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Council proceeds with inquiry

by Brent Morrison

A public inquiry into events surrounding the sewer and water installation at Dawson First Nation's commercial properties on Front Street will not include an investigation into conflict of interest allegations.

By a vote of three to one council passed a resolution at a special meeting on November 29 instructing Municipal Services Inspector John Cormie to proceed with the inquiry on the basis of an outline he sent for their approval.

Cormie's letter to council was written after he had met with them and outlined the major issues council wanted dealt with.

Those issues are:

- 1) the Mayor's involvement and authority to have the sewer services disconnected, then reconnected;
- 2) the extra costs incurred;
- 3) the extent to which Council was involved in the decision making process; and
- 4) the effect the action taken may have on the integrity of the new sewer system.

Mayor Peter Jenkins voted against the resolution because Cormie's outline did not include an investigation into conflict of interest allegations against councillors Glen Everitt and Tim Gerberding.

Councillors Shirley Pennell, Everitt and Gerberding agreed that including such an investigation would distract from the main investigation.

Jenkins argued that, "I want to see the air cleared."

"I would not suggest conflict of interest get mixed up with the original resolution," Gerberding stated, "I think it tends to deflect the issue and tends to open up opportunities for personal attacks."

Gerberding also stated, "In my opinion, that resolution stands alone and of itself...I think that this resolution of October twenty-first is more than a month old, it's been spinning wheels, and the concern that particular resolution addressed is still out there. That's the concern that this inquiry should address."

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School Zone a Danger Zone

by Dan Davidson

"We're on a collision course," said Mayor Peter Jenkins. "Sooner or later we're going to have a bad accident."

The topic under discussion was the behavior of motorists in the block surrounding the Robert Service School, located in the middle of town, on the corner the intersection of two major streets, Fifth Avenue and Queen Street.

Speaking on behalf of the school council, Bruce Campbell was addressing council about the need for better traffic control around the school. His specific suggestion was for more signs warning of pedestrians, but councillors felt that this probably wouldn't do the trick.

Fifth Avenue in front of the school is already labeled a school zone with a 30 km limit, but Jenkins says the RCMP have ticketed drivers doing

at least 60 in that stretch. Likewise, Fourth Avenue behind the school is clearly marked.

Could stop signs be put at all intersections around the school? It didn't seem practical in terms of traffic flow through this major area. That the school is badly located is a recognized problem, but the territorial government was unwilling to relocate the site when the new school was being built.

Jenkins noted that the new four way stop sign intersection in the downtown area just a few blocks away has been the sight of more accidents since it went in than it was before.

Crosswalks don't seem to be a viable solution. Everyone agreed that they would be covered most of the year, and that the street crossing habits of Dawsonites of all ages were probably too ingrained to

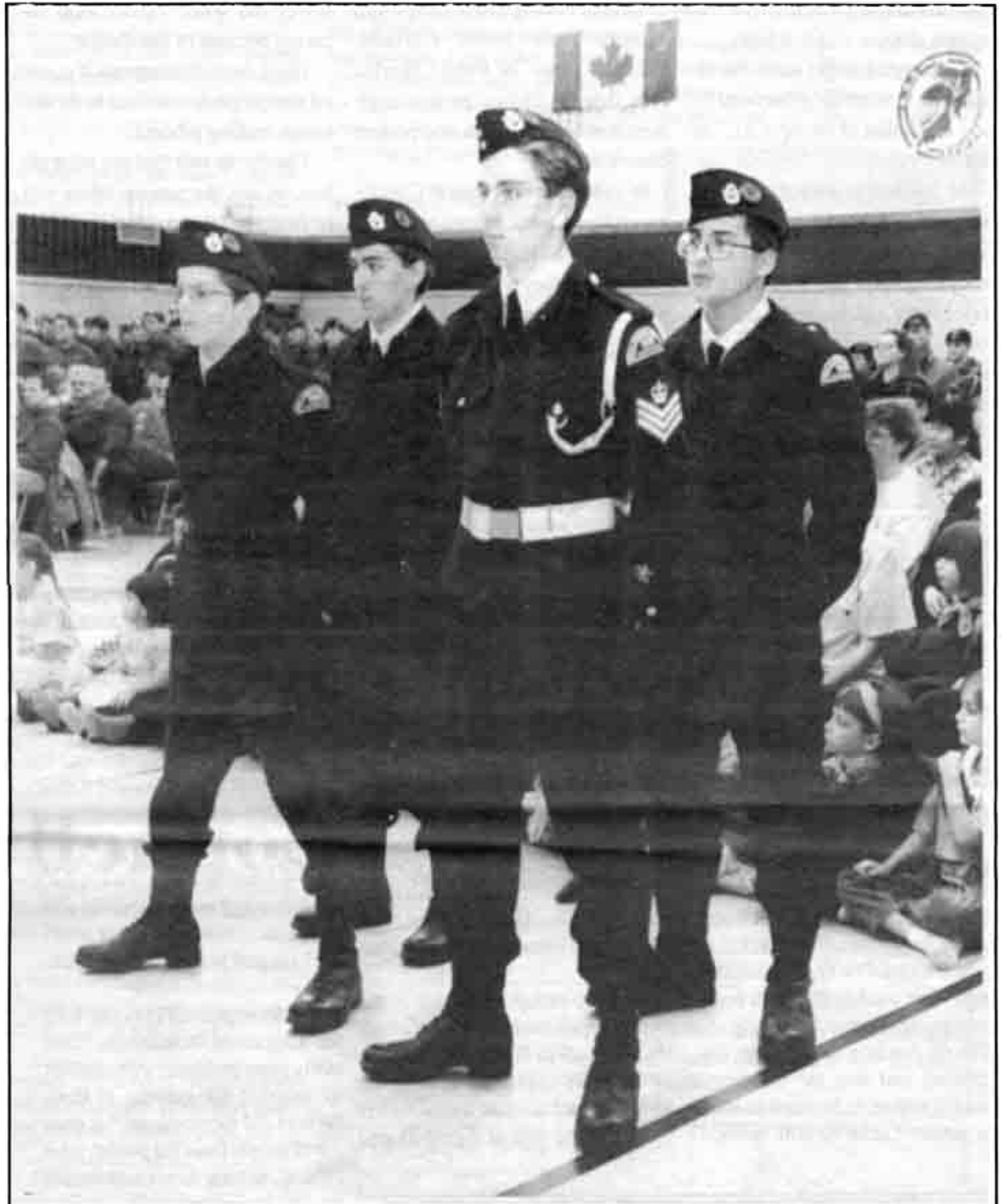


Photo by Mindy Duchnitski

Jared Brickner, Mitchell Strid, Jeff Hurnie and Alain Sauve of Pioneer Squadron 896 take part in the Remembrance Day events at Robert Service School

break.

The Post Office being directly across the street from the school means that people cross in the middle of the block, and it also means that there are a lot of cars parked on Fifth right a noon at least three days every week. In fact, most of the near accidents and scares have been caused by people backing away from the Post Office rather than from those coming along the street.

Queen Street, which is supposed to be a no stopping, no parking area near the school, is nevertheless the place where a great many parents are seen to stop and drop off their kids on a regular basis.

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Terms of Reference Set for Dawson Investigation

by Dan Davidson

John Cormie must be feeling a bit of déjà vu at this point in his career.

His trip to Dawson City on November 18 produced an outline of the form to be taken by his investigation into city operations. Since it is the third such investigation he has been called upon to make in the last three years, he was perhaps anxious to get it right.

"I was trying to get some clarification as to what they intended by their resolution of October 21," he said.

The resolution, passed by councillors Shirley Pennell, Glenn Everitt, Tim Gerberding and Henry Procyk against the sole vote of Mayor Peter Jenkins, requested that Cormie's department look into "the installation of the new sewer on Front Street between Duke and York

and the connecting, disconnecting and subsequent reconnecting of the Dawson First Nation commercial properties to the new system. Council requests YTG municipal services dept. to coordinate the inquiry, and

While originally described as a "public inquiry", Cormie says that this term has a specific meaning in law and that it is not what will be happening. The investigation will, however, allow for public input at a meeting to held in Dawson in December.

to obtain, among other things, full reports from Norm Carlson, Dawson super. of Public Works, Ken Brierly, Shiltec project engineer and Mike Church, the project contractor."

In talking with council Cormie ascertained what things were intended by this request.

"I believe they were in agreement with what the critical terms of reference for the investigation would be."

First he is to look into Mayor

Jenkins responsibility and authority for having the sewer services connected, disconnected and reconnected.

Second, he is to determine if extra costs to the already expensive

sewer and water repairs were incurred because of the shuffle.

Third, he will determine if council was properly involved in the decision making process.

Finally, he will find out what effect, in any, the actions taken will be likely to have on the sewer system.

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During the week, of November 27 Cormie wrote to council with this message: "We met, we talked, I believe this is what you

wish. If this is what you wish, please confirm it and we will commence the inquiry." He says he hopes to have a report filed by the end of January 1994.

His previous two reports on similar issues were filed in January 1992 (from incidents earlier in 1991) and November 1992.

Both involved the issue of the mayor's authority in authorizing certain expenditures and failing to involve council in the details of decisions that resulted in those mon-

ies being spent.

In both cases, Cormie found that Dawson councils (two different ones were involved) had not been properly consulted, but that they had also failed to clarify the issue of just exactly what the mayor's role is in such situations.

Cormie says that the present council still hasn't done that to the extent that it could, and that this is part of the reason that the problem keeps coming up.

He is withholding any further comments until his department has looked into all the legal, financial and engineering matters related to the council's request.

While "conflict of interest" accusations have been raised by the Mayor with respect to the role of Councillor Tim Gerberding in this matter, and some business leaders have questioned the role of Glenn Everitt as well, Cormie will not be

THIS DOES NOT COMPUTE

by Dan Davidson

Of some surprise to Dawson's municipal councillors was a line item in the provisional budget identifying \$48,000. to buy computers for the Robert Service School. These were apparently intended to buy the MS-DOS type machines which were used in the adult business education project last year.

Tim Gerberding felt this was unnecessary and that the machines should continue to be used to educate adults. Glenn Everitt worried

that this was meddling in the affairs of the school (which had not been consulted about the matter). Shirley Pennell likewise felt that council would be outside of its authority to act in this way. It was deleted from the budget without further discussion.

With the exception of one of the four computer labs at F.H. Collins High School in Whitehorse, Yukon Education's computer instruction and computer assisted instruction is based on the use of Apple II and

Students Collect for UNICEF

by Shirley Pennell, vice-principal

Over the years, the students of the Robert Service School have carried these little orange boxes from door to door on Hallowe'en. As the seasons have gone by the monies collected have increased. This year has

been one of the best for raising funds. Our young people need a big "thank-you" for their efforts, and so do the staff members who make it their job to roll and count all the money that is brought in.

We don't have statistics for all of

the years, but here are some for recent years:

1987-88:	\$314.33
1989-90:	\$700.67
1990-91:	\$678.87
1991-92:	\$791.18
1992-93:	\$830.00
1993-94:	\$901.00

Council Proceeds (continued from page 1)

Gerberding also added, "If you have concerns of conflict of interest I suggest you raise them separately."

Everitt expressed concern with the allegations themselves, "One of my other problems with conflict of interest allegations is that, 'Where did it come from?' A couple of people from the public, who I found out later didn't understand the whole picture."

Everitt also stated, "It [the conflict investigation] takes away from this one [the original inquiry]

because we're getting two different issues here. The council's questioning what took place...then all of a sudden you're going to get other people saying, 'Well what about the conflict of interest with Tim and Glen,' in the same inquiry."

Jenkins then asked, "Would you be prepared to deal with a separate resolution at our next meeting dealing with conflict?"

Everitt replied that, "I won't initiate a conflict of interest allegation on myself."

Gerberding answered, "I would be willing to certainly consider a resolution concerning conflict of interest at our next meeting."

When the resolution was put to a vote Jenkins again expressed his opposition to it, for the record, as well as voting against it.

School Zone a Danger Zone

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Many options were discussed, including barricading the block at certain times of the day, putting up warning pylons at peak times, setting up a crossing guard program and working on educating both parents and students of the potential dangers.

Jenkins was of the opinion that Dawsonites probably have some of "the worst walking and driving habits" anywhere, and that drastic measures might eventually become necessary.



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and Best Wishes to All for the New Year
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December 27, 1993 and January 3, 1994
We'll see you in 1994!

Long hours in council chambers

by Dan Davidson

Any one who wonders what councillors do in their spare time would only need to cast an eye over the heavy stack of by-law legislation that got second and third reading at the December 2 meeting.

Obviously these people are doing more than meeting for 3 or 4 hours twice a month.

The Water and Sewer Bylaw (93-29) will feature a 5% increase for all ratepayers when it is given final reading. The hike is due largely to the increases in power bills that Yukon Energy and Yukon Electric have succeeded in gaining since the spring.

At that time, when the YTG announced its support of the sewer reconstruction project, Mayor Jenkins said that s&w bills would not be increased for 1993, barring any rise in the cost of power, which is the single most expensive item in the operations and maintenance budget for the system.

Last summer they did hold the line, but 1994 bills will rise.

The only contentious items was the cost of using the dump station for out of town residents and the cost of water delivery.

This will rise to \$20.00 per thousand gallons. Tim Gerberding worried that this might drive valley residents to dump anywhere at all, while admitting that there are some people who do that now.

The other councillors felt that the added costs to the town system justified the fee hike, considering the more concentrated nature of holding tank refuse, its effect on the nature of the outflow from the discharge pipes and the fact that the city is obligated by the terms of its new water licence to do a lot more monitoring of its effluent this year.

Residents of the town who use holding tanks still do not have to pay a special fee.

Four homes at the north end of Eighth Avenue are among those in this category. Council clearly intends to move these homes onto the water system as soon as possible, but is stalled in doing so since there is no piping there at present and no agreement as to how payment for that should be covered.

When residents were last con-

tacted there was a proposal to send a spur line along the back lane between Seventh and Eighth at a cost of approximately \$20,000.00 per household. That was rejected by those owning the property at the time as being too expensive.

Two of the houses have changed hands since then.

There was a proposed bylaw setting a deadline for their connection to the system, but it was tabled for further development when city manager Carol Murray raised these problems.

Water delivery costs were queried by Gerberding, who noted that, after the rebate was subtracted, residents on the system would be paying less than those who were not.

When it came to the Grant Bylaw (93-30, which offsets the cost of the sewer and water billings) Gerberding had questions about the amount of grant money going to seniors.

Was it too high? Should there be some sort of a means test?

It's a motherhood issue, and Gerberding predicted at the outset that "I can't see any way to raise this issue without sounding like a jerk." Mayor Jenkins made the most of an opportunity to speak on behalf of the benefit that having seniors brings to a community. The bill eventually passed unanimously.

Long discussion went to the Reserve Fund Bylaw (93-31) which governs the spending of the city's reserve capital.

The manner in which it may be spent is already quite carefully hedged around with resolutions and safeguards, but Gerberding wanted to see a special sub-item which would prohibit any spending of the fund without a specific resolution to that effect by council.

In this debate the underlying animosity between Gerberding and Jenkins showed quite strongly.

Gerberding's anger tends to show itself in long winded questions and stubbornness, whereas the Mayor tends toward cutting remarks and a certain "cuteness".

For example, Jenkins accused Gerberding of harboring a lack of trust in the city administration, although it was quite obvious who it was that Gerberding did not trust on

this particular issue.

All of this led to a certain amount of frustration on the part of councillors Pennell and Everitt.

Pennell showed her frustration in her responses to Gerberding's questions about a \$60,000. line item intended to cover legal expenses in such matters as contract negotiations, intervention, hearings and lawsuits.

She felt he was suggesting that each councillor needed to be so well versed on routine matters as to be able to run the office, and wondered how much time he could possibly be expecting anyone to give to the job.

She had been up at 6 o'clock that morning reading her council package. This was the third meeting this week, and she just couldn't agree with him.

This particular meeting of council finally wound down at midnight. The by-laws which have been discussed here are now available for viewing at the city offices.

Most of them are still at the second reading stage and may yet be changed before they are proclaimed into law.

Clearing Koby

by Brent Morrison

In last month's front page story *Mayor's supporters accuse Gerberding and Everitt of conflict of interest* I inadvertently referred to Denny Kobayashi as the Past-President of the Dawson Chamber of Commerce.

While Mr. Kobayashi is indeed the Past-President, his appearance at Council, and his subsequent statements were solely his as a concerned private citizen and should not be seen as a position of the Chamber.

For any inconveniences this may have caused, I would like to once again of-

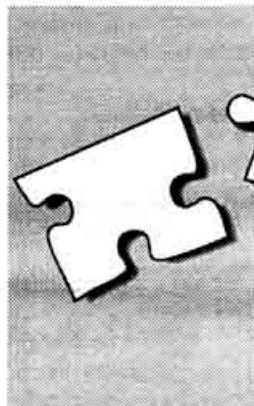
fer my sincerest apologies.

There was also some concern, albeit to a lesser degree, regarding Chris Sorg's appearance at the same Council meeting.

Again, Mr. Sorg was there solely as a private citizen, not as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce or the Dawson Museum and Historical Society. In fact, his reference to the museum was only to indicate where his point of reference was coming from.

For any inconveniences this may have caused I would again like to offer my sincerest apologies.

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EDITORIAL

Putting the DEAD
back into Deadline

by Brent Morrison

It may not be the most Christmasy of editorial topics, but then, due to a crossing of signals there's no pictures of Santa in our Christmas issue either, so here goes.

One of the problems of small town newspapers such as the *Klondike Sun* is that some people seem to think deadlines are an arbitrary thing that can be avoided until convenient to them. This is by no means the majority of our many contributors or advertisers, most have their articles, ads, photographs, etc. into our offices quite early.

But, some people seem to think that when we say the deadline is Wednesday we mean Friday, and when we say the deadline is Friday they think we mean sometime during the weekend.

A lot of people assume we run on "Dawson or Yukon Time" (that's at least 15 minutes later than scheduled to those of you reading this "outside").

But our printers do not, nor do our distributors.

There has been a lot of interest in the *Sun* coming out twice monthly and once our new software starts running on all four cylinders that idea is going to be a lot more plausible, hopefully very early in 1994.

But to do that we have to be even more consistent with our deadlines, so here they are. Deadlines for advertising and photographs is the FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (except when the first day of the month is Thursday or later, in which case the deadline would be the last Wednesday of the month. Okay, it's a little confusing but we'll be posting the upcoming deadlines in the *Sun* and on the DCTV rolling ads).

Deadlines for articles is the FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH AT 6:00 P.M. Effective January 1994 anything missing our deadline will not be accepted.

REALLY!

As I said it is a small problem but one that can cause a lot of grief, so please, if you want your stuff in, get it in!

The other piece of concern is placement of ads. As much as possible we try to accommodate advertisers (and again this is a minority of them) who wish to see their ads in a certain location. But we now have some concrete rules regarding this.

Effective January 1994 no ads larger than a quarter page (2 columns by 7") will be placed before page 7. There will be absolutely no ads on pages 4, or 5 or on the *Klondike Kids* page, or the Bulletin Board.

Some newspapers charge hefty fees for specific placement of ads and the *Sun* does not wish to get into that game at this time (if ever).

On that happy note,

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Letters to the editor

Councillor's clarification

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to the two articles that appeared on page one of the November issue regarding an inquiry into the Mayor's actions and allegations of conflict of interest. The reports to date on these issues have not been accurate. Representation by the mayor has been especially misleading. I would like to clarify the following points:

1) Problems with payment for municipal services delivered to commercially zoned First Nation properties are not unique to Dawson. They exist across Canada. The Government of Canada has been working with the Association of Yukon Communities and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to resolve this issue. There are indications that payment will be forthcoming early in the New Year. Mayor Jenkins knew this when he took it upon himself to sever the sewer lines connecting Dawson First Nation buildings to the new sewer system.

2) The treatment of Dawson First Nation was not as "Anyone else would have had it done." It was, in fact, entirely different. Anyone else would have received advance notice by mail, and if payment was not forthcoming, the water tap would have been turned off. This is a conventional 'disconnect'. It is a cheap, non-intrusive process. It has nothing to do with severing sewer lines. In this instance the Mayor jeopardized \$200,000 worth of sewer lines to score political points. Nothing was accomplished.

3) Neither myself, nor Councillor Everitt, are in 'Conflict of Interest', under the Municipal Act, or under the City of Dawson Procedural Bylaw. This allegation has been fabricated to divert attention from the Mayor's actions. As duly elected municipal officials, Councillor Everitt and myself have an obligation to protect the property and financial interests of Dawson taxpayers.

4) The resolution calling for a public inquiry was not solely the initiative of Councillor Everitt and myself. It was supported by all four Councillors.

5) Mayor Jenkins exceeded his authority. He wasted the City's resources. He jeopardized our new sewer system. He is being called to task for it. It is time for a public accounting. A public meeting will be held sometime in January to address this issue. I encourage all citizens to come out and express your views.

Tim Gerberding

A satisfied subscriber and
tourist

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing my cheque for renewal of my *Klondike Sun* paper.

I certainly enjoying reading your paper and look forward for each edition.

After travelling through your most unique and interesting town four times in the past few years I find so many articles of great interest.

Once a person has been to a certain place, and then read an article about it,

it all becomes so real

I have read most of Pierre Berton's books and Martha Black and a novel *Tisha*.

This particular story was from the Chicken, Alaska area and I was there also and I can almost see the *Tisha* story taking place.

I was most impressed with my trips to your Yukon country. Especially Dawson City, and my passengers on my tour buses agreed, it was the most beautiful and interesting trip we shared travelling from Edmonton via the Alaska Highway and on to Alaska. To Anchorage and Fairbanks over the Top-of-the-World highway and into your friendly and caring town.

I've made a true friend of your own town's Sue Ward, her friendship I will cherish forever. I would like to see more of her writings in the *Sun*. Keep up the good work.

Daisy Robinson
Vernon, Ontario

Greetings from Joe &
Marion Langevin

Dear Editor:

Please find enclosed a cheque for \$17.12 for another year of the *Klondike Sun*, please extend the subscription as per your records.

It is raining today (Nov. 15) but we have had really marvellous weather. My roses are still blooming and I have a lovely array of "mums" bordered by dusty-mullen.

Our Yukon Xmas Party will be on December 4 at the new Civic Centre. Cocktails and social at 4 p.m., potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. and music and dancing after. We usually have 100 to 110 people.

Please print the following Xmas greetings in your paper if you find room between now and Christmas.

BEST WISHES FOR A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST
EVER NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR
FRIENDS IN THE YUKON. JOE &
MARION LANGEVIN.

Thanks. We had a lovely holiday in the Yukon this summer.

Marion Langevin
Parksville, B.C.

Gerties "Yes to Vegas"

Dear Editor:

We have more info ready to mail — it's a go!! Replies must be received by next week before our Newsletter mailout. (Send to (or drop off)

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Please help — your committee are not mindreaders!

Special thanks to the *Klondike Sun* Staff for your help in our quest.

Remembrance Day Unique

Dear Editor:

In regards to the Remembrance Day Open House at the Band Hall, it has been brought to our attention that some people were quite disappointed (and a

little put out) that the function was restricted to those 19 years of age and over. To these disappointed people we offer our apologies.

However, it must be noted that this year was unique. As everyone is aware, Dawson City was privileged to act as home base to 120 members of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and approximately 40 Canadian Rangers. They were here for a winter exercise.

We, at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #1, were proud to have the members of these two units participate in the Remembrance Day services at the school and the Victory Garden's Cenotaph.

Normally, our open House would have been held at the Curling Club, hosting 50 to 75 people during the afternoon. With approximately 160 extra people in attendance, the Legion needed a different location for the Open House. The only place available was the Band Hall with a capacity of 200 persons. Obviously some restriction had to apply with this many people expected to attend.

Remembrance Day is to remember those that have fallen fighting for freedom and peace. The men and women of the Princess Patricia's are some of the members of Canada's commitment to U.N. peace keeping. To have excluded them from the Open House would have been unthinkable rude.

This year was unique and we expect that next year we will return to our regular format, open to all.

Sincerely,
Kelly DeWald
Vice-President
Royal Canadian Legion
Branch #1 Dawson City, Yukon

Chamber; clarifying and
correcting

Dear Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce to clarify and correct information that you reported in your last issue.

1. Mayor Jenkins was indeed a guest speaker at our November 3 Chamber meeting. However he was not there to quell, "innuendoes and rumours" as indicated in Mr. Morrison's article. Mayor Jenkins was simply asked to give, and in fact did give, an update on the City's recent water and sewer construction; as well as information on the City's future plans.

2. Mr. Denny Kobayashi is definitely Past President of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Kobayashi did attend the Council meeting as pointed out in Mr. Morrison's article. However Mr. Kobayashi made it very clear to all present at the Council meeting that he was attending as a private citizen only and not as a representative of the Dawson Chamber.

Biased and/or erroneous reporting can have a wide impact and cause major problems. If these inaccuracies continue, the Chamber may have to rethink its open door policy to the media.

Yours truly,
Allanah Fuhre, President

Dawson City Chamber of Commerce
Editor's Note: I would like to comment on Ms. Fuhre's letter also.

Firstly, I find it ironic to be criticized for "biased and/or erroneous reporting" then see myself misquoted.

While the Chamber's reasons for inviting Mr. Jenkins to speak may well have been curiosity alone, Mr. Jenkins did indeed begin his presentation by stating that he wanted to, "Clear up the disinformation and rumour," surrounding the issue.

As for Mr. Kobayashi's reference as Past President of the Chamber, that was a slip of the tongue so to speak, since referring to Denny as being connected to the Chamber is almost second nature.

But, you are totally correct, Mr. Kobayashi did state he was at Council as a private citizen and I have apologized both privately and publicly for any inconveniences that article may have caused him [see page three for related item].

As for your last statement, I do not find threats very becoming of the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce.

B.M.

Thanks for the hospitality

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the people of Dawson City for the hospitality shown to me during my recent trip.

I was in Dawson City from November 22 to 26 to meet with new and old clients and discuss their insurance and investment requirements.

This was my first trip to Dawson City in the winter months and it made me wonder why I had not made the trip before.

The citizens of Dawson can be proud of their community, their network of volunteers and the strong feeling of community that a visitor encounters wherever they may go.

I wish that Whitehorse still held this spirit!

In particular I would like to thank: Jon and Inday Magnusson of the Dawson City Bed & Breakfast for hospitality second to none. The Breakfast are unbelievable.

Robert McConkey for his assistance and advice on marketing matters and for putting me in touch with the *Klondike Sun*.

Gene and his employees at the Gas Shack for service that can only be found in the north.

Monica Kulych for her selling skills - you may have to give up your day job.

And finally, my new clients for taking the time to meet with me.

I look forward to my next visit in April when I can sample your Northern Hospitality once more.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year!

Shelly Schneider



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Dawson First Nation Municipal Services

by Steve Taylor

Chief Dawson First Nation

During the last couple of years the subject of Dawson First Nation municipal services has been discussed in many different forums.

Some of the information that has been provided is accurate, while at other times this has not been the case.

First and foremost a bit of history will go along way to clarify this situation.

From time immemorial Dawson First Nation ancestors occupied all the land in this region, including the land that Dawson now sits on. Dawson First Nation has never ceded or surrendered any of this land.

The Dawson Indian Band is an artificial entity created at the time of the Goldrush by the Federal Government through the Department of Indian Affairs.

The land that Dawson First Nation members presently live and work on is owned by the Federal government.

This land is called "land set aside".

This land is held in trust by the government "for the use and benefit of the Dawson Indian Band."

The system set up by the Federal government was not something that was agreed to and to this day is not something the First Nation agrees with.

Through the Department of Indian Affairs the Dawson Indian Band receives monies for various purposes described in what is called a funding agreement.

However in this agreement there is no funding for taxes, water or sewer.

The city of Dawson is responsible for collecting these charges di-

rectly from the Federal Government.

The first problem that arose from this arrangement was that the City of Dawson saw fit to charge First Nation resident properties a rate 50% higher than other residential property owners in Dawson.

Dawson First Nation found this proposal particularly offensive.

D F N members are the most stable residents of Dawson. Most are born here and more that likely will die here.

To be charged a rate different than any other

private residential property was totally unacceptable.

The second problem is with the properties occupied by Dawson First Nation on front street between Duke and York that were zoned commercial by the City of Dawson.

The federal government does not pay for services to properties occupied by the First Nation that are zoned commercial.

This is not a policy that we agree with or were part of developing.

The only way the Federal Government will pay these charges is if the First Nation and the City of Dawson enter into a municipal services agreement.

This is something that the First Nation has tried to do on numerous occasions over the past four years.

Until the last month there was no response from the City of Dawson.

Dawson First Nation supports the City of Dawson's efforts to be paid what it is justly owed.

We are not willing however to be used as a bargaining tool in order to secure more money than is owed the City of Dawson.

Threats to cut off service, digging up newly installed sewer lines in front of the Band hall is just plain insulting.

No one else in this community has received this treatment.

The problem comes from the Federal attitude towards Indians and will be addressed through the land claims agreement presently being negotiated.

This tax problem is not unique to Dawson.

This situation is occurring in other Yukon communities and across Canada.

Dawson First Nation is one of the many vital components that make up Dawson City.

Never has it been suggested that the First Nation does not feel they have to pay for services.

Dawson First Nation is more that willing to pay what other residents and commercial property owners pay.

Before we can do this though we have to have municipal services agreement.

Dawson First Nation hopes that this clarifies our position and puts to rest the untruths that have been spreading.

Interest groups have made statements without all the facts and need to know all the details in order to make proper observations about some of the interesting going ons in our vibrant community.

Perhaps in the future these groups and individuals could come forward and discuss any misunderstanding with the First Nation before making misguided statements.

Dawson First Nation deserves to be treated as a valuable part of this community and the respect that comes with that membership.



File Photo

Dawson First Nation Chief
Steve Taylor

AYC Press Release October 7, 1993

In response to recent news media inquiries concerning the issue of unpaid municipal taxes on federal properties in Yukon communities occupied by Indian Bands and used for non-commercial and commercial purposes, Councillor Kathy Watson, President of the Association of Yukon Communities inadvertently used the figure of \$1,000,000, as the amount outstanding on these properties. The actual amount owing for the past four fiscal years (1990-1993 incl.) is \$280,000.

As a property owner at the municipal level, the federal government is constitutionally exempt from paying property taxes but contributes to the local tax base through grants which are equivalent of local property taxes.

The problem Yukon municipalities have had with non-payment of these grants is due to the occupancy classification of

the properties affected. The federal regulations for payment grants on properties occupied by Indian Bands is restricted to residential and agricultural use. The use of federal properties by Indian Bands for purposes such as administration buildings and halls, or commercial ventures, exempts the federal government from paying the grants-in-lieu.

Through the intervention of the Association of Yukon Communities and the effected municipalities of Dawson City, Watson Lake and Whitehorse; the issue is to be resolved through municipal service agreements between the Indian Bands, DIAND and the effected municipalities.

Ed. Note: The figures given in this article conflict with the \$300,000 figure generally used in discussing the amount owed in Dawson alone.



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Freeze Up

by Sebastien

For months our land was green and the wide river had flowed its stately way.

As the days grew shorter and colder, the river began to shrink within its bed and to lose the noise opacity of summer. It became transparent, reluctantly exposing its under layer. The sky became grey and then the land was white, its contours softened.

Now the river required a voice as ice began to form. Initially it was a thin film glazing the pebbles along the beaches.

Then a fragile, lacy fringe, crocheted out as the river lost its final stores of summer heat.

In stiller, calmer places, a film of ice a few molecules thick, crystallizes and slowly drifts away downstream, thickening atom by atom,

minute by minute until ripples on the surface bend, then break and swamp it. A patch of slush oozes up, a few inches thick and a few more across.

The natural swirling of the water causes these patches to coalesce, into a contiguous group 3 or 4 feet across.

The water within this fledgling pan is sheltered from the restless currents bearing it and a layer of ice soon forms on its surface, providing structural strength.

Where the pan collides with a fellow or the shore its edges are pushed in and thickened, slightly sinking the pan.

Snow and waves are trapped within the walls, in turn freezing and thickening the pan yet more.

All the while the river shrinks and slows and the white cloak on the

land thickens. On the river there are ice chunks as numerous as the swirls and upwellings that cover its surface.

The swifter current in the main channel draws the ice to itself until the crowded pans collide and stock up like cans in a city traffic jam. Some are pushed out in radiating columns, colliding with the shore, occasionally running aground

where the shore fast ice enfolds them and the shelf is suddenly several feet wider.

Soon the ice is packed so tightly on the river that the water is hidden and it crushes and grinds to a grudging breath holding halt....And moves again under the unremitting pressure of the river, sometimes ploughing through shelf ice several weeks and feet thick like a natural

ice breaker.

Then one morning it is quiet and still. The ice fog is gone and the land sighs peacefully. The metamorphosis is complete.

(A slug submission as a substitute for the saccharine and sententious shlock offered too often by this paper.)

Ed. Note: Nice mood piece. Why the sour disposition? D.D.

submitted by John Gould

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Menu

Soup- Consome of fine herbs

Salad- Anchovy on toast

Shrimp en mayonnaise

Fish- Oil Sardines

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Sauce Tartar

Relish- Dill Pickles Queen Olives

Boiled- Philadelphia Capon, oyster sauce

Entrees- Salami of Goose, a la chasseur

Spaghetti a la Neopolitan, Queen Olives

Pate de foi Gras, Petit pois

Queen fritters, sauce maderia

Roast- Young turkey, oyster dressing, cranberry sauce

Prime rib of beef, yorkshire pudding

Loin of Pork, apple sauce

Game- Stuffed shoulder of moose

Boiled fillet of ptarmigan, boudelaise

Haunch of caribou, currant jelly

Vegetables- Asparagus tips on toast Mashed potatoes

Desert- English plum pudding, brandy and hard sauce cheese straws

Pastry- mince pie, pumpkin pie, apple pie, assorted cakes

Tea Coffee Chocolate

The above item was taken from the Dawson Daily News

December 23, 1899

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I would like to thank all members for their involvement and support during the recent Dawson First Nation Council election.

The past three years certainly were challenging and rewarding. With your continued participation and support we can only reach our commitments and objectives to build a positive future for ourselves and our future.

Massi Cho - Robert Rear

Canadian Forces Northern Area

Press Release

Yellowknife - Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) *Yukon* will wind up her naval career with a final sail past Duntze Head at Her Majesty's Canadian Dockyard in Esquimalt on December 3, 1993.

The 30-year-old frigate, currently serving with Maritime Forces Pacific, is the third of four Mackenzie class vessels named after Canadian rivers.

She is the only Canadian naval vessel to ever bear the name "Yukon."

HMCS *Yukon's* retirement from active service will take place with a reception and sunset ceremony aboard ship on December 2, and a formal paying off ceremony on December 3.

In recognition of this occasion, the ceremonies will be attended by the Honourable Ken McKinnon, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory.

Commissioner McKinnon will be accompanied by Major Mike Winter, the commander of Canadian Forces Northern Area (CFNA) Headquarters Detachment Yukon.

Major Winter will attend on behalf of the Commander of CFNA, Brigadier-General R. D. Daly, and as the aide-de-camp to Commissioner McKinnon.

Bearing pennant number 263, HMCS *Yukon* was originally designed as an anti-submarine destroyer escort but has also long served as a training vessel for naval officers and other ranks.

she has sailed some 792,181 nautical miles - the equivalent of 22 trips around the world.

HMCS *Yukon's* keel was laid down by Burrard Dry Dock Company Ltd. of Vancouver on October 25, 1959.

Yukon was launched on July 27th, 1961 and commissioned on May 25, 1963.

Yukon has a displacement of 2,880 tons, can attain speeds of more than 27 knots and has a ship's company of 195 personnel.

During her career, she has sailed some 792,181 nautical miles - the equivalent of 22 trips around the world.

Her sister ship HMCS *Mackenzie* - the only other naval vessel with an affiliation to Canada's North - was paid off last August 3rd.

submitted by John Gould

CHRISTMAS STOCKING

S - Stands for sugar plums dainty and good
T - For toys made of tin or wood
O - For oranges yellow and sweet
C - For cakes most delicious to eat
K - For knife six blades in all
I - India rubber made into a ball
N - For nuts shiny and round
G - For goodies that more than abound

The above item was taken from the Dawson Daily News December 23, 1899

Big changes - Its back to the basics

Press Release

Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous is responding to your requests.

We're moving back to the basics.

In the spirit of Yukon tradition we will be holding all outdoor events on First Avenue for Rendezvous 1994.

We are bringing back your memories of the "good old days" on the river.

The change also assists the City of Whitehorse and local businesses in the set up of events and eliminates traffic problems in the downtown core.

Rendezvous dates for the 30th Anniversary are February 21-27.

We're offering more events this year giving you a full week of Rendezvous action.

We value your input and want to encourage all of you to pick up a membership package and be part of the planning process on a year round basis.

Its the 30th Anniversary and we're starting to roll.

If you have questions, want to volunteer, have an idea for an event please give us a call at the Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Office 667-2148.

Yukon Anniversaries Commission Hosting Ideas Conference in Dawson

Press Release

1994 marks the first of the anniversary and centennial years of the Klondike Gold Rush era.

In 1894, the Yukon Order of Pioneers was founded at Fortymile near Dawson City.

That same year, the first members of the North West Mounted Police arrived in the Territory.

For the town of Faro, 1994 marks its 25th anniversary.

To kick off this first of many significant years in the Yukon, the Yukon Anniversaries Commission has organized an Ideas Conference for January 10 and 11, 1994.

The conference will be held in the new home of the Commission, Dawson City.

The Yukon Anniversaries Commission is dedicated to making the Commemoration of the Klondike Gold Rush Era as much a turning point for the Yukon as the Gold Rush did in 1897 to 1898.

The board and staff of the Yukon Anniversaries Commission has been working to develop programs for the commemoration and

wants to ensure these programs are designed to fit the needs of the Yukon.

The Ideas Conference will offer an opportunity to understand the Strategic Plan for the commemoration, to provide input into the programs being developed and to build on new ideas for the Klondike Gold Rush Era.

The key to the success of the Ideas Conference and the commemorations is the participation and cooperation by all levels ranging from individuals and organizations to private sector to communities and government.

The Ideas Conference '94 will feature presentations, workshops and discussions on the implementation of the Strategic Plan, ideas building, heritage issues, event classification and marketing.

The Conference will include introductions of major programs in sponsorship, merchandising and licensing.

Conference participants will also receive a copy of the first instalment of the Product Development

Manual.

This resource document will assist committees, organizations, businesses and individuals in developing product ideas for the commemoration of the Klondike Gold Rush Era.

Product refers to any project, event, festival, gathering, saleable product, information service or facility that uses the Klondike Gold Rush Era for basis of theme and promotion.

A highlight of the Conference will be the unveiling of a new logo to represent the commemoration of the Klondike Gold Rush Era.

This logo will provide an identifiable image to build awareness and promote the upcoming anniversaries and centennials to the Yukon across the continent and around the world.

Registration fees for the two-day conference is \$50.

To assist in the transportation requirements between Whitehorse and Dawson City, conference participants can book a seat on a chartered bus for a fee of \$50.



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A Christmas Story "A Shared Light Shines Brighter!"

by Gerda Kurth

Once upon a time there was a man who had a house, an ox, a cow, a donkey and herd of sheep.

The shepherd boy, who worked for the man, had a little dog, a coat of pure wool, a shepherd staff and a lantern.

It was winter and the snow was deep. It was bitter cold in the stable and the boy was freezing in his clothes. "Can I come in to your house to warm myself by the fire?" asked the shepherd-boy.

"Go to the sheep-pen, I cannot share the warmth of the house for the fire-wood is expensive, the animals will keep you warm!" said the man, and left the boy out in the cold.

On the way back to the sheep-pen the boy saw a big bright star in the sky, he wondered at it. Taking his shepherd's staff and his lantern he walked away toward the big shining star!

"I don't want to stay without the boy," said the little dog, and he followed the footsteps of the shepherd-boy."

"Without the little dog here we don't want to stay either," said the sheep and followed the tracks of the boy and his dog.

"Without the sheep, I don't want to stay here," said the donkey. He lifted his head and followed the sheep.

"Without the donkey and the sheep here, I do not like to stay," said the cow and marched after the donkey.

"Well," said the ox, "with everyone gone I am all alone. I really don't like to be alone," and he followed the cow.

It was very quiet around the man's house, the only sound being the crackle of the fire. He went to the pens but all the sheep were gone. He went to the stable - but it was

he lost his way. Cold and lost he struggled and he could walk no more.

"Help me, help me," the old man begged, "I am so cold and lost," he cried and cried.

At once the snow quieted, the snow stopped falling, and the man saw a big star shining above him.

The bright star hung over a stable in the middle of a field, and through the small window he saw light from a shepherd's lantern.

When he opened the stable door, he found the little shepherd boy, his dog and all the sheep, the donkey, the cow and the ox.

They all stood around a manger in which a little baby lay. The baby smiled at the old man, he knelt down and gave thanks that he was safe.

Next morning, the man, the boy and all the animals went back home. The ground was still frozen and the air was bitter cold, but the sun shone brightly.

That evening, the old man called the shepherd-boy up to his house,, after all the chores were done.

"I have enough wood for the fire: and I would like to share all the warmth of the house with you.. Come in."

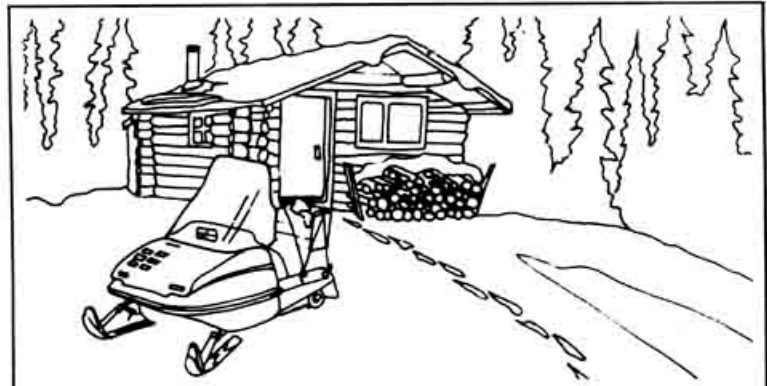
They sat down together to a humble meal and praised the "Star" and the "Baby" in the manger that had shown them the way!



Photo by Mindy Duchnitski

Fire Chief For a Day

Jonathon Noakes, this year's winner of the Fire Chief for a Day contest checks out the view from the driver's seat during fire practise.



Yukon Trappers! Apply Now

Yukon trappers have until December 31, 1993 to apply for this season's grants under the Yukon Government's Fur Harvest Enhancement Program.

You may be eligible for funds to cover up to 25 per cent of the capital cost on such items as cabin building materials, trapping equipment and air freight.

Application forms are available from the Yukon Trappers Association or your nearest Renewable Resources office.

For more information contact your local Renewable Resources office or call 667-8403 in Whitehorse. Trappers outside Whitehorse can call 1-800-661-0408 toll free. Ask for local 8403.

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Do you know these children?

Our layout Gremlins were hard at work last issue switching names and deleting others. Here are, we believe, the correct faces and names, we hope, of the November Klondike Kids that were oopsed.



Gregory Anderson



Pait Johnson



Kristin Van Bibber



Steven Henderson



BASIC PLUMBING AND HEATING SYSTEMS TRAINING

A six week course covering basic Plumbing and Heating systems will be offered by Yukon College in Dawson City from February 14th to March 25th. This course is sponsored by the Dawson Chamber of Commerce and funded by the Canada Employment Centre.

Call the Dawson Campus for information and registration. Space is limited.

Please register early!

993-5231

Safe Driving Week

RCMP/YTG Release

The popular Yukon Safe Drivers Awards will again be part of National Safe Driving Week, December 1-7, 1993.

The awards, introduced during Safe Driving Week in 1992, are presented by the RCMP throughout the territory to drivers demonstrating safe and courteous driving habits.

In 1992, 93 drivers in 13 Yukon communities received awards of handmade chocolates, donated by the Government of Yukon's Transport Services Branch.

In addition to receiving awards, safe drivers will be publicly recognised during Safe Driving week.

"The awards are a positive way to promote safe driving habits. They also remind motorists of the rear round need to drive courteously and defensively," said Mickey Fisher, Minister of Community and Transportation Services.

The RCMP and the Government of Yukon will also promote use of seat belts during the week.

The territory is aiming to have 95 per cent of the public using seat belts by 1995. At present, about 81 per cent of Yukoners wear seat belts.

"Seat belts save lives and their use is becoming habit for most Yukoners.

"By promoting seat belt use during Safe Driving Week, we will be encouraging all Yukoners to buckle up throughout the year," said Mr. Fisher.

Safe Driving Week is sponsored by the Canada Safety Council as a regular reminder to the public of the importance of driving safely.

Ed. Note: This item will seem a little dated by the time we are on sale, but it is hoped safe driving is something that is practised throughout the year. E.M.

Youth News

by Don Tutin Jr.

The turnout for the dance on November 20 was great.

The volleyball teams from Haines Junction, Whitehorse, Pelly, Old Crow and Dawson City were all there and also some of the army people.

At 10:00 p.m. we had a 50/50 draw - people bought the tickets at the door when they came in - Crystal Roberts won the draw of \$45.00.

The music there was great - we played rock n'roll, country, rap and sixties music. Ryan Peterson sang a song called *Funky Cold Medina* by Tone Loc and everybody there went wild - they screamed, whistled and clapped.

The dance opened as soon as the feast was over at 6:30 p.m. The dance was over at 12:30 a.m.

All the other dances have been at the school and the dances seemed too small there because people couldn't walk around and talk with

people because it was so crowded.

The Band Hall has a bigger room than the school and holds more people so there was more room to dance.

The kids on the Youth Group stayed an extra hour after the dance to put all the chairs and tables away.

The next day (Sunday) the Youth Group went back to the Band Hall at 2:00 to sweep and mop the floor and clean the kitchen and bathrooms and the foyer.

We made \$1,080.00 and Harry Campbell donated \$150.00 towards the pool table. The money we made is towards making the Youth Lounge.

At the moment we are trying to find a lot to build our own building for the Youth Lounge and the Youth Group would appreciate any donations.

Please contact Trevor Huddle or Jim Johnston at the school at 993-6910.

Food Basket program at Maximilian's

submitted

"Collectively, we can make this a merry Christmas for all Dawsonites this year," says Chris Sorg of Maximilian's Gold Rush Emporium.

The store has introduced a Food Basket program during the month of December to collect food baskets for local needy families. And for contributing to the program, Maximilian's has found a special way of rewarding donors.

Those bringing a gift for the food basket will pay no G.S.T. on purchases they make in the store at the time of donation.

Says Sorg, "As a local business we wanted to find a tangible way to give back to Dawson as a means of showing our appreciation to the

community.

This program allows all of Dawson residents an opportunity to gain a real benefit and at the same time share in the true spirit of Christmas."

Selection and distribution of the food baskets will be handled by various social service agencies.

Maximilian's is going an extra step this Christmas by offering all its customers a complimentary glass of hot cider just for coming in to browse around in the store.

Between these programs and their somewhat unique "Twelve Turkeys of Christmas" draws, Maximilian's may just be as they claim, "The Home of The Christmas Spirit!"

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Pursuing a Passion for the Klondike

by Dan Davidson

If Don Reddick faced his Dawson City audience with some trepidation when he met them, he couldn't have picked a better line to begin with.

"It's kind of intimidating to be in Dawson City. We had a tough crowd last night in Whitehorse, and I hope you go a little easier on me."

Members of any Dawson audience will respond well to a speech that begins by acknowledging their importance and damning the capital city up the river.

The only hostility he faced during the next hour was of the "who do they think they are any way?" variety, and it wasn't directed at him.

Hockey fans were the biggest part of the audience at his reading. This was due to the nature of his book, which is a novel based on the true story of the Dawson Nuggets, a hockey team that challenged for the Stanley Cup in 1905, back in the days before the NHL, when the rules were much different than they are now.

Before he ever knew he was going to work on *The Dawson City Seven*, Reddick had visited the Klondike.

In his slightly flat New England tones he noted that his trip here for Discovery Days in 1986 was a lot different than this one. Last time he had camped out with a friend near the gravel pit at the north end of town.

At that time he didn't know he was going to be writing about anything to do with the Klondike. He had come north following an urge that seems to strike a lot of Americans every year.

"I come from a family of historians and the Klondike has always been on of my favourite topics," he said "You guys live here, but there's a whole legion of people in the United States who love the idea of the last wilderness. And that's what this essentially is - the last wilderness. I'm really one of those guys, and unlike most of them I came up and actually went through it, which was one of the greatest experiences I ever had."

When he returned to Massachusetts after his trip, one of the first things he did was buy an NHL year-book and there, jumping right out at him, he saw the words, "Dawson City and Ottawa, and I almost fell off my chair. I was floored."

"I couldn't believe that a team from Dawson City had played for the Stanley Cup. I'm a big hockey fan and I had never heard of it in my life."

Wanting to know more, he looked for a book on the subject, and was shocked to find that there wasn't one. There were references in Joe Boyles' biography but not much else.

While he located Brian McFarlane's juvenile adventure novel three months after starting his

own, it seemed that no one had ever tackled what he felt had to be one of the greatest sports stories of all time. He knew he had to write that book.

Reddick had already decided to try his hand at fiction writing, figuring that he would probably have to write five novels before he got one that was good enough to publish.

When the Dawson hockey bug caught him he decided to combine his interests in hockey, history and writing into a novel which would be set in the Klondike and would follow the adventures of this team in their impossible quest for Lord Stanley's cup. It was his fifth novel.

Hockey was something he knew. He'd played in three state championship teams and had played seven times in Boston Gardens. He was pretty sure he could pull that off and make it work. He was thoroughly motivated: "I couldn't wait to get home at night to continue (with this book)."

Reddick says he was painstaking with the historical research. While it is a novel, told by an imaginary narrator, he claims that all the details about the other people, the real people, are as close to life as he could get them. Indeed, he is still obsessed (in the words of his wife, Terry, it's a "passion") with collecting information about this event, and has continued to build his files of factual data even after writing the book.

He has become so much of an expert on this subject that other people are now contacting him for research and assistance.

By profession Reddick is a field service engineer, and it happened that he was able to carry out most of his research while he was on trips for other reasons.

A journey to Montreal put him within easy reach of Ottawa and the National Archives, where he says he read every issue of the Dawson Daily News for two years.

He already had a list of the team members' names, and he spent his time looking for any reference to them he could find on any subject at all, the better to know his characters when it came time to write

about them.

Where possible he tracked down family members, and sometimes he ended up making substantial changes to his manuscript based on what he found.

For instance, he had assumed that the players were basically hard drinking Klondikers, but almost all of them turned out not to be.

He rewrote many scenes.

One Dawson player, Weldy Young, had played for the Ottawa team for seven years before coming north, just before his team began its Stanley Cup winning streak. He knew most of the Ottawa players.

Joe Boyle had apparently played football in Ottawa during one of his absences from the Klondike, and was well connected in Ottawa sports circles. These may have been key reasons why the contest ever took place.

In order to appeal to an American audience as well as one in Canada Reddick decided to use an American as his viewpoint character.

He explained that while Canadians would probably read a hockey story set in the Klondike, Americans seem to need to have one of their own involved before they will give a book a try.

So he created Boston Mason a kid from Massachusetts who had roots in the Confederacy and had an interest in baseball as well as hockey. That side of the book is intended to be a typical "young man grows up" sort of tale and Reddick has found that many people respond to it simply as that.

Odd things happen on book tours. Reddick's publisher, a Fredericton, N.B. firm, knew enough to send him to Dawson on this promotion tour, but not enough to get his books to the local book store, Maximilian's. Yet the store had other books by the same publishers in stock.

Reddick was apologetic: "I'll guarantee that my publisher will know where the bookstore here is and I'll tell my publisher where they should go - no pun intended."

Aside from promoting his book, Don and Terry Reddick had a chance to see some of the real

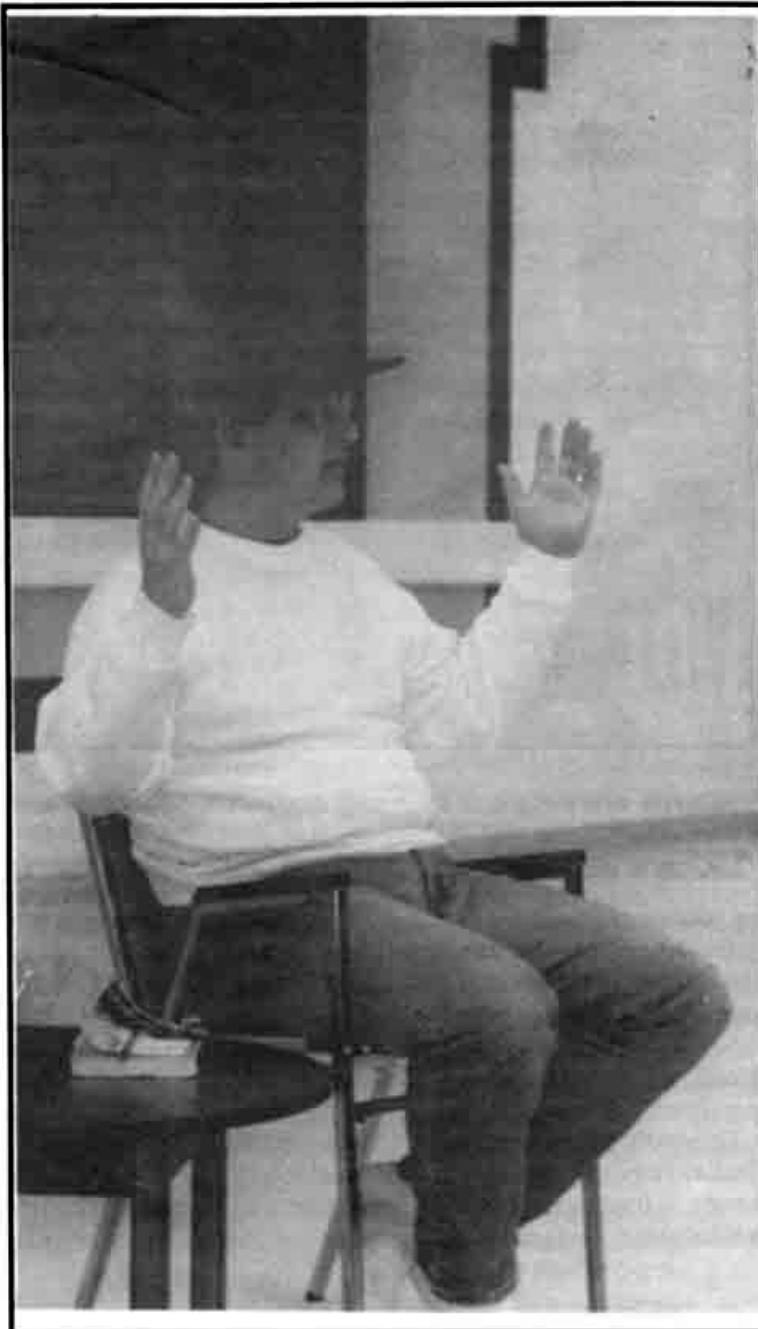


Photo by Dan Davidson

Author Don Reddick illustrates the similarities between fish stories and hockey stories while in Dawson recently.

Klondike.

They were pretty much adopted on sight by the Dawson hockey crowd. Player and miner John Flynn took them out Bonanza and Eldorado Creeks to Grand Forks and Dredge #4, and to graveyards on the Dome.

"To come back here - to be sent back here - is a dream come true,"

Reddick said the next day. "It's unbelievable. I never even thought I'd get back to the Yukon. I was here once and I thanked my stars, but I never thought I'd get back in the winter. It's such a different place and it's so beautiful. Yeah, I'm beside myself. It's just great. (Terry) fell in love with the place. She wants to move up."

Review of the Fair Wage Schedule Job Classifications

If you work on government construction contracts, here's your chance to have a say on how jobs are classified.

The Yukon Employment Standards Board is going to review the classification of jobs in the Fair Wage Schedule. The schedule sets out the wage rates which must be paid to workers employed on construction contracts tendered by the Government of Yukon.

If you have concerns about the present classifications, or if you want to suggest additional jobs that might be included, please send your submission to us by **January 15, 1994**. If you need assistance in preparing a submission or have any questions, just give us a call.

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Cards are only one of many activities taking place during the Café rencontre

The First Café-rencontre

by Daniele McRae

On November 13, the francophones and francophiles of Dawson had their first "Café-rencontre" at the Curling Club.

About 20 people came to talk, play cards and other games - other "Café-rencontre" are planned for the next few months.

On my trip to Vancouver, where I represented the Seniors Francophones of the Yukon I brought back numerous french games which I hope will see quite a bit of play for kids and grown-ups alike.

Our Xmas supper, "Pot Luck" where the whole community is invited, will be at the Curling Club December 5 at 5:00 p.m., starting with cocktails. Supper will be around 7:00 p.m.

The next Café rencontre will be December 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Curling Club. If you like to play games and/or "parlez - français", while having fun, come and join us.

I would like to wish the best of the "holidays" to each and everyone.

Joyeux Noel et heureuse Année.

Advanced Artist Fall Awards

YTG Press Release

Whitehorse - Ten Yukoners in the performing, visual and literary arts are sharing a total of \$30,000 in advanced artists' awards. Funding for this program is from Lotteries Yukon and the program is administered by the Arts Branch.

A jury of Yukon artists adjudicated 36 applications representing \$141,301 in requests.

The jury included Robin Armour, Philip Adams, Margriet Aasman, Serena Mis Tah-nish, and Deb Bergman.

The jury was impressed with the wide range and diversity of the talents of Yukon artists reflected in the applications.

The recipients are:

*\$4,500 to Dawn Davies of Whitehorse to participate in two international theatre festivals;

*\$3,500 to Dinah Gaston of Whitehorse to produce a documentary film on the ACT-OUT youth theatre project;

*\$3,500 to Jacqueline Worrell of Dawson City to create a series of masks for a visual arts exhibition;

*\$3,500 to Lynne Sofial of

Whitehorse to explore colour, glaze and firing techniques for pottery;

*\$3,500 to Ken Bolton of Whitehorse to write a one-man stage presentation employing music, poetry, satire and monologue;

*\$3,500 to P.J. Johnson of Whitehorse to participate in a writer's colony retreat;

*\$3,000 to Barbara Chamberlain of Whitehorse to record and co-produce her first album;

*\$2,500 to Joe Migwans to receive training in a movement and voice theatre workshop;

*\$1,500 to Francois Chretien of Whitehorse to produce a series of black and white photographs of Yukon working people; and

*\$1,000 to Michael Charlie of Whitehorse to create a number of carvings for exhibition.

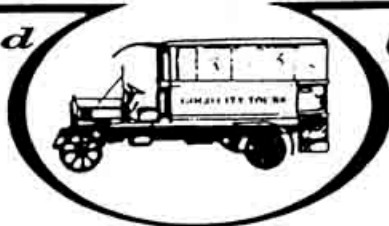
The Advanced Artists Award program has been in existence since 1983. Award recipients are selected from applications for grants in the spring and fall.

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Who did it?

by Marjorie Logue

Saturday night, November 19, in the Downtown Hotel dining room everyone was talking about a murder.

For the third time in two years the Dawson City Drama Club hosted a Murder Mystery in style, 1930s style to be exact.

The Downtown dining room was filled to capacity by 6:00 p.m. At least half the guests were dressed in 1930s costume.

The atmosphere was set for the D.C.D.C actors to begin.

The cast: William Kendrick (Hack), Curtis Vos (Selden), Kieran Daunt (Steele, Private Dick), Sean Sutherland (Savoy), Peter Maxwell (Stuart), Cam Sigurdson (Ironde), Gwen McIntyre (Heidi), Carrie-Anne Haffey (Denise) and Char Farr (Tatyana) did an excellent job at portraying their characters.

From costumes, accents to subtle personality traits the acting was exceptional.

The evening began with an intricate telling of the events that led up to the crime. An hour and a quarter of anecdotes, hints and motives were provided by the actors. Following the first act dinner was served.



Photo by Madeleine Gould

The innocent looking cast of the Murder Mystery. Who did it? Hint: It was not Gwen this time.

At this time the room buzzed with the sound of theories being discussed and accusations being debated by the many guests.

The room was alive with budding detectives. The guests themselves were now the entertainment until the second act.

Just when you thought you knew who did it, another hour of anecdotes and motives were provided by the actors.

Finally it was time to, "Guess who did it?"

Everyone, convinced of their brilliant deductions handed in a solution for evaluation. Three

guests came close to solving the murder; Jude Baptiste, Philip Bartholom us and Sharon McKim.

Reid Haines and Theresa O'Brian were given prizes for having the best costumes, then the evening came to a close.

The event was enjoyed by all. Taking into account food, entertainment and enjoyment an evening of Murder Mystery is well worth the money. Keep a sharp look out.

There may be another Murder Mystery in the near future.

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Christmas Millar's ^ Message

by David Millar, Klondike MLA

The Christmas Season is upon us, and I would like to take a few minutes of your time to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It is now just a little over a year that I have been your MLA for Klondike.

I must say that it has been quite a year of change for me - both in my family life and in my working life.

First, my life as your MLA.

It has been a real challenge going from working in the placer industry to working as a part of government. I can say, that, for the most part, I am enjoying it.

I like working with and helping people whenever I can. At the same time, there have been frustrating moments when someone has come to me with a problem, and for various reasons, I have not been able to do everything I would like to have done to help that person.

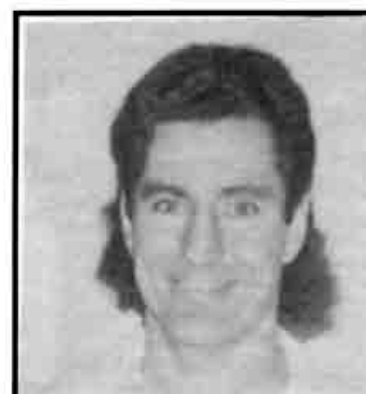
I believe that I am finally learning my way around government, and am becoming more comfortable with my responsibilities.

In fact, I am looking forward to the challenge that will be coming my way in the future.

In past newsletters, I have told

you of some of the things that I have done.

I am not going to repeat them here, but I would like to take this opportunity to let you know what I



File photo

Klondike MLA David Millar

Ed. Note: add a moustache, and subtract some hair and you have a better idea of how David looks these days. B.M.

am doing right now.

As you likely know, the Legislative Assembly is sitting at this time, and the 1994/95 Capital Budget is our main initiative for this sitting.

The Klondike is to receive about 4.7 million dollars of this \$126 million budget, with the largest portion of those dollars going toward our water and sewer replacement

(\$1,800,000) and for upgrading km 60 to 105 on the Top of the World Highway (\$1,672,000).

Other significant amounts include \$8,390,000 for expansion to and land for Robert Service School, \$250,000 for land development in the Callison and Rock Creek areas, \$150,000 in assistance to the Museum and \$28,000 in assistance to MacDonald Lodge.

I am pleased with our share of this capital budget, and especially with the improvements to Water/Sewer.

At the time I am writing this, November 30, my wife Lorraine, is in Calgary with our daughter, Andrea, who has had a tough five months.

Andrea is, today undergoing a laser surgery on her throat because her airway is not big enough to permit her to breath properly.

We will know in a few days how it went.

I hope you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday season.

Should you need assistance with any problem or concern, please call me in Dawson at 993-5023, or in Whitehorse at the Legislature by calling toll free 1-800-661-0408 local 5307.

Music Festival Update

submitted

The Dawson City Music Festival Annual General Meeting was held November 24 at the Downtown Hotel.

The 1993-94 Board of Directors are: John Lenart, Gail Calder, Carmen Dubois, Jeremy Rhot, Glenda Bolt, Karen Dubois and Monina Wittfoth.

The 1994 music selections committee is back at work sorting the

new and exciting music and promotional material that arrives each mail day.

Various other committees will begin to meet in January 1994. Volunteers will, of course, be needed, so watch for notices around town.

The Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

From

Peabody's Photo Parlour

Christmas Cards

submitted by John Gould

Seventy years ago there were no Christmas cards. At the close of 1844 only one greeting was entrusted to the post office, and from that one have sprung all the various and beautiful specimens that form such an important feature, both socially and commercially, of this season of the year.

This one Christmas card is believed to have been sent by W.E. Dobson. He had a friend from whom he had received many kindness and attentions during the past year, and wished to show his appreciation in some way.

After some thought he painted a small picture symbolizing the spirit of Christmas and sent it by post to his friend. It was a sketch of a family gathering drinking a toast to "Absent Friends" and surrounded by all the comforts and luxuries of Christmas time.

The sketch was about twice the size of a post card of today, and was painted on a piece of bristol board.

The above was taken from the pages of the Dawson Daily News of December 22, 1914



Photo by Mindy Duchnitski

The 120 members of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Bravo Company, took part in the Remembrance Day services held at Robert Service School and Victory Gardens

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The Canadian Rangers of Dawson were an integral part of the Remembrance Day ceremonies.

Photo by Mindy Duchnitski

A Special Day to Remember

by Dan Davidson

Remembrance Day celebrations took on a special flavour this year, as the usual audience was joined by 120 members of B Company, 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, along with about 40 members of the Yukon's ten Ranger patrols. The army just about filled up back half of the gymnasium at the school and made its presence known by vibrating the entire room every time the troops snapped to attention.

896 Pioneer Squadron provided the colour guard along with members of the RCMP in red serge. Fol-

lowing the march, those present sang "O Canada", led by the Robert Service School Choir and Band.

The Rev. Bruce Campbell contributed his talents on trumpet, leading up to the two minute's silence with "The Last Post" and breaking the silence with "Reveille".

Kelly Dewald recited "The Act of Remembrance", followed by Father Boyd with a prayer.

The choir continued with their rendition of "Touch the Children, Touch the Future". Jim Reilly gave an address and the Rev. Andrew Wilson closed this portion of the

program with a prayer.

Twenty-three organizations participated in the wreath laying ceremony this year, after which Major Shane Fisher of PPCLI presented a special message.

Following events at the school the troops proceeded to the cenotaph in Victory Park to lay the wreaths there, and then moved on to Saint Paul's Anglican Church, where they held a short service in honour of the Yukon's 2nd Machine Gun Battalion from WW I are kept. Before heading out to their operations base on Hunker Summit the troops were treated to a reception at the Trondek Centre.

Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race

Press Release

The Yukon Quest is pleased to announce the return of *National Dog Food* and *Cold Spot Feeds* as sponsors for the 1994 race.

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sors for the 101 mile dog drop on the Steese Hwy.

This will be the first time a dog drop has been sponsored.

The dog drops are an important part of the race and a clean safe holding area is vital to the well being of the teams. *Cold Spot* will provide all the race needs to maintain this dog drop including fresh straw to bed the teams in.

Cold Spot also provides many of the special event needs throughout the year and is the official sponsor of the "Golden Harness Award" given to the winning teams lead dogs.

A Christmas Dinner
submitted by John Gould

*There is a Christmas dinner
I know you'll like the fare
And with your friends and fellows
You'll surely wish to share.
First is served peace, Good will to men
A plate for each
We wait a little while and then
Right in our reach
Upon the board kind thoughts are set
And for salad, love we get,
And our dessert we know will be
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Yukon destination marketing receives BOOST

YTG News Release

Whitehorse - The Minister of Tourism announced December 1 that Yukon will be able to benefit from new lower air fares being offered by European wholesalers for Yukon tour programs.

Doug Phillips told the Yukon Legislature that through the efforts of the Yukon Department of Tourism working with Canadian Airlines International and European travel wholesalers, new lower air fares are being implemented by Canadian Airlines between Frankfurt and Whitehorse.

The Minister said, "This will lead to Whitehorse becoming a gateway for European travellers."

He explained how the Department of Tourism and Yukon tourism industry partners have watched with concern, the development over the last two years of lower priced charter flights from Europe into Anchorage, Alaska.

There are two jumbo jet charter flights each week flying from Frankfurt to Anchorage with passengers destined for Yukon and Alaska, but who use Anchorage as the point of entry.

By not using Whitehorse as the Yukon gateway, Yukon businesses

and the Yukon economy are not able to benefit from these hundreds of visitors to the same extent as Alaska.

Mr. Phillips said, "The economic potential of the European market for Yukon tourism is enormous."

Next year, it is expected that more than 25,000 visitors will come here from points in Europe.

By developing Whitehorse as a key point of entry for European visitors, we have the opportunity to maximize the economic benefits even more."

The Minister congratulated Canadian Airlines for offering the new lower fares and said, "Several Yukon operators who deal with European wholesalers have indicated that advance bookings have already doubled in comparison to this time last year."

The Operations Manager of Canadian Airlines International in Whitehorse, Phil Dyke said, "Canadian airlines is happy to cooperate in a partnership which responds to Yukon Tourism's marketing efforts in Europe and recognizes growth potential from the market."



Live firing ranges on Hunker Summit were part of the exercises conducted by the Canadian Rangers and the Bravo Company of PPCLI.


Photo by Eric Zalitis





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Photo submitted

Dawson Cadets experienced the cramped quarters of the Hercules aircraft.

News from 896 Pioneers Squadron

by Lt. Brideau

On Thursday November 25, nine cadets and Lt. Brideau boarded a C-130 Hercules in Whitehorse for a flight to Victoria B.C.

This opportunity was made possible in conjunction with the withdrawal of the 120 members of Bravo Company PPCLI.

This was a major event for our local cadet squadron, to experience the Military and visit the

Naval Base of Esquimalt, B.C.

During the flight all the cadets had a chance to see the tight quarters of the Hercules cockpit.

In Esquimalt we visited the Sea-King helicopter DDH 265 Annapolis vessel supply ship and the HMCS Provider which is the vessel that just left for Haiti on duty for three months.

We had a great trip. Many thanks to our driver Chuck Margeson and everyone involved.

Quilts in a Day

by Mindy Duchnitski

Do you remember the day you received that cherished heirloom, a beautiful handmade quilt from your grandma?

I do.

I gave my beloved "Nana" a smothering squeeze and whispered, "I love you," with a tear in my eye.

As I fingered the gorgeous fabrics I imagined the long tedious hours of meticulous labour she put into this piece of herself.

Arthritic hands manoeuvring that tiny needle, failing eyes straining through bifocals, every pinprick a drop of blood shed for the love of you.

Well, I can only say this...Grandma's of the world, we've found you out!

And who's blabbing this price-

less secret to all who want to know?

Drop down to Clever Creations and ask Dina Cayen or her partner in Crime Elaine Behn about the "Quilt in a Day" classes they've been offering all Fall.

Yes, I said in one day.

I couldn't believe it myself, so I signed up, thinking that there was no way to produce a masterpiece like my grandma's in only 10 to 12 hours.

Well, Dina proved me wrong and I can't tell you how easy it was.

The class was relaxed and fun. There is no need to know anything about sewing, and the cost is minimal.

All the classes before the holidays are now finished, but classes are starting up again January 15.

You must pre-register and the cost is \$10 (or \$20 if you don't have your own sewing machine), plus materials.

There are beginner courses, or more advanced patterns such as "Morning Star", "Irish Chain" or "Flying Geese".

Also being offered right through into May are parka making courses, a Dream Catchers workshop, a "quillow" class (quilt patterns for pillows) and perhaps a "crazy quilt" class. Phew!

Just remember these three words, "fun", "easy", and "inexpensive".

As a final note I am offering a challenge.

There is a distinct absence of the male population in the courses. C'mon guys, this is the 90s.

New efforts focus on Rehabilitation of repeat impaired driving offenders

YTG News Release

Whitehorse - Yukon drivers with more than one impaired driving conviction will receive direction from the Yukon Driver Control Board to help reduce the chances of another offence.


Community and Transportation Services Minister Mickey Fisher and Board Chairperson Carl Maguire have stated their strong commitment to the initiative.

"Impaired drivers present a hazard to all people on the road. Repeat offenders are of great concern and require special attention. By helping them address their problems, the Board can help make driving safer for all," said Mr. Fisher.

Repeat offenders are required to appear before the Board. Discussions with the offender on alcohol and driving will be used by the Board to assess what help the offender needs to develop safe and responsible driving habits.

The Board will be able to refer offenders to assessment, counselling and training services to help them deal with their problems related to drinking and driving. If the Board feels an offender presents a continuing risk of repeating the offence, the Board can suspend or put restrictions on his or her licence.

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Defending the North

by Dan Davidson

The insurgents were dug in at the gazebo on Front Street in Dawson City as the camouflage suited attack force came in sight on Saturday, November 20.

Quickly the commander of Bravo Company's advance platoon assessed the situation, divided his forces and devised a flanking attack that would secure the area.

Soon the chatter of small arms fire filled the street to the alarm and fascination of various ages of children watching the manoeuvre.

The concussions of a simulated artillery barrage shook the air like fireworks without the light show, and knocked all the snow off the roof of the Northwest Territories Information Centre and a couple of other buildings, to the delight of the onlookers.

B Company's reconnaissance force took control of the gazebo in short order, establishing a security perimeter and radioing to base the success of their mission.

It was all in fun, sort of, a mid-morning exercise that Major Shane Fisher called a "platoon quick attack" demonstration.

"We're just trying to show the local population of Dawson some military skills and we've chosen the platoon attack as the venue to do that because it has all the elements of fire and manoeuvre and the techniques

which we use."

In spite of the -30 C temperatures the demonstration was witnessed by a crowd of about 70 people, many of whom had earlier been looking over the displays of military equipment in the Trondek Centre.

The soldiers of B Company, 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) were in Dawson for the first time since their participation in the Remembrance Day Services the morning after they had arrived, the week before.

In the interval they had been camping out in pretty chilly and exposed surroundings on top of Hunker Summit.

Actually, that's not bad for the troops. Major Fisher says it needs to stay around -20 or lower in order for their equipment and clothing to function properly. And, after all, they had come to the Yukon to learn how to function better in the north.

Exercise Reliant Nordic is the name given to this year's northern training exercise, and this one, in the Klondike, is the only one happening in the north in 1993.

The initial press releases, out of Canadian Forces Northern Area in Yellowknife, indicated that the main purposes of the exercise were to familiarize the soldiers with winter and northern survival techniques, practice small arms range work, and conclude by testing both the soldiers

and their command structure with a field training exercise.

Crucial to the success of the whole operation was the participation of 40 members of Yukon's ten Ranger patrols, whose job it was to train the PPCLI in the ways of the North.

The Rangers are seen as the local experts in the area, designed to be attached to and assist a regular force when needed.

The Canadian army has to come to the north because the conditions here cannot be duplicated elsewhere. To be ready to fight here, they must train here.

"When you get up here," says Fisher, "you very quickly realize that movement and operations and survival in the Yukon are a whole different area."

"When we're on the ground, the Rangers are the experts and we rely on them for tips. You know, something as simple as overflow. Everybody in Dawson understands the term overflow and the fact that overflow can kill you, but if we had not had the Rangers, we would very quickly have run into this and not understood what it is."

"Coming from the south we just assume that all water (here) is frozen. It's not true."

There is also the problem of just getting here, which slowed down the arrival of the troops, who were

to have flown here in Hercules aircraft.

A mild early November and the late freezing of a number of lakes and rivers in the area generated so much ice fog that the soldiers had to give up on flying in after several unsuccessful tries.

"We came through on some Norline buses, as a matter of fact," Fisher says.

The Battalion most recently saw action with the United Nations peace keeping force in Croatia from September 1992 to April 1993, and will be returning to that posting in March of 1994.

While training to handle a full scale war based on a limited threat scenario might seem odd for peace keeping troops, Fisher explains that this is not the case at all.

"The Canadian focus for training in UN operations is training for general war. The whole principle behind this is that if you can make this operation at this level happen successfully, you can handle anything below that," Fisher says.

"When we went to Croatia on the last tour we started off enforcing the UN mandate by conducting roadblocks and checkpoints, coordinating searches of houses - very much the sort of standard UN operations for that specific theatre."

"By the end of our tour we were dug in, in defensive positions, pre-

pared to defend the UN (operations centre). We took a wholesale change in scope for a UN operation, so you must be prepared for general war at all times."

"That's why Canadian peacekeepers are so successful, because we train to that level."

November 20th was the Battalion's Community Day, a break from the Hunker camp and a chance to tell the people about themselves and learn a bit about Dawson.

Aside from their displays and demonstrations, the soldiers took part in various activities organized by the Dawson First Nation, including a street hockey game, football, stick gambling and a community supper.

Some of the troops looked in on the volleyball tournament at the Robert Service School, and others were present at the evening's Family Dance at the Trondek Centre.

Following this, the Battalion returned to the field for another week of activities before heading out on November 25 to 27.

While they had hoped to fly out of Dawson, they once again ended up on buses until they regained their Hercs in Whitehorse.

They took with them 10 cadets from Dawson's Air Cadet Squadron, who made a brief visit to Victoria and were hosted there by the troops.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
NOON	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Noon	Public	
1:00 pm	Hour Skate	Hour Skate	Hour Skate	Hour Skate	Hour Skate	Skate	Public Skate
2:00 pm	Tot's Skate		Tot's Skate			Noon 1:00 - 4:00 pm Broomball	
3:00 pm	2:00 pm Public Skate	Figure Skating	2:00 pm Public Skate	Figure Skating	Public Skate	2:30 pm Adult Learn-to-Skate	
4:00 pm	3:00 pm	3:30 pm	3:00 pm	3:30 pm	3:00 pm	4:00 pm	
5:00 pm							
6:00 pm	Minor Hockey	Minor Hockey	Women's Hockey	Minor Hockey	Minor Hockey	Family Fun*	Women's Hockey
7:00 pm	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	7:00 pm	6:00 pm	6:00 pm	5:00 pm	5:30 pm
8:00 pm	Men's Hockey	Men's Hockey	Adult Skate	Men's Hockey	Men's Hockey	Fire Dept.	Men's Hockey
	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:30 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm	8:00 pm
9:00 pm							



*The Recreation Board will sponsor a "Hockey Night in Dawson" Family Fun Night once/month over the winter. Volunteers are required to supervise public skating times. Schedule Subject to Change. Rentals are available for birthday parties, club activities and special events. Watch for details on the "Skate and Lunch Special". For information on schedules and activities, phone 993-5434. Don't forget that Coleman's Concession is open daily.

Watch the Rolling Ads for Special Events Info.

Arctic Winter Games

Trials Update

Deadline for the first weekend of trials was November 30, 1993. Sixteen junior athletes registered for volleyball, badminton, soccer and alpine skiing. The deadline for all other sports is December 15, 1993 5:00 pm. Registration forms are available at the City Office or Robert Service School.

Dawson will host the trials for snowshoe, senior volleyball and snowshoe biathlon. Volunteers are required to assist with billeting, officiating, hospitality and first-aid. Call the Recreation Department to sign up.

Dawson Trader Pin

Albert Fuhre's design was selected for the Team Dawson trader pin. Pins have been



ordered and will be on sale in the new year. Profits from the pin sales will go toward local athlete and coaching development.

Training

A "Sport Medicine and Preventive Injury" Workshop will be held on January 22, 1993. The workshop is open to coaches, parents and athletes interested in safe sports. For information contact Denny Kobayashi, Suzanne Crocker or the Recreation Department.

2nd Annual Dawson City First Night Celebration

Friday, December 31

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Recreation Briefs School Programmes

All activities at the school are cancelled for the Christmas Break. The times are Dec. 14 - Jan. 4. Those clubs which would like to make special times can contact either the School or Recreation Department asap.

Division 3 soccer (12 - 15 years) is cancelled Dec. 2 - January 6, 1993. Volunteers are required to assist with this age group to deal with supervision and discipline.

Children Watch

Drivers, please watch for children! Parents, please teach your child to watch for traffic. There is growing concern about the traffic and pedestrian congestion in front of the school. There is also the continuing problem of children sliding onto the road with total disregard for traffic. Please be careful!



The Reel Thing Movie Reviews

by Jayne Fraser

I was saddened last month by the death of River Phoenix.

He was one of a handful of actors, post-bratpack I guess you could call them, who have made great contributions to contemporary American/Hollywood films.

Others include Keanu Reeves, Johnny Depp and Christian Slater, all of whom have never been type-cast, and all have demonstrated the ability to leave their own egos outside of the role that they are playing.

This has enabled them to take on challenging roles in extraordinary movies including:

My own Private Idaho, *Edward Scissorhands*, *Benny and Joon* and *Untamed Heart* (review follows).

The group has been substantially lessened by one.

☆☆☆☆ Excellent

☆☆☆☆ Almost excellent

☆☆☆ Worth seeing

☆☆ Has its moments

☆ Has a moment

— Hasn't a hope

Untamed Heart ☆☆☆ 1/2

Written by Tom Sierchio, directed by Tony Bill, produced by Tony Bill and Helen Buck. This is a love story starring Christian Slater, Marisa Tomei and Rosie Perez. It is basically a love story that gives the expression "Follow your heart" a whole new meaning.

The acting is superb — Rosie Perez livens the movie up substantially — the story is interesting, and flows smoothly.

The soundtrack, with music being done by Cliff Eidelman, highlights the action well. If you enjoyed *Benny and Joon*, you will enjoy this one.

Free Willy ☆☆☆

Since this is more or less a kid's movie, I asked my children to rate it. David (8) immediately gave it four stars, while Georgia (10) said three and a half initially, then conceded and gave it four stars, mentioning that she thought that some of the material in the movie was unrealistic; so there you go.

I thought it was a great movie of the "watch it with your kids' variety". The movie is educational: I think it is important for kid to question the logic of taking a perfectly happy 7,000 pound Killer Whale and sticking him in a less-than compromising environment (a tank) for the sake of human entertainment and money.

Many facts about Killer Whales, from a scientific point of view, and from the beliefs and legends of the Haida, are expressed and explored in this movie.

Ironically, while Willy the whale finds freedom in the movie, the real Willy named Keiko, is dying in a tiny, polluted pool in Mexico City.

A researcher named Ken Balcomb is negotiating with the general director of Reino Aventura, which owns Keiko, and has formulated an intricate plan to recondition Keiko so that he may be able to be released effectively

back into his own environment after 10 years in captivity.

His plan will cost 5 million dollars to implement, which will come mainly from public contributions; *Free Willy* is expected to gross \$100 million by Christmas. The movie has been instrumental in drawing attention to the problems of whales in captivity, and hopefully the real Keiko will live long enough to be set free.

Jennifer 8 ☆☆

This is a Scott Rudic Production, starring Andy Garcia and Uma Thurman.

Good points: the movie is suspenseful and even spine-tingling at times. Bad points: how can you have a "whodunnit" (the movie's own claim to fame) when you develop only a few characters, out of many, and expect anyone to have a clue, and clues there are very few of, as to who the guilty party is?

Most of the characters don't even have speaking lines; they wander around the police station, parties, dump sites without saying a word.

And this is a murder mystery without a body!

You don't even know for sure that a murder has actually been committed. The best part of the movie is the second half where a "bonus" mystery doubles as a plot point. John Malkovich joins the cast at this second stage and brightens up the otherwise dullness of this film.



Happy Birthday Grandma from three generations



Season's Wishes

from the Yukon Government

May we continue our tradition of Yukon hospitality, and particularly our generosity to those less fortunate than ourselves.

May we seek to understand each other better and put into daily practice the season's message of peace and goodwill.

May we renew the spirit of cooperation of Yukoners from every corner of the territory working together to improve our lives.

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courtesy of Hougen's Photography

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Santa arrives at The Hougen Centre this Saturday. There will be a \$1.99 Kiddies' Breakfast with Santa at 9 o'clock in the Yukoner Coffee Shop. Santa will visit everyone and give a small gift from Canada Post and Kids are Great. **Free photos with Santa will run 10 a.m. to noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday until Christmas.** At The Hougen Centre, where believing in Santa is free.

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