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## City Council seeks inquiry into Mayor's actions

by Brent Morrison

By a vote of four to one Dawson City Councillors passed a resolution on October 21 asking for a public inquiry. "Into the events surrounding the installation of the new sewer system on Front Street between Duke and York". Mayor Peter Jenkins voted against the resolution.

The requested inquiry centres around the installation of new sewer lines to Dawson First Nation commercial properties in that block.

New manholes and sewer lines were installed along Front Street during the first week of October. The work, including resurfacing and grading of the street was completed on October 8.

According to Councillor Tim Gerberding work resumed in the area on October 10 under an ultimatum from the Mayor.

The First Nation buildings were disconnected from the new lines and reconnected to the old ones, a process which apparently included severe leaking and compromised the system.

On October 19, Councillor Glen Everitt went to the City's manager Carol Murray and requested an addition to the October 21 Council Meeting. The item "Water and Sewer replacement project, reference to be given to Block D" was added to the agenda.

Also on October 21, allegedly under the direction of the Mayor again, work began to reconnect the buildings back to the new lines.

According to conversations Gerberding had with an on-site Shiltec's employee, the lines had leaked continuously since being reconnected to the old system. This was considered not only an environmental hazard (raw sewage apparently being one of the things leaking) but a hazard to the system. The leakage had the "potential" of washing out the footings which the sewer lines rested on.

Council's main concerns are the authority used in directing the actions, and the costs involved.

Councillors were not consulted about the actions taking place and feel the mayor, "Exceeded his authority on numerous occasions". The costs involved and the threat to the

sewer lines are also a concern.

The resolution passed by council read, "Council requests a full public inquiry into the events surrounding the installation of the new sewer system on Front St. between Duke and York, and the connecting, disconnecting, and subsequent reconnection of the Dawson First Nation commercial properties to the new system. Council requests YTG Municipal Services Department to coordinate the inquiry, and to obtain, among other things, full reports from Norm Carlson, Dawson Superintendent of Public works, Ken Brierly, Shiltec project engineer, and Mike Church, project contractor.

Council requests that all decisions regarding the employment and/or further involvement in the project of all individuals involved in the inquiry be referred to Council for determination."

The City is owed more than \$300,000 for Grant in Lieu, Frontage, Water and Sewer charges for the properties.

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and Dawson First Nation each claim the other should pay the bill, which has resulted in the bill not being paid for 10 years.

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## Mayor's supporters accuse Gerberding and Everitt of conflict of interest

by Brent Morrison

Mayor Peter Jenkins seems to have gained support in the water and sewer dispute with Dawson First Nation and his own Council after meeting with the Chamber of Commerce.

Jenkins was a guest speaker at the Chamber's November 3 meeting where he made a presentation to, "Clear up the disinformation and rumour," surrounding the issue.

The November 4 Council meeting saw Councillors Tim Gerberding and Glen Everitt repeatedly accused of Conflict of Interest in the matter, and the City's position supported.

Gerberding was absent from the meeting and Everitt, who was "under the weather" but was convinced to stay, fought off the allegations.

The Chamber's Past-President Denny Kobayashi told Council he supported cutting services to those who had not paid their bill, "Anyone else would have had it done," he pointed out.

He went on to say that he believed both Gerberding and Everitt were, "In a substantial conflict of interest."

Gerberding is employed by Dawson First Nation as a Land Claims negotiator and Everitt's Brighter Futures office is in the Chief Isaac building, one of the properties involved in the dispute.

Kobayashi also indicated he thought the two Councillors, "Should restrain from discussion," on the matter, pointing out he wanted to "go on the record" with his views.

While Kobayashi indicated that it is, "Incumbent that the City do whatever is necessary to recover the costs," he was quick to add that, "Driving a wedge between the City and Dawson First Nation would be disastrous."

Everitt argued that he was more concerned with the way the events were handled than the events themselves. "This was done without consultation," he stated, "I should have been apprised of what was going on."

Everitt indicated that three years ago Dawson First Nation Chief Steve Taylor approached the City to develop a Municipal Services Agreement but those negotiations were never followed up.

Jenkins stated that such an agreement required more than just water and sewer, it also involved garbage pick-up, fire protection and other matters.

Kobayashi told Everitt that, "If you spent as much time fighting for council as you spend fighting against it, it would be better."

Everitt replied, "The work started, then we found out about it later.

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photo by: Vera Mitropoulos

Dawsonites went head over tails for Hallowe'en

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## RCMP Notes Overdue hunters on Dempster Highway

### RCMP Press Release

On Tuesday afternoon the R.C.M.P. at Dawson City were alerted by Tammy Lewis' employer that she had not reported for work that morning.

A friend of both Lewis and Neil Childerhose reported at the same time that he had found their vehicle at km 254 on the Dempster Highway. He had checked the vehicle on Sunday evening and Monday morning, and found their food and sleeping bags in their tent with no sign of them being around.

They were out hunting in the area and were supposed to be back by Monday.

Both were inexperienced hunters and outdoors persons. Members on patrol at Eagle Plains confirmed that

they had not been sighted at any of the highway camps or lodge after Saturday. As a result of the above information, on Wednesday morning an air search was initiated.

At 1:30 Wednesday afternoon, November 3, 1993, Tammy Lewis, 22, and Neil Childerhose, 21, of Dawson City were located. They had become disoriented and lost during their hunt on Sunday.

They were forced to camp out with a minimum of gear. Temperatures ranged as low as minus 25 degrees C in the area. They were found in good spirits but dehydrated and hungry. They were airlifted back to Dawson City.

Police are urging all outdoors persons to be very cautious during outings and be prepared.

## Conservation officers involved in accident

### RCMP News Release submitted

Two YTG Conservation Officers were involved in a serious motor vehicle accident at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 1993. Brian Lacey, from Mayo District and Juanita Sydney from Teslin were travelling southbound on the Dempster Highway near Chapman Lake, approximately 50 kilometres south of the Ogilvie Road Maintenance Camp.

The road was covered with snow and ice and Lacey lost control of the vehicle on a curve; the truck entered the ditch and rolled over.

Lacey's arm and shoulder were pinned under the vehicle until a group of motorists arrived, jacked up the vehicle and removed him

from the wreckage. Medical attention and emergency transportation was also provided by motorists until the attending doctor and ambulance crew from Dawson City met them near the Tombstone Campground.

Mr. Lacey received undetermined neck, arm and shoulder injuries and was airlifted to Whitehorse hospital. The efforts of passing motorists Pam Petrin-Syvret of Leduc, Alberta who provided medical attention, Dean Edward Litzenberger of Marsh Lake and two other family members, Edward Charles and John Stuart Litzenberger of Eubicoke, Ontario who effected the rescue of Mr. Lacey are highly praised by the Dawson City RCMP for their quick action and assistance during this emergency situation.

## Gerberding and Everitt accused of conflict of interest

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That's the biggest beef."

"The bottom line is the City has continued to provide service but has not been paid," Jenkins stated.

Chris Sorg also addressed the Council.

He believed the city had shown "good faith" over the years, pointing out that if the City wanted to be a "bully" they would have disconnected service years ago.

He also thought Gerberding and Everitt were in a possible conflict of interest.

Sorg, is President of the Dawson Museum and Historical Society, and stated that to prevent conflict of interests, Trustees of the Society are not allowed to be employed by the museum.

Everitt denied being in any conflict of interest, but admitted he had heard several people accuse Gerberding of it. "My office happens to

Manager Carol Murray if the City had incurred any extra costs for the connection, disconnection, and reconnection of the services to the Dawson First Nation commercial properties.

Murray replied that, "If there has been, none have crossed my desk yet."

Hugh Gouthro, whose resignation caused the by-election which saw Everitt returned to Council, stated, "These days perception is reality," and Everitt and Gerberding should, "in no way shape or form



Councillors Glen Everitt and Tim Gerberding have found that their roles in the water and sewer dispute of 1993 are also being examined

file photos

be there, I am not an employee," he stated.

Everitt said he also wanted the City to recover the money, but was concerned with, "The overstepping of authority," on the Mayor's part.

As a final point, Sorg asked City

be involved in the issue."

Everitt replied, "I didn't address the issue to stick up for Dawson First Nation."

After delegations a leave of absence for Councillor Henry Procyk was approved, and Everitt left.

## Two Moose on the Hunker Creek Road

by Gary Geddes

*Peter and I bounce along the river valley in his antiquated pick-up, windows cracked from highway gravel and extreme cold. He gives me a guided tour of the diggings:*

*names, statistics, dredges that lurched like prehistoric beasts through the creekbeds, disgorging dragontails of rock, creating their own pools for sluicing gold, a No Man's Land*

*of lost dreams. Not that different from scenes in Robocop on the hotel*

*television, a high-tech shoot-out that leaves a hundred dead and none of the moral issues*

*addressed. Chicago and Dawson City (a misnomer, really), its population down from 30,000 during the rush to 1854, not counting the full-term pregnancy sharing my flight out), testimonies*

*to ambition and greed, sister cities to Coventry, Hamburg, Nagasaki, Baghdad, and Sarajevo, places to try out the new toys and the new vocabulary-*

*smart bombs,*

*collateral damage, ethnic cleansing, progress. Conscience itself, obsolete and expendable as tonsils or baby toes. Peter is looking for a spot to turn the truck around*

*when I spot the two moose on the Hunker Creek Road, the awkward grace of their large hooves so carefully lowered into the waste-high snow, the ridiculous elegance of those tender*

*foraging mouths, and the vestigial hump, bearing the burden of what past knowledge, what implacable disaster inching like a glacier toward the silent, pasturing herd.*

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## Chief eager to enter into Municipal Services Agreement

by Brent Morrison

Dawson First Nation Chief Steve Taylor would like to enter into a Municipal Services Agreement with the City of Dawson to end the dispute over sewer and water billing.

one at the City bothers to go into negotiations."

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs provides money for water and sewer service costs on First Nation commercial properties

**"They just have to get up off their butts and do it."**

Taylor, who was elected to his second term on November 1, tried to enter into an agreement three years ago, "To insure all of these problems are taken care of."

But the matter is still unresolved.

Taylor added that, "The best and easiest way [to solve the dispute] is to enter into an agreement...[but] no

only if there is a Municipal Services agreement.

Otherwise, residential and agriculture properties are the only areas covered.

Taylor's frustration with the bureaucracy is obvious, "The money's there, they just have to get up off their butts and do it."

## Miners' Daughter Awarded Scholarship

by Dan Davidson

The new Indian River Scholarship has been awarded by the Klondike Placer Miners' Association to Tara Michelle Christie, the daughter of Jim and Dagmar Christie, who have been mining on Scroogie Creek under the name Resore Industries Corp. since 1984.

Tara is a second year geotechnical engineering student at the University of British Columbia. She intends to pursue her chosen field into graduate studies with a view to becoming the sort of environmental scientist who also knows something about the realities of mining in the field.

In the brief essay which accompanied her scholarship application, Tara noted that "The IRC public hearings last year made me realize how important it is to be involved and to have a background which will enable me to partake in scientific and bureaucratic discussions."

Her nine years of practical experience in placer mining have, she feels, enriched her life and given it a direction it might otherwise have lacked.

"I have had many experiences I could have had nowhere else, such as staking my first claim, watching a gold bar being made, and watching the sun never set whilst listening to mysterious tales of Klondike gold."

The scholarship is a new KPMA project, established by the Peter Risby family and financed through the sale of Steve Mills limited edition prints in his Now and Then series, which depict mining methods from the present day and from the past. The principal generated a scholarship of \$500.00 this year. The money is to go to a grade 12 graduate, a member of a family with a KPMA affiliation, who is pursuing some form of post secondary education or apprenticeship training. The award was announced this

September at the KPMA's annual general meeting. Alan Frye, the association's general manager, indicated that Christie was just one of a number of applicants, and that a number of others had good qualifications as well. He expects no difficulty in finding people to give this scholarship to in years to come.

Tara Christie attended York House, a private girls' school in Vancouver, from the time she was in grade 5, and left there with glowing recommendations from her teachers. She excelled in computer studies, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics and library studies, and received a Canadian Scholarship in Science and Engineering from the government of Canada as well as an Outstanding Student Initiative Award from UBC. To qualify for this award you must have straight "A's" in all subjects. She chose that institution over Simon Fraser University, which had offered her a President's Entrance Scholarship.

The Christie family have retired the Resore name now and will be mining next season on Dominion Creek, about 100 km from Dawson City, under the company name of Gimlex Enterprises. Tara intends to join them there in the spring.

## Inquiry resolution misdirected

by Brent Morrison

A "Special Meeting" of City Council was held on November 3 to determine why the resolution passed October 21 was sent to a lawyer before being sent to Municipal Services.

The resolution requesting an inquiry into water and sewer installations at Dawson First Nation commercial properties took over a week to end up in the right hands.

Councillors Tim Gerberding and Glen Everitt requested the special meeting.

Gerberding telephoned Ross Knox and Bill Forsythe, Municipal Advisers, on October 22 telling them of the previous night's resolution and suggested they contact the city to obtain a copy of it.

When Gerberding spoke to Forsythe on October 28 he was told the resolution still had not yet been sent.

That evening Gerberding sent faxes of the resolution to Forsythe and Knox.

Gerberding followed up with a phone call the next morning and was told the matter was now in the hands of John Cormie, the Deputy Minister of Community and Transportation Services and Inspector of Municipalities.

Cormie apparently had received correspondence from City Manager Carol Murray.

Later that day Gerberding received a sealed envelope which contained a cover letter from Carol Murray to John Cormie, and a letter from lawyer Ron Veale to Carol

the next night to discuss the matter.

Council had just passed the agenda for the "Special Meeting" unanimously when Karen McCann arrived.

A resolution was submitted to go into "open delegations" so that McCann could address the Council.

formed him he was out of order and should proceed with the one topic on the agenda.

Gerberding, obviously upset with the matter, said he was, "disturbed" with the actions (or lack of "proper" actions) the City had taken. He called the re-routing of the resolution, among other things, "disrespectful".

Jenkins argued that the resolution, "Does not conform to normal resolutions," and a legal interpretation was needed.

Gerberding was obviously not satisfied with the Mayor's response, "Why was it not forwarded...why was council not informed," he continued.

Jenkins described a resolution requesting a public inquiry as a "Convoluting matter," adding, "the bottom line is you don't know what you're getting in to."

It was Jenkins who finally put an end to the arguing. He suggested Council draft another resolution requesting that the previous resolution (asking for the public inquiry) be sent specifically to John Cormie.

Pennell asked for this

to include an invitation for Cormie to meet with Council. Gerberding requested that, "The resolution be sent immediately," also be included.

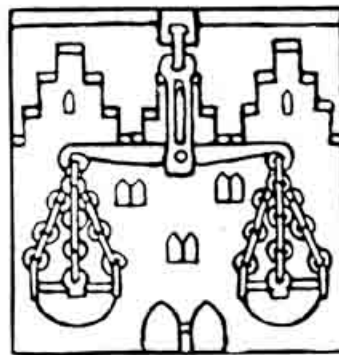
This was passed unanimously and was faxed to Cormie at 9:18 that evening.



**Peter Jenkins has found himself in the centre of another inquiry**

Mayor Peter Jenkins refused the request, stating that changing the agenda of a "Special Meeting" required unanimous consent and he wasn't prepared to give his.

Gerberding was angered with this and argued the point, but Jenkins in-



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## Some Editorial Notes

by Dan Davidson

### Klondike Sun Beams

After all those appeals to please turn out at our annual general meeting, you're probably waiting with bated breath to hear the results. Was there a revolt in the ranks? Was the old guard tossed out on their collective ear and replaced by a new cadre of eager, younger minds with revolutionary ideas? Have the Johnsons taken over the entire paper along with the letters page?

Not at all. This time things happened pretty much the way they should. Some more of our founding directors stepped back to volunteer status; some other people changed positions within the organization; some new people came on board, bringing with them a different perspective and some fresh ideas.

The results can be seen in the masthead at the bottom of the page and scattered through the paper in photo credits and article by-lines. Despite rumours to the contrary, everyone is welcome here.

One of the immediate changes you will notice will begin next issue when someone else fills this space. When we began this little enterprise the editorials rotated around the writers' group, and it only became my task by default. Now that we have three people in editorial positions, we will begin rotating the chore again, starting next month with Brent Morrison.

Actually, Brent was going to start this month, but the unexpected size of the paper took us all by surprise, and kept him working on the Pagemaker layouts much longer than he expected. As a result, the first thing he asked me when I arrived this evening was "Do you have an editorial in your back pocket?". He'll learn to be more careful.

### Issues of Concern

One would like to think that as much as possible of our city council's business could be conducted in the open. A lot of the time it would be safe anyway because no one from the public shows up at the meetings. I don't know just who is right on this sewer and water issue (see pages 1, 2, 3 and 9) but I am glad it's going to be dealt with in the open.

Another open issue should be the territorial government's decision to cancel the promised 3 room expansion at the Robert Service School in exchange for a "maybe" commitment for portable classrooms. Very few details are available at this time, so you should contact the members of your school council for information.

It's also great to see something being planned for and by the teens of the community. Such efforts run in cycles and there is never one perfect solution but, sometimes, just the quest for a solution can lead to really positive spinoffs. Any creative endeavor can be a learning experience if you work at it.

# Letters to the editor

### KPMA Thanks

Dear Editor:

Noreen Sailer and the directors of the KPMA have asked me to write to tell you how very much we all appreciated the support and interest of the people at the Klondike Sun in our barbecue and dance.

Thanks to the people at the paper for putting in our thank you ad, it was done up very nicely, and we also appreciate the write-up on our Mr. and Mrs. Miner for 1993 - Frank and Bonnie Taylor.

Sincerely,

Alan Fry,

Administrative Assistant

Klondike Placer

Miners Association

### Early Christmas Wishes

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a check to cover subscription for the coming year, you're doing a great job, keep up the good work, it's much enjoyed.

A little early but a Very Merry Christmas, a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year to family, old friends, and all.

Doreen (Caley) Jeffery

### Gerties' Reunion

Dear Editor:

We are hoping your newspaper can publish the following news release as plans are now underway for this huge first time event. To date we have sent letters to nearly 200 former employees, many who have replied favourably, but we know that many former addresses have been lost over the years. Your assistance in this quest of ours is greatly appreciated and any helpful suggestions you have will be most welcome. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Roy

### Press Release

Canada's First legalized casino, Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall, opened its doors in Dawson City, Yukon in 1972. Gerties' is run by the Klondike Visitors Association, a "Not-For-Profit" organization.

Re-live the Klondike Goldrush...any former employees of Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall interested in a re-union in Las

Vegas, in February or March 1995. Please contact A.S.A.P.: Diane Roy, Box 984, Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0, (403) 993-6735

We salute those good folks who went the extra mile to make these fun times happen.

Sincerely,

The McConkey Family

Dawson City, YT

### Hallowe'en events

#### "Outstanding"

Dear Editor:

This past Hallowe'en we had the opportunity to take advantage of the Pumpkin Carving Day at the Rec. Centre put on by the Rec. Dept. and specifically Lawrie Stewart. The next evening we attended the big Hallowe'en Extravaganza at the Band Hall put on by the Dawson City Fire Fighters.

Without a doubt these were both outstanding quality events made available to us through the generous donations and hard work of many, many people.

Small wonder we are so happy to live in a community like Dawson.

### Subscription one way to enjoy the country

Dear Editor:

Our cheque for our subscription is enclosed. We enjoy the paper very much.

We travelled for the second time to your city this past June (our first trip was in 1990). Our hope is to get there once more but think we may have to fly part of the way next time. In the meantime we enjoy reading of your part of our large, beautiful country.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Isabella Forlow

Sarnia, Ontario

## Comings and Goings...

Corrine and Ken have left for a holiday and will be married in Edmonton January 8.

Patti Mitropoulos and Heidi Blidung have left on a holiday to L.A.

Ricard and Marlene McMaster have returned from Penticton where they had a second ceremony with friends and family.

Palma Berger has gone to Australia to visit family and friends. This is also a well deserved holiday!

Sylvie Gammie has returned from Ottawa where she visited her parents.

John Hanulik returned from his trip down south. His van went off the road north of Carmacks, ending his planned trip to southern B.C. John is fine and back in Dawson, the van is not.

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# The myth of the "Good Life"

by Jackie Delleman

Hi Sue and everyone else,  
I hope all is well. Here things are good. I am struggling through mid-terms but the sunshine keeps me going. I submit this piece for your review. If you like it please print it. Miss you all, as always.  
P.S. I have paid my subscription in July.

September has come and gone. Hallowe'en is around the corner, I suppose it's just about time to settle in for a long winter's nap.

It's that time of year when we stop to reflect on summer and start to wake up to the reality of the season to come.

In the north we ask ourselves if we can make it through another winter.

We stop to pause on the "good times" we have shared and try and laugh at past catastrophes and mistakes.

We all instinctively know that winter is only survivable with the right frame of mind. So we steel ourselves to the inevitable, and do far more than survive.

We transcend the cold and dark and create warmth and light from within.

We dress-up for Hallowe'en. We put aside disputes in the name of survival.

One way or another we "party"

till the sun shines again.

Somehow we transcend the isolation and climate of the north into a positive force of community, solidarity and enlightenment. We don't sit around and wait for the world to change, as do the people of warmer climes.

Oh no, not us. We create a new reality within the limits of the inevitable eight months of winter.

"Limits" is the key word here.

We know our limits. There is no messing with winter. If we don't think we are "up to it" we leave for the south. If we think we are up to it, we accept it (nature) and stay.

Having made this decision, we tend to carry on enjoying life. We don't fool ourselves into thinking we can change the natural order of things. We accept and move on.

Life isn't so simple in the south.

The myth of a "good life" in the warmer climes of Canada is deceptive.

Aside from a more humane climate and a larger availability of consumer goods, life in the south is not so good.

Firstly, to obtain the rewards of the good life here, one must still have money.

This involves jobs, and high wages, which are scarce and difficult to keep.

Second, in the more paranoid

urban areas, insurance is the God of protection, not human solidarity.

All sense of community disappears. All insurance is paid for by the individual and expensive.

There is no government financed insurance, yet most of the insurance companies are government owned.

Car insurance is astronomical, averaging about \$1,200 a year for the average car. Health care costs about \$70 a month, taxes are high, dental care is only for the rich.

Thirdly, nature is the enemy.

If it snows, whole societies are paralysed. People actually die of exposure, yet everyone knows this will happen and do nothing to prevent it.

Trees and fields are just a nuisance to be paved over in the name of urban development.

Rivers and lakes are diverted and drained to allow for progress.

Pollution is cited, by capitalists, as an example of mother earth's inability to keep up with human needs and wants (How dare she?).

As a result the people of southern Canada just don't have time to reflect and transcend their reality.

There is no long winter's nap in the south.

As winter raises its hoary head here, the people struggle to overcome the inevitable (nature) because it happens to be in the way of capitalism.

They do not accept nature, they fight it.

They dutifully pay their bills, taxes and insurance premiums. They go to movies, shopping malls, parks and institutions of pleasure.

They are mindful of the destruction of the planet and their own economic and spiritual poverty.

They have little reprieve from life.

Winter is not a time of reflection, self awareness and transcendence. It is just like any other season or any other day.

In the south people are isolated, not by climate and geography, but excluded from the good life all the same by lack of money and faith in their own power.

Take heart Northerners.

Thank winter for its blanket against the madness of the world.

Be happy on those cold dark days filled with human interests.

While you sit by your home fires in the depths of January's freeze you will no doubt curse and complain and even question your sanity, but you also can take comfort in knowing winter will end.

You will be mindfully aware of life and its limits while those lucky guys "down south" are slogging it out in the stench and destruction of modernization.

Perhaps the people of the north are the ones living the "good life". Perhaps we have it backwards.

The Southerners, supposedly enjoying the "good life", are really the ones having a hell of a time trying to cope.

Editors note: Jackie Delleman is a former Dawsonite now living in B.C.

## Quilter's Block or Thanks Dina

by Dorothy Irwin

Growing up with three sisters who sewed, every time I had a little problem sewing, one of them would gladly finish my project or sew for me.

Not any more, I'm 5,000 miles from home and taking *Quilt in a Day* Courses put on by Dina Cayen.

Her motto is, "Just do it!"

So I did.

My first Quilt in a Day, soon fondly named by myself is Quilt in

a Year, my husband on the other hand called it Quilt in a Box because it sat bundled up in a box unfinished.

Now, two seasons later, I did finish my quilt and a few more. I would like to thank Dina Cayen for sparking that interest in me and I'm sure, so many others in Dawson.

I am now running out of beds — but there's always Quilt in a Day Table Cloths or Xmas Tree Skirts and then ...

## Open Letter from Dawson City Group For Better Government

Our Group is an informal organization for the defence of basic political and economic values.

We promote responsible Government and individual freedom. We are independent of all political parties and neither seek nor would accept government handouts.

We believe that Canadian Government needs to make a bold, fresh start to restore respect and trust of Canadians in politicians and political institutions.

Toward this end, our first stand will be to lobby Governments to cut debt, taxes and spending.

Many readers of The Klondike Sun will have seen and signed a copy of this petition.

It was posted around Dawson during the summer.

We are seeking more support. It is our intention to make a submission to the Territorial Legislative Assembly and the Federal Parliament.

We want to provide useful instruction to politicians at all levels.

As a next step we intend to publicly offer specific solutions to specific problems.

If you believe, as we do, that the people are responsible for responsible Government please sign.

For more information about our group contact:

Greg Hakonson, Gary Parker, Denny Kobayashi or Boyd Gillis

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Paul Mahoney in action (auction?) at the Ducks Unlimited banquet

Photo by Madeleine Gould

## Ducks Unlimited

by Eric Zalitis

On October 9, 1993 the Dawson City committee of Ducks Unlimited Canada held their Fourth Annual Thanksgiving Banquet and Auction.

The event took place at Diamond Tooth Gerties and was attended by over 100 supporters.

During the evening a number of items were auctioned off by Paul Mahoney. Several other items were also raffled off throughout the evening. A number of these items were donated by local businesses. In total over \$7,000.00 was raised which goes into the Ducks Unlimited Program.

One such program is in the Yukon. On April 17, 1994 the new Waterfowl Interpretive Centre known as Swan Haven will have its grand opening.

It is located on the shores of McClintock Bay and will give a spectacular view of swans, geese and ducks during the Spring Migration.

## Yukon ratepayers to receive \$3.5 million in rate relief

YTG News Release

Whitehorse—The Government of Yukon announced today that Yukon energy users will receive \$3.5 million in rate relief beginning November 1, 1993, and energy rates will be frozen for the next two years.

The announcement was made today by Government Leader John Ostashek and Minister Responsible for the Yukon Energy Corporation, Willard Phelps.

The \$3.5 million in rate relief will result in a sharp reduction in the proposed rate increase due to take effect November 1.

The rate relief will result in an average increase for residential and commercial non-government ratepayers of approximately 8 per cent, instead of an average increase of 23 per cent as the result of an announcement earlier this month by the Yukon Utilities Board (YUB).

The 23 per cent, which included a rider of 5.263 per cent, was in addition to an interim increase of 6.765 per cent granted earlier this year by the YUB.

Due to the Yukon Electrical Company Limited's billing process, the rate relief will first show up on power bills on December 1, but will be retroactive to November 1.

Municipal government customers will also benefit from the rate relief announcement.

Municipal governments will see the elimination of the 5.263 percent rider due to take effect November 1.

The Government Leader described the multi-million dollar rate relief announcement as a significant move by the Government of Yukon to help Yukoners cope with the increased costs of energy, and he described the freezing of energy rates for the next two years as an important step by the government to help stabilize the cost of an essential service to Yukoners for an extended period.

Mr. Ostashek said, "We made a commitment to bring in rate relief for Yukon ratepayers and we are honouring that commitment with this announcement today."

This \$3.5 million in rate relief will be financed first through any profits allowed YEC by YUB, with the Government of Yukon providing the balance.

This method of rate relief will directly benefit ratepayers."

"We wanted to make this announcement several weeks ago to give some comfort to ratepayers," he said, "but we have been held up by the lack of information from the Yukon Utilities Board."

"Even though the YUB has still not provided that information we felt that it was not fair to ratepayers to have to wait any longer and with November 1 quickly approaching, we decided to make this move today," said Mr. Ostashek.

The Minister Responsible for the Yukon Energy Corporation, Willard Phelps said, "Every ratepayer in Yukon is going to benefit, not only from the \$3.5 million in rate relief but also from the freeze in energy rates for the next two years."

He said, "The freeze means Yukoners won't have to worry about energy rates continuing to increase every six months, while at the same time the freeze provides government with the opportunity to carefully review the whole situation."

Mr. Phelps also pointed out that millions of dollars in proceeds from ratepayers had been spent by the former Penikett Administration on non-energy related projects such as the Watson Lake Sawmill and other questionable investments.

He said, "That was a completely irresponsible use of ratepayer funds. If those dollars had been used instead to carry out capital improvements on the system, I can assure you that YEC would not be in this situation today of having to raise power rates."

The Minister said that changes made last November by the government to the mandate of the Yukon Development Corporation restrict the Corporation to investing only in energy related projects in Yukon.

Mr. Phelps also announced that Cabinet has directed him to re-open negotiations with the federal government on the NCPC transfer arrangement in an effort to achieve some added relief for Yukon ratepayers.

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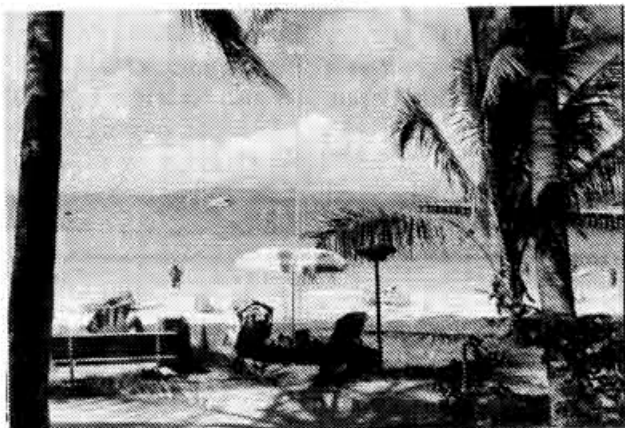
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# Chamber News

## Border closing costing Dawson Businesses money

by Brent Morrison

MacKenzie Petroleum and Arctic Inland Resources are losing money due to the early closure of the Top-of-the-World highway border according to letters their owners sent to the Chamber.

The border crossing was shut down approximately five weeks before the ferry which crosses the Yukon River in Dawson City was taken out, so while the road was still open, the border was not.

In his letter, presented at the October 27 Chamber of Commerce

Meeting, Earl MacKenzie stated he was losing up to \$50,000. And Bill Bowie of Arctic Inland stated he had lost at least \$10,000 because he was unable to ship his goods (lumber) into Fairbanks, Alaska by the shorter Top-of-the-World route.

MacKenzie brings his fuel in from Valdez, Alaska across the Top-of-the-World during the summer months and from Haines, Alaska in the winter.

Both the Chamber and MLA David Millar have promised to see what they can do about the problem.

## Banking Machine below "break-even" mark

by Brent Morrison

At the November 3 Chamber of Commerce meeting, CIBC manager Paul Henderson indicated that while Dawson's Automated Teller has done well, it was below the "break-even" mark.

More than 40,000 transactions have been made since its installation, but 54,000 are required.

Henderson indicated that transaction have dropped to about 100 per day and he is expecting it drop even more in the coming months.

He pointed out that the 54,000 is

a floating number, as operating cost go down the number of transactions required to make the machine pay for itself will also decrease.

The machine will remain however, and the City has asked that it's services be upgraded so that deposits and bill payments can be made as well.

Henderson also said that one of the existing features on the machine is under-used, "I can't believe how many people still come into the bank to make transfers between accounts."

## Nome seeking closer ties

by Brent Morrison

Nome, Alaska, site of a gold rush immediately after the Klondike Gold Rush is seeking closer ties with Dawson City.

Chamber of Commerce President Allanah Fuhre presented a letter from Nome's Chamber of Commerce at the November 3 meeting.

The letter referred to the similar

histories between the two cities (many of the gold seekers left Dawson City when the Nome strike was discovered) as just one reason why the chambers should strengthen ties with the centennials approaching.

The Chamber approved of writing a letter back to Nome to invite them to Dawson in the near-future.



Photo by Brent Morrison

Iris Johnson, Ron Pond and Cathy Hoehn staff the Yukon Anniversaries Commission offices at Klondike National Historic Sites.

# Yukon Anniversaries Commission getting down to business

by Brent Morrison

The October 21 open house for the Yukon Anniversaries Commission (YAC), was by their own admission, a bit disorganized.

Held in the Klondike National Historic Sites downstairs rooms, a lack of introductions and Game Five of the World Series being shown on the television caused a strange and splintered open house.

Cathy Hoehn the Community Liaison Officer had hoped for a better and more organized event, but pointed out that the Commission's work is proceeding.

On October 22 a Board meeting was held and the Commission Strategic Plan was ratified unanimously.

Hoehn indicated that a logo for the Centennial Gold Rush Era, which would be used as an identifying mark for sponsors of the event, had been chosen and an official announcement was pending.

Hoehn also indicated that an "Ideas Conference" would be held in Dawson November 29 and 30. The Commission hopes at least 40 people will attend so that the YAC can begin working together with interested people and groups on planning and merchandising.

Hoehn also indicated that the Board is also proceeding with all levels of Governments, the communities and business.

More than \$28,000 has been spent

on moving to Dawson, staffing and upkeep.

The YAC employees, in Dawson, Hoehn, Iris Johnson and Ron Pond.

The officers and directors of the YAC are: Marvin Taylor, Chairperson; Giovanni Castillarin, Vice-Chairperson; AL Fisk, Chair of the Finance/Executive Committee; Craig Hougren, Member F/E Committee; Heather Smith, Member History Committee; Karla Desrosier, Member Event Committee; Sandi Ravenhill, Member Event Committee; Ray Hayes, Research, Heritage and Government Relations; Simon Mason Wood; Russ Juby; Wendy Wolf; Greg Hakonson and Winnie Felker.

## Good news for the Francophones in Dawson!

by Andree Gaulin

Through YTG's funding and the good work of PAFY (Association Franco-Yukonnaise) in Whitehorse, the Francophones will be able to have access to larger and more varied educational and cultural material. Daniele McRae has been hired part-time to help put this into place. A committee has been formed, a French club has started every other Saturday at the school for the kids and we are about to have our first "cafe-rencontre" at the Curling Club, November 13 at 7:00 PM. The "cafe-rencontres" are social gatherings where people chat, play games, exchange ideas or even more simple than that, relax and enjoy. Everyone is welcome. A Christmas supper will also be hosted Sunday December 5 at the Curling Club.

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# The Anna Maria moves once again

by Dan Davidson

The Anna Maria is on the move once again, and will be in a new resting place later this week. The Alaska Yukon Sternwheeler Company arranged last weekend, for the contentious winter resting place of the ship to be moved from its original location to one further back towards the dyke.

The completed berth included a massive elevated pad which blocked access to the river by most of the user groups that have made that spot a hub of activity since the construction of the dyke in the late 1980s and immediately engendered a storm of protest which reached the ears of both federal and territorial authorities here in Dawson.

The pad, it seems, had been given the green light without consulting with local representatives of the YTG, and it seems likely that the committee in Whitehorse which approved the placement did not realize exactly what was being asked of them at the time.

Jonathon Wolman, the soft spoken and enthusiastic president of the Fairbanks based company, was in Dawson City on Oct. 22 to look for ways to solve the problem and finance the removal or relocation of the pad, which it had cost him about \$18,000. to have constructed in the first place. In an interview at that

time, Wolman indicated that the fuss he had created was the last in the world he had ever intended to have happen, and that he thought he had gone through all the proper regulatory procedures before he gave his contractor the go ahead.

In a meeting with user groups and government officials here that weekend, Wolman committed to find a way to move the pad and the boat to a more suitable location, provided he could find a way to raise the money. His one stipulation was that he should not be solely responsible for the costs since he did not feel the mistakes that had led to the uproar had been his mistakes.

"Unfortunately all these different user groups were not consulted before the decision was made," he said, adding that he could see why they were upset.

He noted that the user groups at the meeting seemed keen to use the occasion to kick off development of an overall plan for the waterfront area, but that his main involvement was with solving the immediate problem of moving his boat, which he was willing to do.

His problem was that the expense of the pad itself was something he had not budgeted for when he made his original plans. Adding to that cost was a bit more than his pockets could bear right away. The Yukon

government agreed to shift the material in the pad but Wolman was left to bear the cost of moving the boat off the pad and back on the new one when it was complete.

In the spring, Wolman will begin renovations to the Anna Maria which will include the addition of a third deck and a false stern wheel as well as renaming the boat "The City of Dawson." Wolman, who used to drive tour buses through this area for other companies, has long believed that there is a strong potential for tourism on the Yukon River. By

restricting himself to cruises in the Dawson to Circle area, where he feels the interest will be strongest anyway, he is also dealing with the section of the river least likely to give his ship any problems.

His ambitious cruise schedule for 1994 will include six different packages, from a 7 day round trip cruise from Dawson to Circle (\$2,795. in a suite or \$700. less in a standard cabin) down to a 2 day cruise from Eagle to Dawson (\$845. or \$645.). Deck passengers will be able to ride at \$125. per day.

## City investigating slick

by Brent Morrison

The City of Dawson has responded to concerns of a slick seen in the Yukon River at the foot of Harper Street.

The City has spent approximately \$1,000 on containing the slick and taking samples to determine just what the contaminant is. Oil booms have been set up to prevent the liquid from spreading.

The slick appeared during the low-water time of the year.

## Joint Agreement

YTG News Release

The Governments of Yukon and Alaska, in a bilateral meeting today in Whitehorse involving Government Leader John Ostashek and Governor Walter Hickel agreed to the following:

- A joint tourism promotion related to the anniversary celebrations in Yukon.
- To keep the South Klondike Highway open through the winter, and a commitment by both governments to work towards a long term solution.
- A commitment to continue to improve the Top-of-the-World Highway because of its importance to tourism, and a commitment to

lobby the federal governments to establish a joint customs office near Dawson City.

- To jointly lobby the U.S. Government for funds to complete the balance of the Shikwak project (about 100 miles).
- A Memorandum of Understanding on a Joint Mineral Development Program:

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Where is the Man from Glad when you need him?

by Gary Geddes

We stop to deliver Peter's garbage at the community dump, beside the ski hill and cemetery, with its separate sections for Catholics, pioneers and dead mounties. Most of the bags are torn open and scattered in the box

of the pickup, whatever has not been spread by ravens over the parking lot at the local

TV station, where we're due to appear in the afternoon. Peter doubles as Director of Recreation for the City of Dawson

and local impresario and has bribed me with sight-seeing in exchange for an interview which no one may see, unless they've had the channel

on display for its Notice-board and taped music.

He tells me he's seen two ravens fly off with a bag of garbage between them, shameless undiscriminating scrounges, creatures a poet might identify with. Later, when the camera starts to roll,

catching me off-guard pulling a face, stuff goes out into the insulated homes and staticky air that even the ravens won't touch.

Sarcasm, sick jokes, we're on a roll. Maybe I'll be the latest casualty, another southerner who came to visit and stayed twenty years. The director of wrecks, playing host and cameraman, slips out of the frame

long enough to soon in on his guest reading a poem, but I'm too busy paying to a captive non-audience to notice. Panic. Where the hell has Peter gone?

I see my image on the monitor frantically scanning the parking lot, where two ominous

black vans have rolled to a stop. The phone lines are lighting up. I hear myself talk rubbish: art, skiing, cemeteries, it's downhill all the way.

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## Uffish Thoughts: Council Faces an Interesting Problem

by Dan Davidson

One could have guessed that Dawson's sewer system would raise another stink or two before the repairs were complete.

What might not have been so obvious was that it would be over issues related to the exercise of power and relations between the council and the Dawson First Nation. It's an interesting problem.

When the four city councillors voted unanimously to have Mayor Peter Jenkins' excursions into the realm of water pipe diplomacy looked at by municipal services branch at a special meeting on November 3, they were repeating an action which has happened twice before in the last three years.

They were expressing their concern over not knowing more than the average citizen about what's going on in the city and their embarrassment over being unable to give a intelligent answer when asked about these issues by the people who voted them into office.

There doesn't seem to be much question that this is, by and large, a hard working council, and it certainly seems to be a council which has won the respect of Dawson's long serving mayor.

Jenkins has been candid and cutting in his off-the-record assessments of past councils and councillors, but his actions and manners with this one have shown that he will give credit where credit is due.

He does not dismiss their questions out of hand and generally tries to lead their thinking with logic rather than with the sheer bulldog ferocity of his personality, as has been seen in the past.

Make no mistake, Jenkins remains the single most knowledgeable member of council, both by virtue of his decade-plus in city politics and because of the time and energy he puts into the job.

While councillors tend to become well versed in those areas of city governance in which they are most interested, Jenkins' interests span all the areas of the town's administration, and he tends to build linkages between them which other people don't necessarily see right away.

In this case there seems to be a link in his mind between the issue of federal service payments for the Dawson First Nation's Front Street commercial properties and the installation of the new sewer and water lines. From outside the circle of decision making it would appear that the intention was to use the new installations as a carrot or stick to accelerate the solving of the other problem.

Was that necessary, or wise? The essentially sound relationship between the city and the First Nation was shaken somewhat last year when the adjusted sewer and water bill-

ings went out to the DFN's residential properties along with possible termination notices. That issue was resolved, but councillors are concerned that playing games with the water lines may erode this relationship still further.

Then too, there is the question of whether the physical act of connecting and disconnecting the pipes three times may not have damaged the gravel bed on which the new pipes have been laid. This is an engineering problem, in an area where Jenkins generally feels at home due to his post secondary school training; but on an issue so potentially expensive as the sewer and water system, it raises questions about authority and impetuosity which council would like to see answered.

It may all have been unnecessary anyway. The minutes of the latest meeting of the Association of Yukon Communities, cited by Tim Gerberding at the Oct. 21 meeting which passed the original motion, indicated that the AYC could see a solution to the "grants in lieu of taxes" issue coming soon. My own discussions with people in the organization indicate that this is indeed the case and that a compromise is within reach, provided nothing nasty happens to rock the boat in the meantime.

There are other issues at stake here. Jenkins has accused councillor Gerberding of a conflict of interest in putting forth a resolution which might appear to favour the Dawson First Nation, his employer. "Conflict of interest" is a phrase that has been heard before in connection with this councillor, and one of the outcomes of an inquiry would probably be a judgement on that issue as it applies to this case. It can't be as simple as saying that one cannot discuss or vote on any matters related to one's employment or personal circumstances, otherwise members of this council would be unable to resolve any issues connected with tourism, the hotel and construction industries, education, contracting, transportation and a host of other topics.

Like I said at the beginning, it's an interesting problem.



Photo by: Brent Morrison

Pat Cayen and Eric Zalitis display their new hair cuts to the public

## Public shaving raises money

by Brent Morrison

The evening of October 15 marked the end of some very close attachments in Dawson City.

Live at Diamond Tooth Gerties, Fire Chief Pat Cayen and RCMP Constable Eric Zalitis departed with their hair in a fund raising effort. The goal was to raise money for the Hallowe'en Extravaganza and the Dawson Christmas Tree Association.

The head shaving was the finale to a night that featured music, a Slave Auction and gambling.

Cayen and Zalitis raised \$400, selling \$1.00 tickets to people who wanted to see them have their heads shaved. Maria Fras and Corrine Sciog of the Hair Cabaret were brought on stage to ply their trade. Using electric shears they quickly had the two heads half finished.

The head shaving stopped at that point and emcee Peter Menzies encouraged the crowd to donate more money to finish the job.

"It's for the kids," Menzies told the audience in a mock-plea.

Harry Campbell donated \$100 to see the moustaches get shaven off as well, and Gordon Caley and Bill Bowie each threw in \$50 to further the cause.

Cayen told the crowd that Eric and himself had sworn not to lose their moustaches and quickly turned the tables when they suggested

Menzies shave his moustache.

"Come on Peter," Cayen chided, "it's for the kids."

Menzies agreed he would let them shave his moustache of 11 years if \$600 was raised.

When the money was raised Maria and Corrine quickly removed Menzies moustache, then Cayen and Zalitis' hair.

Fire fighters Keith McMaster, Don Loiseau and Paul Derry placed stencils against the back of the smooth heads and spray painted

(using hair paint) DCFD 1993 onto them.

Menzies says he is, "Leaving it [the moustache] off until Christmas so my mother can see it [his face]."

Musical numbers were performed by Dan Davidson, Menzies and Bill Jackson.

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**Bubble Trouble was a popular event at the Science Olympics**

Photo by: Jon Calon

# Science Olympics

by Jon Calon

Eggs dropping, bubbles bursting, bridge building and more were to be found at the Robert Service School Science Olympics held October 26, in the School Gym between 1 and 3:15 pm.

These events, organized by the Chemistry 11 class and teacher Elizabeth Woods, were enjoyed by the participants from Grades Four to Six. The event was to raise awareness of science in the students.

The Science Olympics were to be held in conjunction with the Science and Technology week October 18 to 24, but because of School Exams the event was postponed to the following Tuesday.

"The event was supposed to be fun," said Elizabeth Woods, "and it was enjoyed by all the students." Indeed it was.

The teachers of the participating classes had the students write their comments on the Science Olympics letters to the Chemistry 11 class. Writes Georgia Fraser, "Thank you all for putting together this wonderful afternoon."

Kelly Vitrekwa wrote, "It was really fun, but when we had to go I felt very sad because I didn't want to go."

The event was fun for all, there were some comments about time.

Some participants bridges (made from Pasta, water, and lots of White Glue) weren't tested because of time restraints and/or lack of hearing instructions. "I don't think that we would make it into a full day event," Woods commented, "we might make smaller groups or have it in the morning."

There were seven stations in all during the afternoon, with 12 students at each.

**"The event was suppose to be fun, and it was enjoyed by all the students"**

In the Egg Drop, students constructed boxes which when dropped from various heights above 10 feet would cushion an egg. Eight boxes had their egg survive five drops from 25 feet.

The next station was a rest station. The groups could have a drink, and look at some scientific equipment such as a static generator, which would send your hair flying in all directions.

Next came Bubble Trouble. Students would make a solution for making bubbles, and won points for largest and longest-lasting bubbles.

The largest event was next, and this involved running through an obstacle course, with a raw egg. Participants would measure the egg in various ways, toss it a few metres to a team mate who would do the

same.

If the egg broke, they started over again. What was deemed the best event by the participants was a scientific version of Jeopardy. The two organizers of this event made up questions from various texts that the grades were using.

Paper Planes were next. Teams would make paper airplanes out of recycled newspapers, and try to get the most distance out of their throws.

Last, but not least, came the pasta bridges. Students were given spa-

ghetti, warm water, and white glue, and were to make a bridge that would withstand the most weight. Most, if not all, chose a very basic design, sticking a bunch of noodles together with white glue, and letting that stand.

Whether this event will be carried on will be decided by the 11/12 science class of that year. By any indication, this will become an annual event.

The Black team won "Most Sportsmanlike" and the Red team were the overall winners with the most points.

Many thanks go to YTG Regional services (North), Tom Sparrow, Denny Kobayashi and the General Store, Farmers Market, and everyone else who gave their time and resources to make these Science Olympics a great success!

## Library Pages

by Jennifer Docken

Another beautiful month has come and gone in Dawson. The library has been fairly busy despite the warm weather. Lots of new books have arrived from Whitehorse, also another batch of current bestsellers were donated by Dan Davidson.

The library story hour for children ages 3 to 5 is continuing through the month of November. Story hour is held every Wednesday from 2:00 - 2:30 pm. There will be 4 sessions

this month and then a break for Christmas holidays. Story hour will resume again sometime in January. Please feel free to bring your child to one or all of these fun sessions. We'll keep them entertained so you get a chance to find books.

The library will be bringing in a series of historical photographic displays over the next year. The first in the series has arrived and is titled "Entertainment in the Klondike". The display is hung in the balcony area of the library and will remain in Dawson for approximately 2 months. Be sure to wander up the stairs on your next visit to the library, you don't want to miss the first of these amusing series.

Another historical feature in the library this month is the hockey display. Leslie Peirce has brought trophies, old skates, and photographs from the museum. The original intention being to complement Don

Reddick's reading on the Silver Seven. The display is such a wonder on it's own that we've decided to leave it up long enough for you to get an opportunity to see it. Leslie Peirce has volunteered a considerable amount of her time setting up the display. Many thanks to her and the Museum for allowing us the use of their artifacts and photos.

Curtis Vos, a local cartoonist, will be giving a demonstration and talk on cartooning. This mini "workshop", will take place on Saturday, November 20th, at 2:00 pm. This demonstration promises to be fun and entertaining. You must be 13 or older to attend. Curtis has agreed to bring in some of his books, and will be available for autographs after the talk.

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# Through the Night

by Dan Davidson

Moving tunnels of light  
twist and turn in the wilderness,  
separated in the darkness  
by mountains, valleys,  
and winding roads.

Travelling in self-contained  
environmental capsules,  
isolated by distance and motion,  
the travellers are nevertheless  
united in purpose.

Bobbing and weaving over hills  
and around the curves,  
we pass as strangers,  
headed each on our own way  
into the night.



**The Black Team (above) was voted  
Most Sportsmanlike at the Science Olympics,  
while the Red Team (left) were the  
overall winner with the most points.  
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J.C. Bowie tries her hand at medical services as she examines nurse Michel Caley's ear

Photo by: Brent Morrison

## Career Day

by Brent Morrison

Career day was held at Robert Service School on Friday, November 5 from 1:00 to 3:30.

Students in grades nine to twelve were given a half hour to explore the 15 businesses that set up tables and booths in the gymnasium.

One of the most popular sites was presented by Yukon College. Pat Russell had set up a dart board and had students throw darts at it, first with their eyes closed, then again with them open.

Russell explained that the dart

board represented careers and demonstrated how planning for a career (eyes open) was easier and more on-target than without planning (eyes closed).

Several students, interested in automotive mechanics, examined the Northern Kat set-up closely.

The Medical services, with hands-on demonstrations, and the RCMP stations were also well attended.

Karen Olito of the Dawson RCMP indicated she had talked to a couple of students wanting to sign up for the force.

by G. Robinson

**Community:** a body of people living in one place and considered as a whole; a number of people sharing together. This is the definition of community in the Oxford Dictionary and if Dawson is a community of people as a whole - then it is the children and youth of Dawson who need the greatest support at this moment.

They are our future and sadly, Dawson has been neglectful of it's children and youth.

The current lack of a Youth Centre and youth activities in the past four years has created a situation where some of the youths of Dawson are acting out, whether from boredom, anger or inactivity - they are asking for help.

It is not productive to blame the youths for 'making trouble' or showing their frustration in different ways - what is needed is for every adult to give as much as they can to help the children and youths of Dawson live in as safe and creative a way as possible in the community.

Children and youth only reflect the health of a community. To place blame on children and youths for not being motivated is to ignore the root of the problem - and only increases the potential for serious delinquency and vandalism.

Statistics show that 30 percent of Dawson's population is now youths between the ages of 13-18, and this will significantly increase in the future.

It is time to help our youth by

working with them to create a Youth Centre and a wide network of support and learning opportunities.

An example has been set by 'The First Hunt' put on by Dawson First Nation where the community worked with the youths to take them out on a caribou hunt.

Both the Hunt and the Feast afterwards were a strong and positive event for everyone involved.

More events like this need to take place.

Concerned people from the community have been meeting for the past month with the Recreation Board, the RCMP and other organizations to talk about the lack of support for Dawson youths.

A delegation and a letter have been sent to the Mayor and Council with these concerns outlined regarding the lack of facilities for youth in Dawson.

Finally a Youth Forum was held on November 6 at the Curling Club to bring the youth and concerned people together to talk.

The youths who attended were: Jason Henry, Richard McMaster, Trevor Huddle, Trevor Van Rump, Tyler Nichol, Jessie Nichol, Anders Algotsson, Rosealee Smarch, Teresa Christiansen, Kylie Van Every, Trish Lindgren, Stan Collie, Guy Couture, Stephanie Cayen, Harmony Hunter, Alain Sauve, Chris Calon, Doug Smith.

Adults attending: Jim Johnston, Percy Henry, Edith Fraser, Frieda Roberts, Gillian Robinson, Arlene Johnston, Peter Menzies, Lawrie Stewart, Chris Hunter, Karen Nichol, Karen Olito, Eric Zalis, Kim Berzand, Bill and Roo.

It was a great beginning and inspiring to see the number of youths who came out on a Saturday night - they spoke out strongly and articulately in favour of creating a Youth Centre and were willing to work towards this.

Several ideas came out of the meeting; the Youth of Dawson need a home - they would like a place with a pool table - and are willing to put on a benefit to raise money for this and also towards a future permanent Youth Centre.

The Old Firehall was proposed as a potential site and this will be investigated with YTG.

Supervision for a Youth Centre was talked about and the youths asked Percy Henry to be one of the people involved with the Youth Centre.

The benefit is scheduled for the weekend of November 19-20 with Dawson's Community Day falling on the Saturday.

Ideas for different events and activities were talked about - hopefully floor hockey in the gym will begin next Saturday.

Hopefully the community of Dawson will support their efforts with all their hearts.

Dawson is always generous in other benefits - it's time to realise the youth and children of Dawson are being forgotten and when children become forgotten the community must face their frustration, anger and potential suicides.

This has been happening too often - let's do everything we can to prevent this in this community. Let's work towards making this a whole community.

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## Shelter Update

by Marjie Hills

The Shelter celebrates its sixth year of operation this month. It was November 1987 that the Dawson City Women's Shelter opened its doors for the first time. We have many people to thank for their support and determination in bringing the Women's Shelter to life. A very special thanks to all the past and present staff, volunteers, and board members for working towards breaking the cycle of family violence, ensuring the safety of women and their children in crisis and advocating for change. We appreciate and welcome the on-going support!

On September 16-19, the Shelter continued with the Counsellor Development Series, Part II. This was a four day training session held at the Bahai Center at Lake Labarge, facilitated by Terry McLaughlin, a counsellor from the John Howard Society in Calgary, Alberta. Part I was offered in December 1992 with fifteen people attending; Part II consisted of twelve members of the community. The conclusion to the series should take place sometime this winter or early spring, at which point participants will receive certification from the Counsellor Training Institute in Toronto.

We will look forward to having Terry back for a visit. (I'll bring the rice krispie squares next time you guys!)

On October 11-15, two of the Shelter's workers attended the "Healing Conference" in Watson

Lake, a Territory wide conference hosted by Liard First Nations. The five day gathering was facilitated by Jane Middleton-Moz, well known author of books such as *After The Tears*, *Shame and Guilt*, *Children of Trauma*, and *Will to Survive*. The focus of this conference was for participants to gain an understanding and awareness of the need for healing within the communities. The Shelter has ordered Ms. Moz's books for our resource library should anyone wish to borrow them.

The Shelter continues to host a "Healing Circle" every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for women to gather and share with other women in a safe and confidential setting. If you would like more information on the Healing Circle, please contact Sharron after 4 p.m. Monday - Friday at 993-5086.

Looking ahead, the Shelter will be presenting the Fourth Annual Gingerbread Party - this event is open to all children in the community. This is a great opportunity for children to decorate their own house to take home and enjoy for the festive season.

We plan to host the Party on Saturday, December 11, time and place to be announced. Anyone wishing to help out may contact the Shelter and sign up for the day!

If you would like more information on programs and services provided by the Shelter, please contact us at 993-5086, or fax 993-6235.

## Dawson First Nation election results

by Brent Morrison

**Chief Steve Taylor was elected to a second term as Dawson First Nation citizens went to the polls November 1. He defeated Doreen Olsen, his only opponent for the position**

**Robert (Bertie) Rear was the only Councillor seeking re-election.**

**Rear was re-elected while Russell Lopushuck, Jenny Christiansen and Dwayne Mierau were voted in to their first terms.**

## Bookends: Three on a Northern Adventure

by Dan Davidson

*The Gladstone Lakes Mystery* by David Skidd, *Midnight Ink*, \$5.95, 130 pages

Transplant three California kids to the Yukon, give them some vague clues to what they hope is a treasure, send their father off on a business trip and you have the framework for the first installment of a new series of youth adventure novels by David Skidd.

The kids are Johnny, Matthew and Ashley Adams, and their summer camp is at Sekulmun Lake, about equidistant in the bush from Kluane Lake and Haines Junction.

Three days after they arrive in the Yukon they get chased up a tree by a grizzly bear, and while he is up there he finds a pouch in a hole in the tree. In the pouch is a coded message. This is the beginning of a mystery that involves them in gold theft and drug smuggling before they are through.

Skidd is a former Yukon resident now living in California. *Gladstone Lakes* is the opening book in what he hopes will be a successful series

of Northern adventures he calls the Alaska Highway Adventure Series.

Volume two, *The Great Inukin Mystery* is already out and Skidd says he has two more ready to go. The second book of the series are also in the Yukon, near Teslin, but volumes 3 and 4 are planned to be in Haines and Fairbanks. He contracted Jim Robb to do the cover design and painting for the first book and Kate Williams for the second. He wants to use other Yukon artists when the books are set here.

Skidd writes convincingly about the area around Kluane as a result of having camped and driven there himself between 1981 and 1986. The experience also gave him his interior illustrations, which were digitized from his own photographs and then stylized using graphics software.

There are some minor problems with pacing in this story, and I had a bit of difficulty imagining these children being left alone the way they were, but the story works and does seem to satisfy its target audience, which is the 9 to 12 group.

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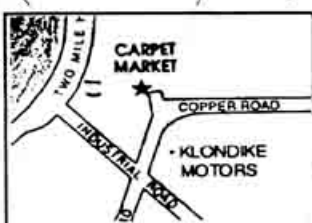
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# EXERCISE RELIANT NORDIC

by Captain M.K. Gagne,  
B Company Second in Command

Snowshoe bindings are set, snowmobiles are ready, and B Company 3 PPCLI eagerly awaits deployment to Dawson City to take on the cold, snowy wilderness of the Yukon during Exercise Reliant Nordic, 7 to 27 November.

Arriving in three CC 130 Hercules transport aircraft between 7 and 8 November, the B Company soldiers will have to make an immediate climactic adjustment from the mild Victoria fall to the much colder weather known to Dawson City.

Fortunately, a majority of the company has experienced winter operations in the past including a chilly January in Croatia during a UN tour earlier this year.

As an added bonus, there exists a core of non-commissioned officers who offer a wealth of knowledge on arctic and northern training.

Major Shane Fisher's preparation training plan, which encompassed cold weather operation review, extensive rucksack marching, and the establishment of basic drills for winter living, has provided a solid basis for the more extensive training the company will undergo during the exercise.

A focal point of Exercise Reliant Nordic will be the integration of the local Canadian Ranger patrol into the company for mutual training and operational purposes.

In fact, Sgt John Mitchell and his Rangers will play a key role in the initial training phase.

They will be called upon to teach the soldiers a variety of northern survival necessities including improvised shelter construction, hunting and trapping techniques, and how to operate and maintain a snowmobile effectively in harsh winter conditions.

Training centred around the aforementioned is scheduled to take place 9 to 14 November.

It is expected that this portion of the exercise will be of great benefit to the soldiers, many of whom have limited wilderness experience outside of the military and its normal field operations.

This initial phase will also allow the Rangers and B Company to

become familiar with one another in preparation for the remainder of the training.

The second phase of training 15 to 19 November will include a training package for the Rangers as well as a number of live fire small arms ranges by day and night.

The Ranger training package is aimed at familiarizing them with certain standard tactical procedures used by the Canadian Army, standard equipment such as military radios and night vision devices, and a variety of military small arms.

During this period the company and its Ranger counterparts will participate in a series of small arms ranges to further develop skills at tactical and night shooting.

This live firing portion of the exercise will also prove to test some of the newer equipment carried by the soldiers.

Assessment will be done on its suitability in a cold weather environment.

At this time B Company will be prepared to test its skills during a final tactical exercise.

The concluding training phase of Exercise Reliant Nordic will be a field exercise.

Centred on a limited threat scenario it will allow B Company and its Canadian Ranger attachments to confirm the training covered and to evaluate the operational effectiveness of all.

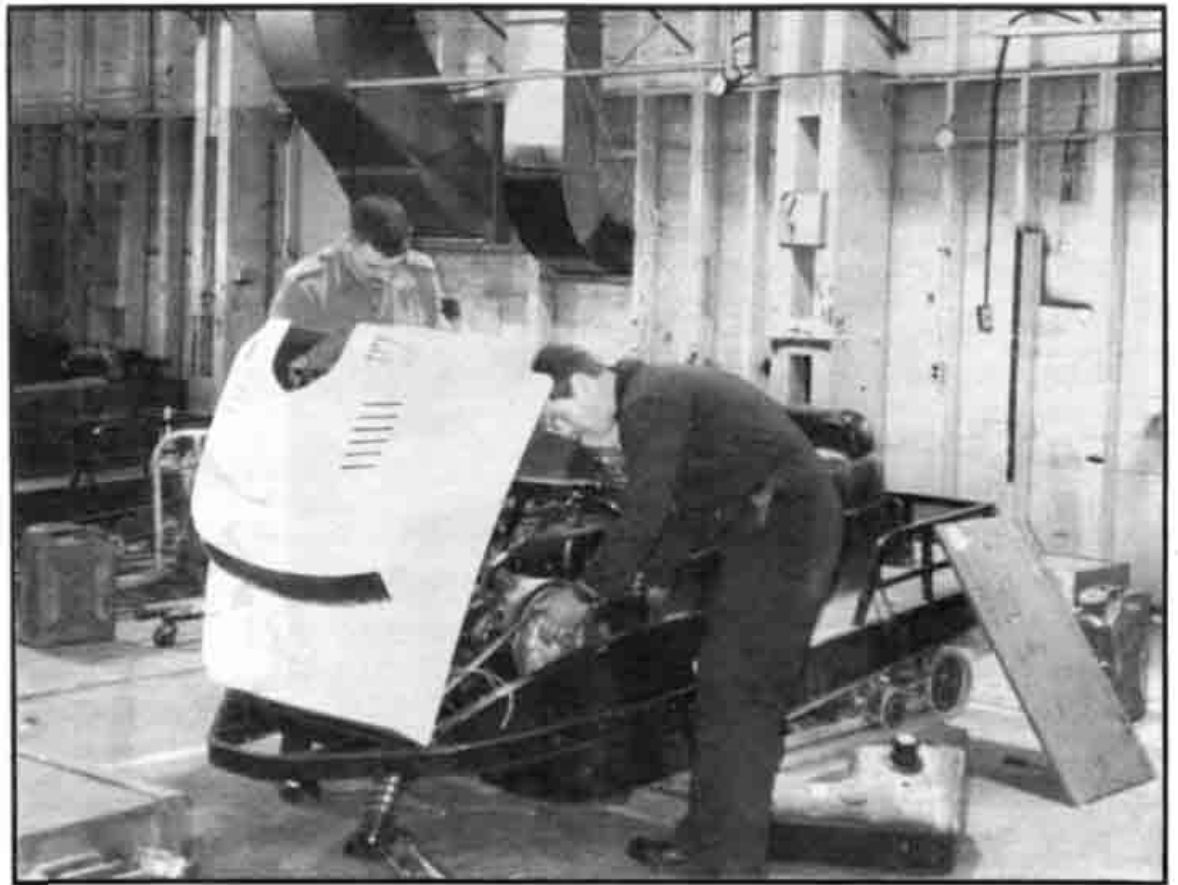


Photo submitted by Major Shane Fisher

**Master Corporal Davies and Cpl Pike conduct regular maintenance on an LOSV (Light Over Snow Vehicle)**

Various procedures and tactics will be put to the test while leadership, preparation, and planning will all be exercised to the extreme.

This final phase, 21 to 25 November should prove to be an intense and demanding experience.

While the training will be stringent and plentiful, the soldiers and Rangers will enjoy two brief respites as they participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies and the Community Day.

Firstly, B Company will march through Dawson in the regular parade on 11 November followed by an open service at the Anglican Church where the Colours of the 1st Canadian Machine-gun Company are laid.

The second break from training will occur with the much awaited Community Day on 20 November where members of B Company will partake in a number of local events

and will also provide a number of demonstrations including equipment displays and a UN operations stand.

The following morning battle procedure for the tactical exercise will commence.

Once the final phase of training is over, B Company, 3 PPCLI will begin its redeployment phase which will occur in flights on 25, 26, and 27 November.

While this will be routine to the soldiers, it will be a memorable experience for ten cadets from the Dawson City Air Cadet Squadron who will fly to Victoria on the first flight to be hosted by one of the squadrons there.

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