly better than having a government throw our money away) caused one local to remark that for the leader of a Socialist party, they certainly seemed to be doing some capitalistic maneuvers.

Penikett also remarked on the rising cost of health care all of the country is dealing with, which caused several people to state that if Dawson had a real hospital instead of a nursing station the government wouldn't have to fork over money every time someone needed more than three days care, or a woman giving birth to her first child, which means a trip to Whitehorse that the Government subsidizes. This combined with the fact that Whitehorse may be getting a new

hospital in the very near future didn't sit well with the locals.

Once he was finished his speech the Premier took questions from the crowd, his aides making notes on the topics raised. Penikett is obviously a professional politician and knows how to work a room. He gave long roundabout answers that may (or may not) have answered the original question. He also played "the good ole boy" calling nearly everyone by their first name (although he twice referred to Jim Williams as Al) and related stories of his and his family's history in Dawson.

When the premier was really grilled for answers, such as why the Yukon College seems to offer

only trade courses for men, or the lack of local people being accepted into the teachers training program (over two thirds of those selected were from Whitehorse) he stated that he disagreed with those views but would get their names and addresses to send them further information on that particular topic. If that didn't satisfy the person asking the question he would attempt to argue them down.

The Premier also encouraged local shopping as a way of bringing prices closer to those offered in other areas of the country. This caused a fantastic ruckus between those who shopped elsewhere to save money and those

who believed higher prices are a fact of life if you live up here and the local merchants should be supported. There was also talk of encouraging local industries which Tony once again congratulated himself on doing. By ten o'clock, the meeting nowhere near ending, the audience had thinned down to about a dozen diehards, asking tougher questions and not allowing themselves to be brushed off or eluded.

One resident wanted to know why the government would spend eight million dollars for an art centre in Whitehorse, but do nothing about the sewage problems facing most of the communities in the territory. This was likened to giving children their candy before they had eaten their vegetables. When the same resident made a suggestion concern-

ing Dawson's outlying areas (which the city council is thinking of annexing) and higher taxes he was nearly lynched by the residents of those areas in attendance.

By eleven the Premier's voice was becoming strained and the people remaining had had enough. The Premier thanked everyone for attending, and noted that while these events seem to happen on nights when a lot of the local people are involved in other activities, no night is perfect. The aides made sure they got addresses from anyone interested in specific topics, and the meeting was over. If nothing else the Premier's visit proved that meeting with the Territorial Government can be as long winded and as unpredictable as our own City Council meetings.



THE CLEARING HOUSE

by Fran Hakonson and Evelyn DuBois

Here's a neat trick for the students amongst us, or for anyone else who ever adds a column of figures without a calculator.

After adding a column it is important to check your answer. Often, if an error is made the first time, it will be made again the second time it is added. You could add the column in the opposite direction - or here is another method called "casting out 9's."

You add the digits of each figure, omitting 9's, until you have a column of single digits parallel to the original column. Add these until you have a one digit answer.

Now add the digits in the answer, again omitting the 9's, until you have a single digit answer. If the two digits are the same, your original answer was correct. See example.

4397	add	14	add	5
685	cast out 9's	19	cast out 9's	1
392	cast out 9's	5	cast out 9's	5
88	cast out 9's	16	cast out 9's	7
5562	add	18	add	9
18	add	9	cast out 9's	0
9	cast out 9's	0		

Since 0=0, the original addition is correct.

Multiplication can be checked by reversing multiplier and multiplicand and multiplying again, which will give the same answer if done correctly, but multiplication can be checked with the "casting out 9's" method too.

There is just one difference - the 2 single digits arrived at from the multiplier and multiplicand are multiplied instead of added. See examples.

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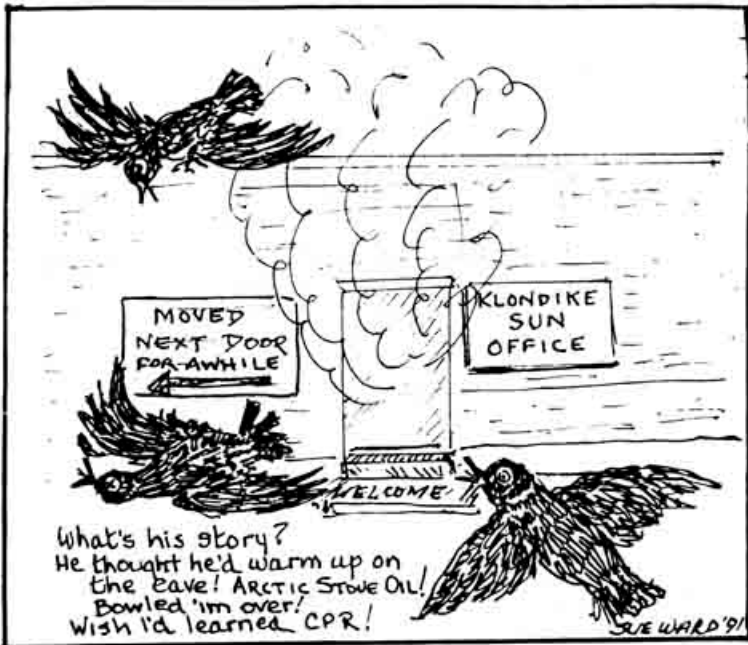
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Dawson Promoted at North American - Wide Tour Operator Marketplace

Klondike Visitors Association General Manager Bob McConkey recently represented the Yukon at the annual tour and travel marketplace, sponsored by the National Tour Association in Cleveland, Ohio.

McConkey, along with John Pert of Tourism Yukon were the only representatives from the territory at the week-long event. This marketplace is the largest of its kind in North America and draws some 400 tour operators and 2,600 tour suppliers.

Between the two Yukon representatives, over 70 one-on-one sales presentations were given to tour operators. Says McConkey, "Our objective in these sales appointments was to introduce the Yukon as a potential tour destination for those operators not currently coming here and to get those who are coming to expand their number of packages."

"We were pleasantly surprised by how enthusiastically we were received," he said.

Every state in the United States except for Hawaii, and every province and territory in Canada, except for the Northwest Territories, were represented at the marketplace. "Competition is fierce for this business," said McConkey, "but

we have a number of pluses on our side; first, we have a great product to sell. Secondly, our proximity to Alaska means that we are able to take advantage of business which has that state as its ultimate destination. Finally, the Yukon is seen as one of the world's last unspoiled frontiers, and this factor combined with a growing environmentally conscious society is generating considerable interest in our beautiful part of the world."

Tourism Yukon is hoping that the KVA will join the National Tour Association and be a regular part of the Yukon sales team attending the annual tour and travel exchange.

The Klondike Visitors Association is the lead tourism promotional agency for Dawson City and focusses its marketing efforts on consumers living in Whitehorse and Alaska, R.V. travellers and cruise and motor coach tour companies throughout Canada and the United States.

Local Placer Miner Fined for Water

Submitted by Allan Rothwell, Mining Inspector, Northern Affairs Program, DIAND

On 7 November, 1991 Arthur Fry and King Solomon Mines Ltd. were convicted, in Territorial Court, in Dawson City, for discharging a waste under the Northern Inland Waters Act. Deputy Territorial Court Judge D.B. Overend imposed fines totalling \$1600 for the offence which occurred on 20 September 1990.

On that date Mr. Fry was running a placer gold mining operation on Bonanza Creek near American Gulch. Waste water from the sluicing operation was proved to contain sediment in a concentration of 44.0 ml/l of settleable solids at the point where it entered Bonanza Creek.

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Historic Building Gets New Life



by Brent Morrison

The Strachan's building on Second Avenue, originally built in 1902, is being spared the fate of many of Dawson's oldest buildings and is being renovated instead of demolished. The two-story building has survived both fires and floods but has remained unoccupied since Muriel Strachan closed up shop in 1968 after her husband's death. In 1989 local contractor James Williams bought the building and began renovations shortly thereafter.

The building occupies the site originally owned by Frank Phiscator and was constructed in 1903 after a fire had destroyed the two restaurants that originally stood there. The building is 34' x 60' and twenty-five feet tall. The building's facade is thirty-five feet high, making it one of the tallest structures in town. In the winter of 1989, Williams Construction began interior renovations to secure the building. In the spring of '90, the building stabilized, it

was rolled onto Second Avenue while the foundation was redone, then rolled back into place and put up for sale.

In the summer of '91, with no buyers, Williams began the second phase of renovations which will continue into the new year. The building will become the new home of Arctic Cotton (owned by William's wife Merlin Grade) in the '92 season. It won't be the first time a clothing store has operated out of that building however. In 1904 Martin Pinska and Charles Sargent ran a men's clothing store and occupied the building until 1914.

In 1906 Andrew Rystogi had bought the building and by 1910 his son Adam was running a bakery in the building as well. In 1918 after a four-year absence, Pinska returned to the building and re-opened his clothing shop. The next year he moved his business to Fairbanks, Alaska.

In 1921 Andrew Rystogi opened his own store in the building and rented space to Paul Knudson who operated a cigar

store. In 1928 Rystogi sold the store to Mathew Henry Jones of Winnipeg and John R. Grey of California who set up a hardware/warehouse in the building.

On July 16th, 1937, Duncan Strachan arrived in Dawson City with his wife Muriel and began working in the store. In 1943, he bought the store and in 1955 converted it into a grocery store after hauling up a truck full of supplies from Dawson Creek. Muriel Strachan, who now resides in Whitehorse, recalls those days fondly. Her three children were born in Dawson, and, in those days, deals were made on the shake of a hand and a man's word was trusted. This type of business caused her a lot of problems when she tried to claim ownership of the property after her husband died. In 1977 she sold the building to Lazy Lagoon Enterprises.

Now after two decades of sitting idle, business will once again be going on in one of Dawson's oldest buildings. Instead of this building's history being ended with a wrecking ball, it continues on.

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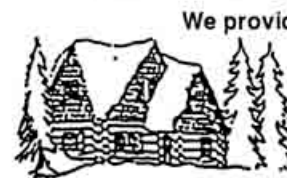
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Klondike Valley Fire Fighters Association News

by Marjie Mann

The KVFFA held their Annual General Meeting on October 22nd. One of the highlights of the evening (besides the great food prepared by Melody, Linda and Bev) was the attendance of "Raunchy" Rick Saunders of the Kapital Kickers. Rick was delighted, on behalf of the Kapital Kickers, to present a cheque for \$750.00 to the Association to go towards the purchase of communications equipment. The Kapital Kickers raise money in a variety of ways in order to assist other groups in their endeavours and the hard work of the Kickers has certainly been of benefit to the Klondike Valley Fire Fighters' Association and all the residents in the area that is served by the KVFFA. Thank you to all the Kapital Kickers!!

A new Board of Directors was elected: from Bear Creek - Bill and Audrey Harris (holding one seat between them) and Nikki Walsh; from Rock Creek - Chuck Margeson (Vice-President), Melody Caywood (Treasurer), Bev Mitchell (Secretary) and John Lenart;



The newly elected board of directors and Fire Chief for the Klondike Valley Fire Fighters Association. L to R: photo by Marjie Mann Gordon Burns, Jim Fisher, Bev Mitchell, Nikki Walsh, Audrey Harris, Bill Harris, John Lenart, Melody Caywood Chuck Margeson, Howard Mann.

from Henderson Corners - Jim Fisher (President) and Gordon Burns. Welcome to the new members of the Board -- this next year promises to be exciting and challenging! Also elected at the AGM was Howard Mann as Fire Chief. Howard has been the interim Fire Chief since Mark Bowers

had to resign when he moved to Faro during the summer.

Some exciting news for the KVFFA is the probability that the next AGM will be held in our new Fire Hall. The land has been set aside -- geophysical work is complete, topographical survey work is in progress, and tenders for the design are out.

The design work will be completed prior to the end of March 31, 1992, and work should commence shortly after. We have come a long, long way from a small group of concerned citizens less than 2 years ago to an active, responsive group of volunteers.

The 2nd Annual KVFFA Christmas Raffle is currently in progress. Prizes include a complete tea set by Jenny Docken, a quilted photo album by Marg Van Dusen (album donated by Fred Berger), and cross-stitched Christmas stocking by Melody Caywood. Raffle tickets (\$1) are available from most KVFFA members and will be on sale at the KVFFA table at the Christmas Bazaar.

New fire fighters are always welcome. Practices are at the Fire Hall in Rock Creek at 7:30 every second Tuesday. Dates: November 26, December 10, January 7, January 21. There will also be a weekend training session sponsored by the Safety Branch of YTG sometime in the next six weeks. Please call Howard Mann at 993-5064 for more information.

Memberships for the 1991/92 season are now available. If you haven't had a chance to pick one up yet, please fill in the following and send it to us with your cheque or money-order. A membership will enable you to keep

up-to-date on everything that is going on and also gives you a chance to make suggestions or help in other ways.



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"Raunchy" Rick Saunders of the Kapital Kickers presents Melody Caywood, Treasurer of the Klondike Valley Firefighters Association, with a donation of \$750.00 from the back of the KVFFA fire truck. Front, left to right: Howard Mann, "Raunchy" Rick Saunders, Melody Caywood, Ray Dagostin. Back, left to right: Bill Harris, John Evans.

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NOTES FROM THE MUNICIPAL ARCHIVES

by Kathy Jones-Gates

With the Municipal election occurring on November 14th, many newcomers to the community may be interested to know who has been elected to the Mayor's position since Dawson was incorporated in 1902. The following is a complete listing:

HENRY C. MACAULEY, Feb. 5th, 1902
ROBERT McLENNAN, 1903
J.F. McDONALD, 1904
HOWARD FIRTH, July 6th, 1950 to resignation in 1953.
JOHN R. COLBOURNE, Jan., 1954
MICHAEL J. KOMADINA, 1956 to Sept. 1960
J.H. McCAUSLAND, Dec. 5th, 1960
V. C. "Jimmy" MELLOR, Dec. 15th, 1966

FABIEN SALOIS, Dec. 17th, 1969
MICHAEL J. KOMADINA, Dec. 16th, 1971 (resigned for ill health, May 1973)
ALBERT FUHRE, June 18th, 1973
COLIN MAYES, Dec. 12th, 1974
YOLANDA BURKHARD, Dec. 11th, 1975
VIOLA CAMPBELL, Dec. 14th, 1977
PETER JENKINS, April 3rd, 1980 to present.

Municipal Government:

In 1901, a petition with 54 pages of signatures called for incorporation. It spoke of a community numbering 20,000, and was the supply centre for the entire district, according to the last

Census figures.

On January 9th 1902, residents voted on a plebiscite question: "Shall Dawson be incorporated and be governed by a mayor and council?" Not all residents voted however. According to the laws of the time, only Canadian or British subjects over 21 years of age could vote...and ONLY MEN. Six hundred eighty-seven votes were cast - less than 31/2 % of the city's reported population of 20,000. The final tally was 383 for the question and 304 against. A proclamation on Jan. 28th declared Dawson a city as of voting day January 9th, and announced a municipal election for February 6th.

In 1904, the tables were turned when a plebiscite to eliminate the municipal government re-

sulted in the mayor and council being voted out of office. Until 1950, the Commissioner of the Yukon administered the city affairs.

On July 6th, 1950, Howard Firth, a local insurance person became Dawson's new mayor following passage of the Municipal ordinance that reinstated the office of Mayor and Council to Dawson, as well as allowing Whitehorse to establish the office.

Over the years, the make-up of council has changed. From 1902 through 1904, 6 male aldermen sat on council. From 1950 through 1972, 3 people made up the council, plus the mayor. During the 1960's the records show that two of the three aldermen were elected to a 2 year

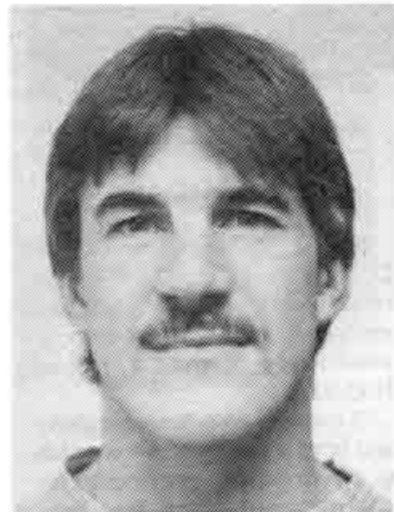
term, and the third successful candidate to a one year term. On June 29th, 1972, Colin Mayes was the successful candidate when Dawson was granted the 4th aldermanic seat.

Elections were originally held annually; then they were held every two years, until the mid-eighties elections were called every three years.

When Colin Mayes became the successful candidate for Mayor in 1974, he became, at aged 27, Canada's youngest Mayor.

If you wondered whether this year's slate of candidates is a record, No it isn't. But, it does equal the largest slate ever from the very first civic election of 1902, when again 14 candidates for alderman and 2 for Mayor were nominated.

Candidates for City Council



Kevin Anderson

Kevin Anderson owns Casper painting and has been in Dawson for a bit more than seven years. He was a coach in Minor Hockey for five years; spent one year on the Dawson Recreation Board, is involved with Run Dawson and the Arctic Winter Games. He has no previous experience in politics.

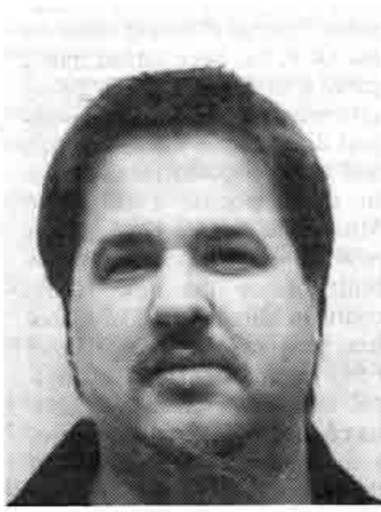
His main concerns regarding city politics: better recreation facilities; to make Dawson more desirable for everybody - including tourists and miners!; airport location and better medical services.

Kevin feels his main contribution will be a common sense approach with an open mind and an objective outlook. By the end of his term of office he would like to see: "Hopefully a recreation facility with an indoor pool; an attractive, enlarged building known as Bonanza Centre; a medivac medical unit that's ready immediately when someone is hurt."

My name is Glen Everitt. I have been on city council as an elected official for the past year. I am married to Deb Moi. We have five children of our own and are the guardians of one child.

Past community involvement over the past five years is as follows: I am a coach of minor softball, vice president of the Dawson softball association, fund raiser for the Trinke Zho Child Care association, vice president of the Native Hockey Association, President of the Direct Action Team, Resigned President of the Community Action Team, President of the Dawson Recycling Association, involved in the organizing of Dawson Scouts as well as their Scout Leader. I have also taken part as a volunteer in a lot of other community events.

A few of the concerns I have with current city politics are: in the past when an issue is brought to the attention of the city council I have trusted that the facts are there. I have since learned that even the smallest issue requires a bit of research and that a decision should not be made until this is done. Many meetings are attended by the mayor and whoever he wishes on council to inform. The council is later apprised of the meeting. This brings a concern to mind that if we are elected officials of this community that all council should attend these meetings or at least be apprised of them ahead of time. When we are informed of what transpired at the meetings we are getting a one-sided point of view. The roll of the Mayor needs to be clarified. Although credit needs to be given the current mayor for his ability to research an issue, a line must be drawn between city management and the Mayor's role as a figure head. Council



Glen Everitt

needs the opportunity to access the information as easily as the Mayor and at the city's expense, i.e. telephone. The agenda for a city council meeting needs to be posted where the public can view it ahead of a meeting night so they can decide whether the meeting would be to their interest. All council meetings need to be taped; minutes do not completely reflect what transpired. City policies must be printed and made available to the public upon their request.

To give a vision of Dawson in 1995 would be premature, however the community must be approached for direction; a lot of major issues need to be dealt with now to prepare us for the future. If council cannot find a solution, the answer lies in the electors of this community. The city is faced with an up-hill battle; expansion is inevitable. Public consultation and feasibility needs to be taken into consideration to decide the exact extent of it. Population growth alone creates a lot of needs that we

must be prepared to give; recreation, secondary sewage treatment are only a few. The business sector must be supported and encouraged. They will play a major role in Dawson's future. With all this rolled up together Dawson will prosper and continue to do so for year's to come.

Over the past year on city council I have been involved in a lot of major issues. I have tried to represent the electors as best I can. A strong point of mine is my commitment to policy. Many of my decisions have been made keeping this in mind. I believe consistency and fairness go together and the two must balance to be right. I have in the past changed my opinion. This is the result of all facts not being present at the time. I am a good listener and can easily be approached by anyone to discuss any issue.

It is important for everyone to vote. Vote for who you want and feel will represent your concerns. If you only can support one person, vote only for one person, your ballot is not spoiled if it is not full.

Lambert O.H. Curzon, who has been postmaster since 1980, has lived in Dawson for 18 years and in the Yukon for 19. He turned fifty this October.

His previous community involvement: Vice Chair & Chairman, tax assessment review board; Marketing & Promotion for K.V.A.; Planning board 6 yrs.(3 as Chairman); City Council. 3 years (1 yr. as Deputy Mayor).

In the past he has been a Sales Manager of Security Systems for three provinces, General Manager of 26 Restaurants and Special Assistant to the President of a food management consulting firm.



Lambert Curzon

His main concerns regarding city politics are: "working with the people, for the people, addressing their concerns & maintaining a good working relationship with individuals & all levels of government."

His main contribution will be: "Continue to make myself available to all individuals and express their concerns at council meetings."

Looking ahead to the end of his next term, Lambert would like to see: "New swimming pool, more dome subdivisions, boundary expansion in place, new airport that will accommodate night flights for medi-vacs."

Lambert feels his first term as councillor saw him participate in the following major items: "Extension of sewer & water to Block O, replacement of collapsed sewerlines, Dome subdivisions, North End Park and the official community plan."

He sees room for improvement, though, and would like to see: "more positive community involvement in city business decision making."



Allanah Fuhre

Allanah Fuhre is presently the Proprietor of Paradise Alley Emporium and Atelier (summer), and an Independent Consultant, Artist & Accountant. She has lived in Dawson since January 1988, and is married to well known local artist, Albert Fuhre (who was Mayor in 1972).

Allanah is the former Treasurer, Dawson City Chamber of Commerce; former member of Discovery Days Committee; former member of Outhouse Races Committee, former secretary to Planning Board, & Recreation Board; former member of Facade & Foundation Committee; currently Accountant for the Dawson Museum & Historical Society.

She has varied administrative experience, having worked for the B.C. government for 7 years; City Manager of Dawson for 2 years; and also worked for YTG as Director of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, Community & Transportation Services. "This is my first entry into the political arena."

"We must stop the unproductive conflicts that have characterized City Council's relations in the past. It is time to work WITH YTG, WITH local businesses, and WITH the local residents. In other words we need cooperation not confrontation. Other issues include the water & sewer system, boundary expansion, recreation, garbage dumps, etc., etc. These issues, however, are issues that do not require opinions from candidates. Rather, candidates are needed that will work hard to address these areas for the benefit of all Dawsonites."

"Another concern that I have is the failure of many council members to attend meetings other than regular council sessions. These include Association of Yukon Communities meetings, and various other meetings that occur both in town and elsewhere, that are important to Dawson. If I am elected, I will take the time to attend all possible meetings so that Dawson City will be adequately represented."

"Dawson City needs a strong financial person on council. As an accountant, I understand the complete financial structure of

the town. Therefore I will be able to ensure that the tax rate is low as possible and that taxpayers dollars are well spent and properly accounted for.

"In addition, I understand the many complex issues that face our community from Dawson's perspective. I also understand the viewpoint of YTG and know, and have worked with their personnel. Consequently I will be able to get the best possible deals for Dawson, and do so in a cooperative, non-confrontational way."

"I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the other candidates luck. It is great to see so many people willing to take the time to represent their community on Council."



Tim Gerberding

Tim Gerberding is currently employed as Land Claims Coordinator for the Dawson Indian Band and is also a fisherman. He has lived in Dawson for 19 years and has two sons attending Robert Service School: Spruce in 4th grade, and Louis in 2nd grade.

"I have coached kids softball teams, written for the **Klondike Sun**, been a substitute teacher at Robert Service School, and served as Secretary/Treasurer for the Yukon River Commercial Fishing Association."

"I was the representative for Yukon River commercial fishermen at the Pacific Salmon negotiations, and have followed that up as commercial rep at the Yukon River Salmon negotiations. In addition, I have been a member of the Dawson City Council for the past 8 months."

Tim is in the race "to provide citizens increased access and input into Council and the decision making process. The City administration has become too set in its ways. Things are always done the same way by the same people. There is little, if any, creative thinking, or new approaches to civic issues. The city invariably hires the same consultants to assess projects, and the same companies to perform work. Consequently, there is limited competitive bidding. Dawson is not getting the best value for dollars spent. Due to an ineffectual council, the mayor has been able to concentrate too much power in his own hands, and direct the affairs of this community almost singlehandedly,

without proper checks and balances. Through long association, a 'good old boy' network has evolved, inevitably reaping the spoils of City contracts. What we have is porkbarrel politics. My concern is to establish a level playing field for all citizens/ companies/ organizations, wherein projects and issues are assessed on their own merits, without regard for personalities or previous associations."

"I can assist council in formulating policies that benefit the entire community. I believe that I can disassociate issues from people involved in them, and thereby make fair, nonbiased decisions."

Asked to imagine Dawson a year after the end of his term Tim sees Dawson as: "a thriving community of 2500+ inhabitants, whose boundaries stretch up the Klondike Valley to Flat Creek. The original 'inner' city is filled to capacity with buildings built to historic standards. The new 'expanded' Dawson is filling up too, though standards are more relaxed there, similar to the present. A new sewage treatment plant is being built in the old YTG maintenance yard, which has been removed to the Callison area. The area north of Judge Street, presently designated 'Special Planning Area' on the OCP, has been turned into a park, with nature trails winding up towards the slide, a kids softball diamond on the lower flat, and a large roofed theatre/stage to accommodate events like Music and Drama Festivals. A new swimming pool has been built beside the new tennis courts in Minto Park. The school has been expanded. A second Ferry operates beside the original. Lousetown has been rehabilitated, and represents the part of a major development south of the Klondike by the Dawson Indian Band."

Tim assesses his role as a councillor as follows: "What little balance has existed in the present Council during the past 8 months has been due to the presence of Glen Everitt and myself. We have constituted the 'opposition' to Peter Jenkins, for whose policies Lambert Curzon and Janet Lyon were little more than a rubberstamp."

Tim hopes to see some changes made: "All City expenditures for acquisitions/ projects that total over 5000 dollars should be cleared by Council. A bylaw to this effect is presently in the books, but is regularly flouted by a loophole whereby projects can be divided into small parts which are billed for separately. 'In camera' sessions of Council should only be scheduled in times of actual emergency, and not as a convenient method of debating contentious issues away from the eyes of the public. Meetings with important government people and departments should be attended by all members of Council, not just the Mayor. Public meetings should be held to discuss important issues, and in cases where opinion is divided, plebiscites should be held."



Hugh Gouthro

Hugh Gouthro is Parts Manager with Northern Kat Ltd. and has lived in Dawson for 1-1/2 years. He is married and has two children.

Gouthro is currently involved in starting a 'Ringette' program in Dawson City for girls aged 7 - 11 years old. He spent two years as Chairman of the Board for La Maternelle School of Spruce Grove, Alberta.

His main concern regarding city politics is "the amount of time wasted by Council bickering over petty issues while faced with a large, important agenda," and "the lack of sympathy and objectivity shown to individual citizens in delegations to council."

The main contributions Gouthro would like to make "are (an) open mind. The ability to objectively view issues and make decisions based on fact. The ability to make my voice heard and not be sidetracked away from the questions at hand during debate"

His vision of Dawson for 1995 is "a thriving, safe community with a vibrant, diversified economy, and first class services offered to our citizens."



Marcia Jordan

Marcia Jordan is currently a homemaker who is seasonally employed with Canadian Parks Service as a tour guide. She has been 14 years in the Dawson area (6 years on the Forty Mile River and 8 years in Dawson City). She has 2 children, ages 6 and 8.

Her previous community involvement includes: "volunteer work with various community organizations. These included: the drama club, daycare, ski asso-

ciation, softball association, music festival, womens' shelter, environmental group, school functions, spring carnival, the Yukon Quest, Percy DeWolfe race."

She has not run for office before.

Regarding city politics: "I would like to see the City more involved in environmental issues and indoor and outdoor recreation programs. I am willing to give of my time and be a dedicated council member. I will be available to the public to discuss any municipal concerns."

In the future she would like to see the city: "Have a recycling program in place. Have water and sewer renovations completed to meet health standards. Have improved recreation programs and facilities for all ages."



Karen McCann

Karen McCann has lived in Dawson for 11 years and is currently employed as a part-time janitorial work/ permanent seasonal employee with the Dept. of Highways.

"I own my own home/property and have a family here - we plan to stay here. My previous community involvement has been with Dawson City Daycare - 2 years; Dawson City Music Festival - Board member 4 years (treasurer for 3 years and president for 1); Local Softball Association - Member; Dawson City Recreation Board since May 1991."

Karen was a past Supervisor at the Dawson City Daycare (1982-1983) plus 1 year board as a member-treasurer. She has been attending City Council meetings on and off for 2 years and community plan meetings.

"I think the public image of the council needs to be improved; both at the Municipal as well as the Territorial level. I think the local public should be allowed more access to information at council meetings as well as being allowed in the decision making process if they wish. Better liaisoning with local Band Council as well as Territorial Government. No partisan politics. Respect for the City Administration ie: Recreation, Public Works and more recognition for the good work they do."

"I would try to ensure that the above concerns are accomplished. I would like to continue to make Dawson a place where people and families want to stay. I think that I am a flexible enough per-