

Dawson Loses a Beloved Resident Historian

by Dan Davidson

The Yukon has lost another irreplaceable reservoir of knowledge and good will with the passing of John Gould, who left Dawson to join his late wife, Madeleine, at about 3 a.m. on Boxing Day.

Grandson Tim Grenon was staying with him at his house that night and was at his side when he took his last breath in his sleep.

Gould had been quietly winding down in the almost two years since the death of his wife and had no fear of dying.

Indeed, he expressed the desire to move on to both friends and family on several occasions.

Born in 1919, Gould lived the mining life as a boy at Nugget Hill, just off the Hunker Creek Road, spending enough time at school in Dawson to become boyhood friends with the late Pierre Berton.

According to the short memoir in his book, *Frozen Gold*, the family moved to Burnaby, B.C. in 1933.

He was back for summers starting in 1936, until he signed up for military service in the Air Force in 1942 during the Second World War.

It was while training in Ontario that he met Madeleine and brought her to live in the same rural cabin where he had spent much of his boyhood.

Gould worked at the mine with his father until 1958 and toiled part-time at the mine even during the 13 years he worked for Parks Canada at Klondike National Historic Sites.

When he retired from Parks, it was to return to mining with his own son, Peter, in 1980.

By then, however, his interest in local history had been stoked to the point where it would become almost an occupation after his own retirement from mining in 1998.

Gould was a founding member of the Klondike Sun newspaper and a key member of the Klondike Centennial Society.

While not terribly political, he did serve as a town councillor at one time.

He was a stalwart member of the Yukon Order of Pioneers, even while he supported his wife's attempt to break its gender bar, as well as being a faithful member of the Dawson branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

In his later years, the Centennial Society and his research and support work at the Dawson City Museum took up much of his time.

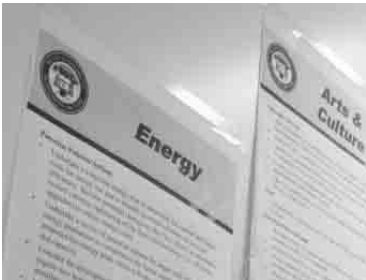


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Klondike Institute of Art and Culture (KIAC)

GREG MACPHERSON: Performance & free songwriting workshop at the Odd Fellows Ballroom. Performance on January 20, doors open at 8 p.m. \$12 advanced/ \$15 at the door. Tickets available at KIAC and Max's. Free songwriting workshop on January 21 at 1 p.m.

GUITAR LESSONS WITH HOLLY HAUSTEIN: 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning January 18. Eight half-hour private lessons for \$138. All ages welcome! For more info or to register contact KIAC.

ORCHESTRA WITH JOE COOKE: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning January 18. Eight-week session for \$115. New members welcome. For more info or to register contact KIAC.

PIANO WITH "BARNACLE" BOB HILLIARD: 10:30 to 2:30 on Saturdays, beginning January 21. Eight half-hour lessons for \$138. Learn to play jazz, pop, rock or classical piano with a combination of classical training and playing by ear. Limited spaces, for more info or to register contact KIAC.

DROP-IN PAINTING: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, resuming January 21. \$5 drop-in fee for materials.

YOUTH ART ENRICHMENT STUDENT EXHIBITION: Artwork created by high school students from across the Yukon will be on display at RSS during the month of January. Exhibition reception was on Thursday, January 5 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. 2011 workshops include handmade prints with Meshell Melvin, video production with Dan Sokolowski, soapstone carvings with Bud Young and hand papermaking with Helen O'Connor.

FILM FEST PSA CONTEST: Make a 29 second promo for the Film Fest. Entries will be screened before programs at the 2012 festival! Check out www.dawsonfilmfest.com for details.

48 HOUR FILM COMPETITION: January 27 to 29. Drop your mitts and make some flicks! Our annual guerilla film weekend is back! Fabulous prizes and no sleep! \$25 entry! Completed films may also be entered as late entries to the 2012 Dawson City International Short Film Festival. Stay tuned for more info.

FILM SELECTIONS: Come to KIAC, watch short films, and tell us what you think. You don't have to attend every screening! We meet approx. twice a week until late Feb. Email Dan at filmfest@kiac.ca

IN THE ODD GALLERY: My Father, The Sun, & The Hungry Ghosts, January 19 to February 24. Artist talk and reception on Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m.

GALLERY ARTIST SEEKING BILLET: Dawson folks! I am a visiting artist exhibiting at the ODD this January and sussing a warm place to stay from January 12 to 22nd while I install. Email me at sarah.a.smalik@gmail.com.

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LIBRARY & ART SUPPLY STORE: Reopen as of Monday, January 9.

Conservation Klondike Society

DEPOT HOURS: Sat, Sun, Mon, Wed: 1-5 p.m., Tues: 3-7 p.m. Donations of refundables may be left on the deck during off hours. Info: 993-6666.

Dawson City Recreation Department

WOMEN'S HOCKEY JAMBOREE: January 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the AMFRC Arena

SENIOR'S HOCKEY TOURNAMENT: January 21 to 29 at the AMFRC Arena

NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS: Starting January 17, Games Day will take place every Tuesday after school and will include various board games and activities. Parents can pick up from the library. Cross country skiing will run Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting February 15th. Cross country skiing registration begins February 1.

CONTRA DANCE: Coming this February! We will be holding primer dances on Tuesday, February 7th and 14th, and a community dance with fiddler Gordon Stobbe on Tuesday, February 21. Details TBA.

ADULT SKATE PROGRAMS: Adult Learn to Skate will take place Sunday, January 21 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Learn the basics or get tips to improve your skating skills. Power Skating workshops will be held January 15 and 29th from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$10 per class.

BUDDY SKATE: Thank you to our Big Buddies who help beginner skaters during public skating, Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. We are always looking for Big and Little Buddies to participate in the program. Call 993-2353 for more details, or come to the skate room between 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. the day you want to skate.

SPRING BREAK 2012!: Looking for volunteers and facilitators for youth programs from March 5 to 16 - program instructors and concession/ski hill volunteers. Contact Lana at lane.welchman@cityofdawson.ca or Damien at damien.griffiths@gov.trondek.com.

FITNESS PROGRAMS: Body Blast has resumed as of January 9, Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Women's Hockey/Shaky Legs on Thursdays from 7:30 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and Sundays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Yoga on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5:15 to 6:15, February 7 to March 2, cost and details TBA.

Dawson Curling Club

COMMERCIAL BONSPIEL: January 13, 14 and 15th. Entry deadline: January 11. \$80/team.

113TH INTERNATIONAL BONSPIEL: February 3, 4 and 5th. Entry deadline: February 1. \$180/team. Great prizes and Sunday banquet! To register contact Akio at 993-5398, Mark at 993-6441, or Beat at 993-6476, or email dawsoncurling@gmail.com

REGULAR CURLING: Drop in Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Team/League Play Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Ladies Curling Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Annual membership \$50, non member drop in \$10. Call 993-6262 or email dawsoncurling@gmail.com for more info.

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The Downtown Hotel

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Dawson City Chamber of Commerce

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Community Library

WINTER HOURS: Monday to Friday, noon to 6:30 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Klondike Visitors Association

TREK OVER THE TOP: North America's most northern international snowmobile Poker Run! Registration is open. If you want to be contacted by email once registration is ready, please contact kva@dawson.net, 1-877-456-3006.

Top of the World Highland Games

ANNOUNCEMENT: Dawson's newest event and non-profit organization, Top of the World Highland Games, would like to announce that they have a website where you can find out all about the Games coming up in June 2012: www.topoftheworldhighlandgames.ca

NEWS

Ruling Extends Deadline for Sewage Facility

Story & Photos
by Dan Davidson

As anticipated in previous reports on this matter, Judge Heino Lilles has amended the court order relating to the Dawson Wastewater Treatment Plant to extend the completion date to Dec. 31, 2012.

In a decision dated Dec. 12, Lilles further amended his March 2003 ruling, which

has previously been amended on Aug. 31, 2004 and Oct. 30, 2008.

"The original order was made as a result of a guilty plea to a single charge pursuant to s. 36(3) of the Fisheries Act on March 5, 2003, directing the City of Dawson to construct a secondary sewage treatment plant," the judge wrote.

The most recent amendment would have required the



The Dawson City Wastewater Treatment Plant is under construction. The two concrete pillars at the left are the housings which contain the main and back-up vertical sewage treatment shafts at the heart of the Vertreat process.

plant to be complete and in operation by the end of this month.

The plant is under construction and millions of dollars have already been invested. However, it has been obvious since last spring that this deadline could not be met, and amicable deliberations at several court hearings since that time have resulted in the new date.

Judge Lilles noted, "The application before me today comes with the consent of both parties and requests that the order be amended to allow the sewage treatment plant to be completed and in operation by Dec. 31, 2012."

It is noteworthy that this date was first proposed last August by the Crown's lawyers, who have opposed

all previous extensions with some vigor.

"I will note that the plant is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2012," Judge Lilles wrote.

In spite of this, "The parties have agreed to an extension to Dec. 31, 2012. That is a prudent decision, in my view, in part because there can always be unforeseen delays in major construction projects. Dawson winters, as we have heard last year, can be severe and can delay construction."

Lilles further cites the need to make sure the plant is actually working as intended.

"Secondly, the original intent was to construct an 'operational secondary sewage facility that complies

with the Fisheries Act,' meaning a treatment plant that has the desired impact of reducing toxicity levels to fish," wrote Judge Lilles.

That can only be determined by evaluating the performance of the secondary treatment plant over the summer when the demands on the system are maximized by the influx of tourists to Dawson."

Historically, Dawson only fails its toxicity tests during the peak summer months.

The project was also in the news earlier this week after it was learned that Corix Waters Systems, the main contractor working on the project, has cancelled its contract with Hän Construction. The two companies are in a dispute over payments for work done on the facility.



Workers at Dawson City's new secondary sewage treatment plant added a small Christmas tree to the project the week before Christmas.

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OPINIONS

Uffish Thoughts: Dawson Looks to the Year Ahead

Story & Photo
by Dan Davidson

As the Christmas-New Year break comes to an end and various projects begin to rev up for the 2012 year, Dawson seems to be looking at a whole list of things that are carry-overs from 2011 and, in some cases, even farther back in time.

The new recreation centre, which was announced with such fanfare back before the territorial election by a line-up of former Yukon party stalwarts who are no longer in government, is stalled. While town council may have been told by elected officials, who no doubt had the best of intentions, that it would be okay to divert some of the money intended to shore up and improve the Fry Recreations Centre to a new project, subsequent interpretation of the funding agreement by YTG officials found that it was not so, and thus the groundbreaking ceremony has become a pantomime rather than a solid reality.

The fate of the Top of the World Golf Course seems to have been settled in the main. The government has decided to eat the loss on the loan that helped to establish the facility

and settle for the \$55,000 that it was offered. The exact terms under which the City of Dawson will own a facility that is outside its boundaries remain to be finalized and it is also not certain how the facility will be run or by whom.

Given that its annual operating costs were sustained by funding from the late Bill Hakonson, it is also uncertain how any new operating group will be able to run the golf course without it going deeply into the red.

Sometime before summer the town will go to court with private landowner Mike Palma over the ownership of the dilapidated CIBC building on From Street. That was supposed to have been a matter easily resolved – a fait accompli, in fact – when it was announced last summer, but that has not turned out to be the case. Even if the matter is settled in the city's favour, the experience of the Masons in fixing up and restoring the former Carnegie Library (a very similar building) suggests that visible improvements to the former bank will be some years away.

There was talk of the CIBC becoming interested in reoccupying the building, but all my attempts over many months

to speak with the person in Toronto who is supposed to be the spokesman on this file have gone unanswered.

The Wastewater Treatment (or Secondary Sewage Treatment) Plant on Fifth Avenue has been quiet since just before Christmas, but construction

is said to be starting up again in a few days. Steel is expected to arrive and the north end of the building will be framed. Concrete will be poured in spite of the winter temperatures. Will Corix make the May deadline it has set for itself or will the completion be closer to the new court deadline of December 31, 2012?

Just across Fifth Avenue and Minto Park the new Dawson Hospital sits looking very much like a multi-coloured balloon as the contractor heats the tarp covered frame to allow work to continue inside. Just what they are doing in there is unclear,



The new Dawson Hospital puffs out like a balloon as the contractor heats the interior shell for the workers.

but locals, having failed to get the Yukon Hospital Corporation to build the facility somewhere else in town, have now shifted their focus of concern to how the hospital will be managed. Answers to those questions, especially concerning the future status of the current nursing staff, were not forthcoming at the last public meeting held here.

Held over from the aborted council of 2003 (the one removed in 2004) is the long overdue revision of the official community plan (OCP). While

on the agenda of that council, this issue was not dealt with during the two years of the trusteeship and the Steins' council that followed in 2006 had so many infrastructure concerns on its plate that the OCP revision never did get under way.

The blitz of meetings in early December should lead to a report coming back here in February and a draft ready for consideration before the summer.

We want to hear from you!

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Tributes for John Gould

The Klondike Sun contacted a number of people who had known and worked with John Gould over the years. Here are their comments.

John Steins, former mayor:

When one thinks of Dawson, one thinks of John Gould; the two are synonymous. Love for his hometown was expressed by an inexhaustible knowledge of Dawson history. You could approach him with virtually any question about our past and he would provide a wonderful anecdote, thereby enriching us with historic insights that otherwise would remain hidden. And he would do so with such a gentle demeanour, never condescending, always kind, and sometimes with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, depending on the topic.

I am so fortunate to have known John. He certainly enriched my life and he will continue to do so.

Stephen Johnson, town councillor:

I was immediately saddened when I learned of the passing of Dawson's preeminent historian, Mr. John Gould. John, known as a kind gentleman and through his remarkable contributions to

the history of our town, will be greatly missed. I wish to convey my heartfelt sympathies to the family and John's close friends.

Laura Mann, museum director:

I find it hard to think of John without a smile on my face, even now as I contemplate how much I will miss my friend. He was one of the first people that I met after arriving in Dawson on a grey mid-April day in 2007. He had come to meet me, he said, because the museum was very important to him. He told me about his work in the archives and that I was to call him whenever I needed anything. We took a shine to each other right away. How could I not? Here was a man who had spent the better part of his later life creating a whole new profession for himself. He researched all the stories of Dawson and its characters. He was a living encyclopedia with a heart about twice the size of his boundless knowledge.

And he was as good as his word. Whatever I needed, if he could deliver, he would. His unflagging support of all the changes that I wrought meant more to me than I could ever tell him.

So it shouldn't be surprising that when the love of his life went on ahead of him, John accepted the change in his life and did his best to carry on. His cooking brought a smile to both Susan's and my face, but even more so, the pride that was evident when he announced that he'd made the concoction "without a recipe." I will miss my friend, but he and Madeleine are together again. Somehow that's the way it should be.

Danielle Metcalfe-Chenail – Berton House writer-in-residence, 2010

Thanks very much for letting me know about John. I'm sorry to hear he's passed, but I know how much he wanted to be reunited with his beloved Madeleine. I feel so fortunate I got the chance to talk with him last year, and to digitize his logbook, scrapbook, and family history for my book, and to help record his achievements for posterity.

Palma Berger, founding director, Klondike Sun

I appreciated the way John, and at times Madeleine, joined Fred and me for lunch at the Downtown on Fridays. Fred enjoyed reminiscing with John about 'old' Dawson, but also was delighted that John was well up on current affairs and they had some good conversations about current events. It was a great distraction for Fred as he fought against his difficulties at the time.

Wayne Potoroka, town councillor

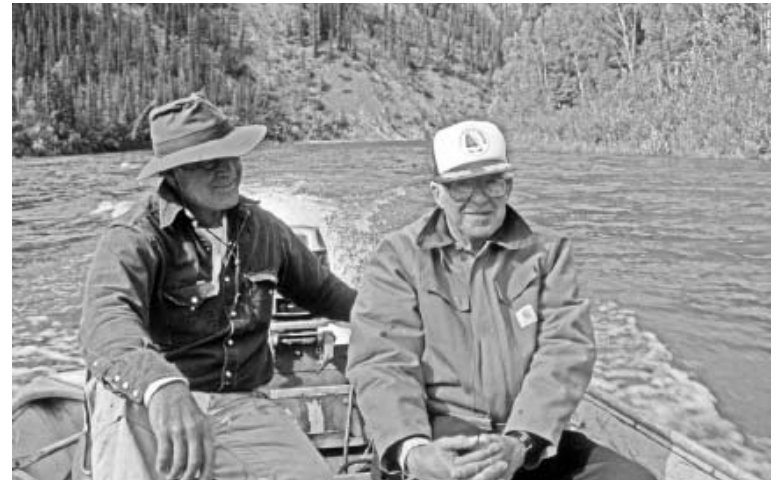
John Gould was a giant. He was my comrade as a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and colleague as a fellow writer. I also served with John on the old Dawson City Planning Board, where he instilled a sense of how deep roots go in this relatively young northern town.

Whenever I needed backstory for a Klondike-based piece I was writing, John was a reliable first stop for information. He gave generously of his time, as he did with most anyone who asked. And many did. His recollections have been widely recorded and will be invaluable for future generations trying to make sense of twentieth-century Dawson City.

But John was more than a lavish source of knowledge and a last connection between Dawson City and its gold-



John cat mining on his Nugget Hill claim in 1983 and with local guide Larry Taylor, boating up the Fortymile River in August of 1998. Photos by Michael Gates



rush history. John was a teacher. And the greatest lesson he taught was that there's always something new to learn about this place.

Chief Eddie Taylor, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

Our Elders are precious sources of information. Whenever one passes, it is felt throughout our families and the greater community. John Gould will be remembered as a quiet caretaker of our town's history and a peaceful man who gave freely of his time and knowledge. He will be missed.

Dan Davidson, next door neighbour, editor

John was with us at the beginning of this long, strange trip we call the Klondike Sun. He was part of the planning meetings along with Madeleine and his excitement was the equal of anyone's as our plans came together. Part of his life came full circle as he delivered papers to our distributors in those early days; he had been paperboy at one time in his youth. He contributed articles and pictures and much useful wisdom over the years.



Madeleine and John clink glasses on John Gould Day at the Museum, proclaimed by the City of Dawson to mark his 90th birthday in 2010.

John Gould Passes On

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He was instrumental in pushing for the revival and improvement of interpretation at the Discovery Claim, which formally opened this past August. His attendance at the ceremonies was his last major public event.

In recent weeks, Gould had finally lost his driving licence. Prior to that, he could be seen in his small blue car driving to the

post office, the grocery store or to visit friends, with his small dog, Mike, perched on his lap.

Gould was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and a funeral service was held there on January 7.

His ashes, along with Madeleine's, will be interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery in the spring.



John at the Discovery Claim monument in August of 2011. Photo by J. Cliff, courtesy of Parks Canada

NEWS

Dawson Moves Towards Owning the Top of the World Golf Course

by Dan Davidson

Dawson City's ownership of the Top of the World Golf Course, first announced to the world by Mayor Peter Jenkins last July 13 at a Chamber of Commerce meeting, is several steps closer to becoming reality, according to discussions in council chambers on December 9 and 14.

Asked about the situation at the regular meeting on Dec.

14, Mayor Peter Jenkins said, "The City has been advised that the government has accepted the proposal from the estate of William Hakonson. Just where it's at, the City has not received anything definitive in writing."

He declined to elaborate on just what the deal might be, while hinting strongly that he was aware of the details.

One of the sticking points in the proposed transfer was

the fact that, according to the government the golf course still owed \$450,000 to the Yukon government under the terms of the deal related to the \$300,000 loan taken out when it was built.

Jenkins seemed quite certain, then and now, that the burden of repaying that loan would not fall on the town.

"The City would be very, very naïve if they were to accept a gift

that had a whole bunch of liens and encumbrances on it," he replied on December 14. "The city's done a lot of dumb things, but I don't think that this is one of the dumb things that this council will address."

The Top of the World Golf Course is actually outside the boundaries of the town and so council gave first reading to "A Bylaw to Authorize the Ownership of Extra-municipal Property" on December 9, 2011.

It will permit the "Town of the City of Dawson to provide a service outside the municipal boundaries in accordance with an agreement with the Government of Yukon."

The terms of that agreement had not yet been defined at the time the bylaw was introduced. Schedule "A", which will contain that agreement, was blank.

The bylaw did, however, define the use of the property as being restricted "to that of a golf course authorized by the Yukon Government" and specify that it "will be open to the public on terms and conditions established in a Operating Agreement with a third party and adopted by Council resolution from time to time."

This is in accord with council's stated intention that it will not be running a golf course.

"I don't think any of us here want to run a golf course," Jenkins said.

Council also does not intend that the course be operated under the umbrella of its recreation department.

City Manager Jeff Renaud indicated that he is still exploring ways in which the course might be operated. Asked if he was planning to ask for requests of interest (ROIs) for the project, Renaud indicated that his current thinking was that it might be better to be less formal than that.

"(perhaps a) sit down (meeting) where people who are interested are invited to attend," he said. "The reason that that may prove beneficial is that there's some thinking out there that it may take the synergies of more than one organization to make this thing work."

"It may be that one group is taking care of one element and another group is taking care of another. An ROI tends to pit my-proposal-versus-your-proposal. The softer approach, at the outset, to see if there are parties that want to work together, may be more conducive to discussion of partnerships."



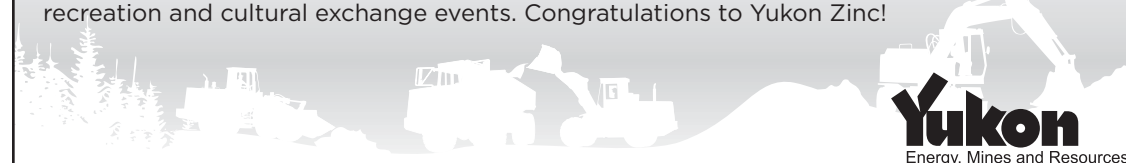
Dawson's council discusses the future of the Top of the World Golf Course. L-R: CAO Jeff Renaud, councillors Wayne Potoroka and Stephen Johnson, Mayor Peter Jenkins and Coun. Rick Riemer. Coun. Bill Kendrick attended by speaker-phone from Whitehorse. Photo by Dan Davidson

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Quartz Mining: Yukon Zinc Corp.



Yukon Zinc is the 2011 Leckie Award winner for leadership in applying innovative practices and technologies that will greatly benefit all in the exploration and mining field. The company is testing passive and biochemical water treatment systems at the Wolverine mine site. Waste is recycled for heat production, reducing diesel consumption, thereby diminishing the environmental footprint. A sewage treatment plant has been installed which is more cost effective and has a lower impact on the environment than conventional septic systems; this technology could have a broad application throughout the Yukon. The company has excelled in social responsibility through supporting traditional ceremonies, training initiatives, and recreation and cultural exchange events. Congratulations to Yukon Zinc!



Outstanding students honoured

PRESS RELEASE

(Whitehorse, December 31, 2011)—The public joined Commissioner Doug Phillips in acknowledging 15 exceptional Yukoners at the Commissioner's New Year's Levee January 1, 2012.

The Commissioner's Award for Volunteer Public Service was presented to Renee Charlie, Ramesh Ferris, Fred Smith and Joy Wickett for their significant and lasting contribution to the social, political, economic, academic or cultural fabric of their community.

"I am pleased to be presenting the awards for volunteer public service to these very deserving Yukoners," Phillips said. "Their dedication over the years to serving their communities is truly admirable and enriches the lives of many."

As well as the awards for volunteer public service, 11 students from across the territory received the Governor General's Academic Award, the most prestigious student award in Canada. It is earned by secondary school students who gradu-

ate with the highest final marks in their school.

"These exceptional students are being recognized for their hard work and motivation, which has earned them this significant academic honour," Phillips said. "It is important to celebrate the achievements of our youth as they continue their educational endeavors and grow into our future leaders."

Recipients of the 2011 Governor General's Academic Award:

- Cayla Bekk—Del van Gorder School
- Nanuht'ee Flather—F.H. Collins Secondary School
- Phillip Gauthier-Landry—École Émilie-Tremblay
- Anna Jacobsen—Porter Creek Secondary School
- Sara Koltun—Vanier Catholic Secondary School
- Bryan Leary—Robert Service School
- Rosa MacDougall—Tantalus School
- Marissa Mills—Individual Learning Centre
- Caitlin O'Donoghue—J.V. Clark School
- Abbie Rotundi—Watson Lake Secondary School
- Savannah Van Vliet—St. Elias Community School

Dawson Works on Revising Official Community Plan

By Dan Davidson

December was Official Community Plan (OCP) month in Dawson, with consultants from the Fort St. John office of Urban Systems Ltd. and Dawson's own Across the River Consulting working flat out to gather the information needed to begin the process of building a new OCP.

Dawson's last OCP was formulated in 1990/91 and is about 15 years overdue for a review. In the intervening years it seems that one crisis after another has prevented a succession of councils from addressing the OCP. While it has been a line in a number of city budgets over the years, such things as the recreation centre, bankruptcy, the two-year trusteeship, the secondary sewage treatment debates, and numerous other infrastructure issues have kept this issue on the back burner, much to the frustration of several previous

community development officers.

As Joel Short of Urban Systems explained to council back in November, an OCP is the essence of a community. It was noted an OCP deals with land use, services, environmental matters, transportation, and has text, objectives, policies, and maps which sets out the vision for a community.

Once the OCP has been formulated a revised Zoning bylaw is created to make it a reality. In Dawson's case this will tie in to an existing Heritage Management Plan, which was one of the preoccupations of the last council. While it was understood at the time of the HMP's creation that a new OCP and Zoning bylaw would be needed, the lack of coordination between the HMP and the present, outdated legislation has been causing some problems for council.

In a dozen meetings attended by close to 100 people over the week of December 5 to 9, the consultants conducted an exercise they called "OCP in a Week".

They met with focus groups, in workshops and in presentations to discuss tourism, economic development, the environment, young families, parks and trails, housing issues, recreation, arts and culture, community infrastructure, community health and safety, seniors, the business community and the general public.

They met with the municipal council, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in administration, the various municipal departments, school staff, the Grade 10 Planning class, the Heritage Advisory Committee, the Klondike Visitors' Association, the chamber of commerce, the Klondike Placer Miners' Association, and a couple of sessions simply open

to the general public.

In some cases key people were invited to the meetings. Others were open to whoever showed up.

Topics under discussion were grouped in broad categories, as municipal services and facilities, culture and heritage, energy conservation, land use patterns, water quality and protection, growth boundaries and management of growth, affordable housing, tourism and economic development, mining and resource protection, environment and habitat protection, transportation (including walking, biking and transit).

The results of a week of note taking and consolidation were on view at the final public meeting of the week on December 9. The charts can be viewed at the city of Dawson's website, or by walking up the stairs to the city offices, where they can be found lining the stairwell.

The consultants continued to collect survey material until December 23, accepting either hard copy documents or email responses.

They will be presenting a preliminary report to the community in February and the longer-term plan is to have a document ready for bylaw consideration by May.



The OCP in a Week consultation charts are on view at City Hall.

Yukon Quest needs cash contributions to run the 2012 race

PRESS RELEASE

(Whitehorse and Fairbanks) – The 2012 Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race starts in less than five weeks and needs more sponsors to contribute to the \$150,000 purse awarded to the top mushers. "The Yukon Quest is a non-profit organization that relies on sponsors and donations

to raise the purse and pay for the expenses related to this historical race," said Yukon Executive Director Sue Thomas. "The Yukon economy is at a high point, yet the Quest isn't seeing that reflected in sponsorships. If someone has been thinking they want to contribute, now is the time to do it!" Each year the Yukon Quest struggles to secure enough cash

for the \$150,000 purse that is awarded to the top fifteen teams. Funds are also needed to offset costs of the race such as transport of musher supplies to checkpoints, vehicle rentals to transport officials and veterinarians, fuel, and support for the hundreds of volunteers along the trail. Volunteer support continues to be strong year after year.

Volunteers, veterinarians and race officials from around the world pay their own way to Alaska or Yukon. These volunteers are paid a small honorarium that barely covers the costs of food while they are working on the trail. "So many of our sponsors return each year donating goods & services that are invaluable to the success of the race," said Marti Steury, Alaska Executive Director. "This year the cash sponsorships are lower than usual and even though we have cut costs as much as possible, we still need cash for paying suppliers and the purse." Sponsorship packages vary

from \$500 to \$50,000. More information about sponsoring is available on the Yukon Quest website at <http://yukonquest.com/site/for-sponsors/>. Donations are also gratefully accepted and can be mailed or delivered in person. Online donations can be made via <http://yukonquest.com/site/support-the-yukon-quest/>. The 29th annual Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race starts February 4, 2012 in Fairbanks AK and finishes 10 to 14 days later in Whitehorse YT.

2011 Robert E. Leckie Award for excellence in environmental stewardship

Placer Mining: Mr. Robert Young



Robert and Carola Young placer mine at Moose Creek in the Fortymile area. They consistently operate above and beyond what is expected in the steep valley. Mr. Young has stabilized the access road on and off his property, increasing safety and decreasing sediment loads to water and eliminating fords. He has created a stable creek channel built to very high standards that is aesthetically pleasing. Previous disturbances from other operators were also reclaimed. Congratulations to Robert Young for his exemplary practices!

Northwestel New Hours of Operation

PRESS RELEASE

Northwestel's Customer Care Centre will now operate from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. PST, Monday to Friday. This change aligns hours of operation for telephone, cable and wireless services.

"Customers will now be able to reach Northwestel when they want us the most," said Paul Flaherty, Northwestel President and Chief Executive Officer. "Our wireless customers wanted us to open earlier and cable customers wanted us to close later. We have accommodated both by adjusting our hours."

Northwestel's Customer Care Centre is staffed entirely in the North. Previously, it provided customer support for different products and services on different schedules.

"Northwestel is improving our operating hours to make it easier for our customers to reach us," said Flaherty.

Telephone Operator Services, (411 or 0), currently serves customers 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will continue with this schedule. The Business Care Centre hours will also remain the same, from 6:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. PST.

Northwestel provides complete telecommunications solutions and entertainment services in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Yukon, northern British Columbia and High Level, Alberta. The company's operations span nearly 4 million square kilometres of the most remote and rugged areas of Canada.



Payment Disputes see Hän Construction Dismissed from Wastewater Treatment Project

Story & Photo
by Dan Davidson

Corix Waters Systems, the main contractor working on Dawson's new wastewater treatment plant, has cancelled the contract it had with Hän Construction.

In a press release issued on December 19, John Wierda, the Dawson-based Hän's acting CEO, announced that Corix had terminated Hän's contract on the project as of Dec. 6.

Following weeks of

speculation, Hän has confirmed its continuing dispute with Corix. The contract was terminated while the two parties were discussing possible settlements.

"Hän disputes that Corix had the right to take this step," Wierda writes, "but has accepted Corix's repudiation of the subcontract and will no longer be performing the subcontract work."

"Hän intends to take all steps available to it to recover amounts due under the subcontract, as

well as all losses suffered as a result of Corix's repudiation of the subcontract."

Wierda attributes the problems experienced on the project to "significant fast-track changes made by Corix to the design (that) seriously impacted the schedule for the work and increased its price."

When Hän billed for what it felt was the value of the changes to the work, Corix refused to pay the full amount of the invoices. That occurred even though, according to Wierda,



Workers clear snow in order to continue construction on January 6.

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Email: clare.devenish@gov.trondek.com



the Vancouver-based company was "claiming and receiving payment for the full amounts from the Yukon government."

It would not pay Hän until the Dawson company made a claim to the government, Wierda said.

"Hän had been attempting to reach settlements with Corix on amounts owing to it and other outstanding matters, when Corix chose to terminate the subcontract," Wierda wrote.

"This is unfortunate, as the result will almost certainly be higher project costs - including the costs of avoidable legal action."

Given the "complex legal issues" involved, Wierda indicated Hän will not be giving any interviews on its termination, though there may be further press releases if there are additional developments it feels the public ought to know.

Neither the government, which is overseeing and paying for the project, nor the City of Dawson, whose name is on the court order, which mandated the construction, have issued statements on the matter.

In two recent interviews, Catherine Harwood, the territory's project manager for plant, has indicated that Corix bears some of the responsibility for delays in the project.

She also referred reporters to that portion of the government's contracting regulations that deal with the responsibilities main contractors have towards their subcontractors.

"Part IV - Financial Protection for Subcontractors" indicates that the government will withhold from the general contractor funds equal to the amount of any valid claim made by a subcontractor.

A willingness to use local workers and subcontract to the construction arm of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation were among the considerations which helped Corix win the contract in the first place.

With winter interior work planned, the facility is expected to be operational by May 2012.

"This investment will protect and enhance the quality of the Yukon River while providing critical infrastructure for the community," the government said in a project update published here last issue.

Dawson Helped Her Get to Know Canada Better

Story & Photo
by Dan Davidson

A week before Christmas, Manjushree Thapa was approaching the end of her stay at Berton House with a mixture of anticipation and regret. She was looking forward to being reunited with her partner, journalist Daniel Lak, who had departed a few days before that, but his complaints about the unseasonably warm weather in Toronto (+10 on some days) were off-putting.

She's been here for the three declining months of the year, watching the light disappear, watching the river freeze over, and she was thinking she'd like to see how it works when things start to move in the other direction.

The shortened version of her name that she tells everyone to use makes it easy for those she meets to get to know her, but also guarantees that none of us ever manage to master the Nepalese original.

Manju had to relearn the language herself after first learning to speak English while her family lived in Ottawa when she was a toddler, though she was born in Kathmandu. Though she attended elementary school in Nepal, her father was a diplomat and was posted to Washington as the ambassador to both the United States and Canada during her teenage years. He took one of those ambassadors' tours that come through Dawson every summer and she remembers the gold nugget he brought back with him.

She rejected much of her heritage during her time in the USA and chose to take up a career as a photographer rather than one of the professions her family would have preferred. Returning to Nepal after graduating from the Rhode Island School of Design, she discovered there was really no place to pursue her chosen path.

She actually expected to take up a bland career in public service, but found herself diverted by writing. While she had had lots of exposure to literature as a child,

writing was not something she had considered and it took her some time – even until after she already had a book published – to admit to herself that she was a writer.

Two novels, a short story collection, and three nonfiction books later she knows what she is doing and actually came to Berton House to finish another novel. The novel she is currently working has been sold to a publisher while she was here and, for the first time, she's seeing herself described as a Nepalese-Canadian writer, even though she hasn't applied for Canadian citizenship.

She says that's a difficult decision to make as Nepal doesn't allow dual citizenship status and she still feels very rooted there, with a home that she lives in three to four months of the year.

One of her other objectives last fall was to get to know more of Canada. She and Daniel have lived together in Toronto for about five years now, but she hasn't branched out from there much, and her social circle there is what she describes as a sort of Little Nepal.

"I felt like I hadn't really got to know the country much. Toronto's wonderful, but it really doesn't look out at the world much. I'm surrounded by people I knew in Nepal and family friends. I wanted to see what's beyond Toronto.

"This is a pretty far corner to go to, to get a sense of the country, but it is. It's a little bit of everything. There's mining here, First Nations politics, there's art and government and you get to see all of that in a very transparent way. I found it a really wonderful 'in' into all of Canada."

Dawson was full of surprises for her.

"You thinking you're going to get away from everything but you find that you're going to a very specific place with a very full community life. It's been a real privilege to be parts of different circles and of things that are going on. (If this is) the quiet time then there is clearly no quiet time in Dawson. I can't even imagine what it would be like in the summer ... when



Manjushree Thapa likes to use a laptop on her lap as it eases the strain of typing.

it would be even busier than this."

She and Daniel were very taken with watching the Yukon River freeze and ventured out on both of the early ice trails once they knew other people had crossed safely.

"Walking on a river that had been flowing just a few weeks before is a truly interesting experience – very spooky."

Lak was captivated by the

town; arrived intending to have a short visit with Manju and ended up stretching his air miles ticket out as far as he could take it, leaving only about a week before her term was over.

Dawson has cured her of being afraid of the cold, she says. When she first moved to Toronto in 2008 she says she wore thermal clothing in the summer because she was chilly all the time. In Dawson

she dressed warmly, but found she got used to it and that -18 to -22 seems pleasant to her after the adjustment to -40 in November.

Work was good here, but she now wishes she had made a bit more progress on the untitled novel. Now that there's a contract there will be a deadline and she's going to have to put her fingers to the keyboard more assiduously.

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Friday, January 20th to Monday, January 23rd

The sessions will be held in Dawson City, and are designed to help potential foster parents understand the needs of children placed in foster care, and help participants decide if fostering will fit for them and their family.

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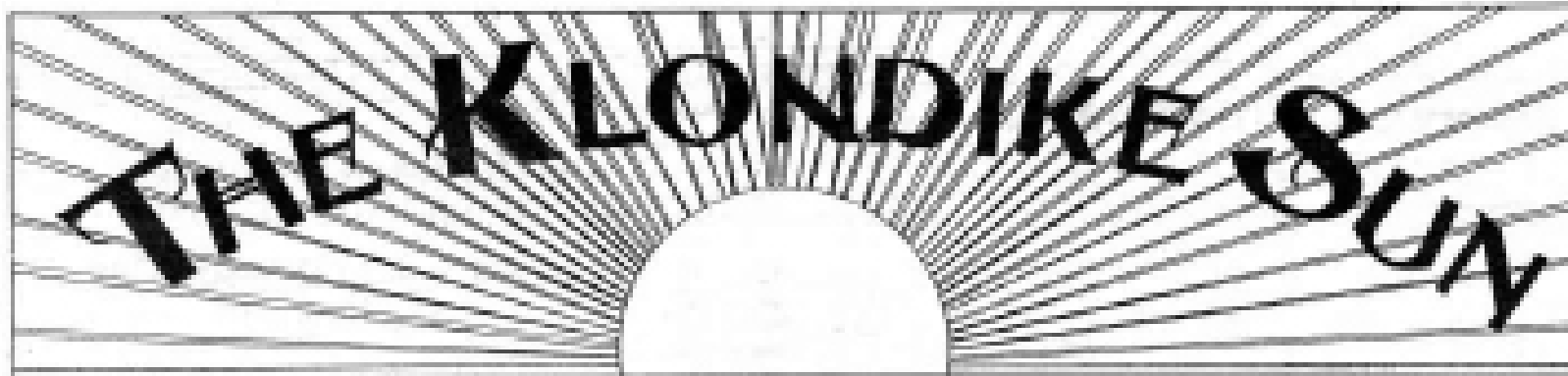
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Rural residents riled, rankled, irate

by Felice Berger

The Dawson Conference room was where an angry group of rural residents gathered on the evening of Thursday January 15. The room was packed until no seats were available and those who could not find standing room flowed into the hallway and lobby.

They had gathered to voice their concerns about the City's proposed extension of the City's boundaries to include the Klondike Valley up to Flat Creek. These rural residents felt this was being thrust upon them. There was no consultation with them; they say they cannot find out anything from the City office. They already deal with two levels of government, Territorial and Federal, and do not want a third, Municipal, with its many by-laws.

John Cramp, who chaired the meeting, had prepared three papers headed (1) Agreeing to the City concept, (2) Agreement to expansion to Quigley, (3) Opposition to City expansion,

for those in attendance to sign the one of their choice. John had done a lot of research for the meeting. He had spoken to Tim Gierbering from the Dawson Indian Band to confirm land claims progress in this area. This brought cries of "conflict of interest" as Gierbering is also a City Councillor.

John had also researched the idea of forming a hamlet. Papers explaining how a hamlet works were handed out, but as Fred Berger pointed out and verified by Municipal Advisor, Ross Knox, a hamlet does not give them any power. It is just an advisory board, and they would have to organize themselves to elect representatives to do an awful lot of work on their behalf.

There were many in the group who did not want to be organized at all. They wanted to be left alone, but individual grievances began to be expressed about their present lot.

Concern was expressed over the Quigley garbage dump.

People on the town side of Quigley complained of oil and even diapers floating in a stream from whence they used to get their water. It was reported that even the City dumps at Quigley, so how would the City protect the rural residents?

Feelings of bitterness were expressed at the oft repeated line that the rural residents use the City's facilities. Nobody had mentioned the amount of volunteer time contributed by rural people. Why also are there no complaints made that summer workers, residents and tourists also use these facilities. Their response to the complaint that many rural people come to town to make their living, was that rural people spend a lot of their pay cheques in town.

When people asked why does the City want to expand, Len Junker volunteered the information that she attended the City Council meeting that said more money was needed to protect the City's water supply. (The by-law adds a land fill site and sec-

ondary sewage treatment are necessary). At the same Council meeting it was revealed that the City was very much in the red.

The main source of discontent was that the City consulted with no rural people, and rural residents can find no further details about the proposal. A representative from the City was invited to the meeting but unfortunately this meeting clashed with the Council meeting. At this announcement, space immediately became available as a large group left swearing they were going over to the City Chambers right at that moment! (Apparently only three people made it.)

The benefits for the City are that they would get the Valley's taxes and block funding from the Government. It does seem that what the City wants is just the money, but the residents wanted to know if they get any benefits.

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CITY BYLAW # 91-11:

Dawson's growth debated once more

by Dan Davidson

It doesn't take much paper to begin the process of altering a town's boundaries. The original draft of bylaw #91-11 takes up scarcely a sheet of paper, with a map attached to make up a second page. It proposes extending Dawson City's boundaries to take in the area from Moonside on the north to Flat Creek on the south, and the land within a 5-mile radius on the west side of the Yukon River. All this on two sheets of paper. Before the process of boundary alteration is concluded, however, it is certain that a sizable stack of trees will have been sacrificed to the mills of democracy.

The first item of the printing process came on Monday, Jan. 13, when the city administration made available its long awaited discussion paper on expansion. Originally it had been planned to print the document, or relevant parts of it, in the local paper, but council decided, on Jan. 8, to stop worrying about meeting the paper's weekend deadline and get the most comprehensive package

it could into people's hands.

The result is a 70 page discussion paper clearly marked with words like "draft" and "for discussion". This should not be viewed as the final word on expansion, but merely the city council's viewpoint on the process right now. At this point all sorts of things are still negotiable. The only thing that is fairly certain is that there will be changes in the status of the Klondike Valley, whether those changes are created by annexation to Dawson (first proposed on June 13, 1991), by the birth of hamlets or by the eventual territorial imposition of the Klondike Valley Area Development Regulations (draft of these regulations appeared in May 1991).

Klondike Valley residents have complained bitterly that the city has taken a long time to get this document ready. The subject first came up in June 1991, when the bylaw received its first two readings. After that, the legislative process could not proceed until official sanction was given to the new Official Community Plan.

That approval, after a public hearing in the summer, was reported here in the November Sun.

The third reading of the expansion bylaw was also reported on by the Sun, but by error was written up as extending only to Callahan Subdivision. Municipal Advisor Ross Knox pointed this out to us about the time we were ready to get the December edition to bed. That issue carried the official YTG notice that the Municipal Board was seeking intervention.

The discussion paper prepared by city manager Carol Murray expands on the major issues identified in the bylaw: public health issues, coordination of regional planning and controlled development of both industry and residential needs.

Under the first issue, water quality and efficient treatment seem to be of prime importance. Dawson and the YTG concluded a joint long study of water needs recently and the city concludes that "although Dawson's water supply

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DEBUT ALBUM RELEASED



Marie Gogo spent her summer in Whitehorse as the Leading Lady of the Frantic Politics Vaudeville Revue by night and record producer by day. With the very generous assistance of Grant Simpson and Bob Hamilton, Marie Gogo's debut album has now been completed. The recording is called "YOU WERE MADE FOR LOVE" as several of the ten original songs are love songs.

"This project took a lot of work, many hours and was highly rewarding," said Marie Gogo. "I don't think that I would have had the courage to even start a project this large at this time in my life if it weren't for the help

and support of Peter Menzies, Don Amisago, Doug Connor and Ray Faggard. I also appreciate the support of all those people who pre-ordered my tapes."

One of the songs featured on this album, written by Mike Gogo and her husband Gene Dubois (many Gene Dubois, the dog number) is called "We Were In Home for Christmas". "We were spending the winter in Dawson, and we couldn't afford to go to my parents' home for Christmas, so we wrote a song for the family. We recorded it and mailed them a tape," says Marie Gogo. "Hearing good comments about it from friends convinced me to include it in my album."

Some of the other songs which known to Yukoners are Grant Simpson, Val Dean, Paul Finkle and James Macdonald.

This cassette recording has a diverse selection of musical styles which Marie Gogo hopes will be pleasing to music lovers of all ages.

"YOU WERE MADE FOR LOVE" is available at the Raven's Nest, Mountain/Trappers and Arctic Drugs or contacting Gene Dubois at 976-5885.

Ahoy There, It's Coming on Christmas

Story & Photo

by Dan Davidson

It seems any season in Dawson is a good reason to have a parade. For the last several years boat owners have been decorating their craft with lights and parading them around the town during the Advent run-up to Christmas.

This year they persuaded the RCMP to lead the parade and add to the light show. So on the evening of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Christmas Dinner the parade of half a dozen boats on trailers, decorated with brightly lit winter themes made its way slowly around the town.

At -22°C it was a bit chilly to stand and watch a parade, but it wasn't very long so it could be done.



RSS Students Remember Scenes of Christmas at Moosehide

Story & Photo
by Dan Davidson

A Winter Walk to Moosehide was the theme of this year's recent Christmas concert at the Robert Service School.

As always, the gymnasium was packed to capacity for the event, which re-imagined the way things might have been

at nearby Moosehide 60 years ago.

Student narrators Jayde Dubois, Erin Hilliard and Lauren Jenkins did a fine job of keeping the narrative flowing between the set pieces, which began right after the Junior Rock Band played a trio of carols.

The individual grades (from Kindergarten to Grade 6) did a

fine of job of presenting songs, dancing, and showing off the costumes their parents and others volunteers had prepared for the evening. The audience showed its appreciation of the efforts made by students and teachers by applauding in all the right places.

RSS Donates to the Shelter



Story & Photo
by Dan Davidson

The students at the Robert Service School in Dawson City spent the first few weeks of December collecting food to give to the Dawson Women's Shelter annual Christmas Hamper Drive. The Shelter's April Bartlett (far right) came to the school for the official presentation on December 12. Collection continued up to the end of the school term on Friday, December 16, but this was the biggest load.

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Parks Canada Remembers John Gould

by David Rohatensky,
superintendent, Klondike
National Historic Sites of
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As the newly arrived Parks Canada Superintendent, I first met John Gould on Remembrance Day, 2009. I recall a vibrant man filled with passion for his community; its people and history. Given his long association with Parks Canada John always had something important to share, and whenever we met he made sure to leave me with a nugget of wisdom, or the beginning of a lesson, or a unique personal insight into his beloved community of Dawson City.

For John, community was defined by the stories, lives, and history of its residents. As one of the very first Parks Canada staff in Dawson, and later as a community advocate, John saw a valuable role for Parks Canada in linking together Dawson's past, present, and future stories, and in sharing those stories with the world. Having spent his life in the goldfields, John was committed to telling this story; both from the perspective of a resource industry, as well as the social and lifestyle elements that made the community of placer miners truly unique.

Developing and opening The Discovery Claim Interpretive Trail was a priority for John. He felt strongly about each detail being complete and accurate. While reviewing a historic



John Gould speaks at the opening of the revived Discovery Claim last August. Photo by Michael Gates

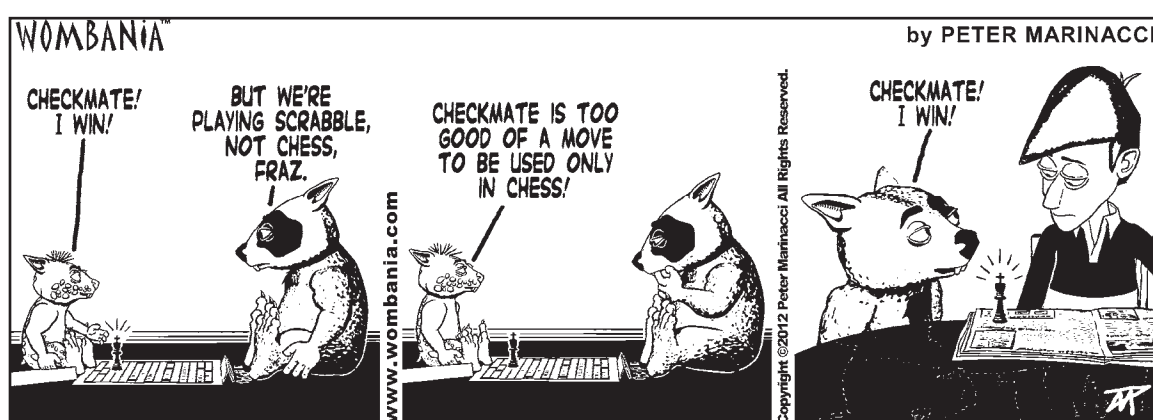
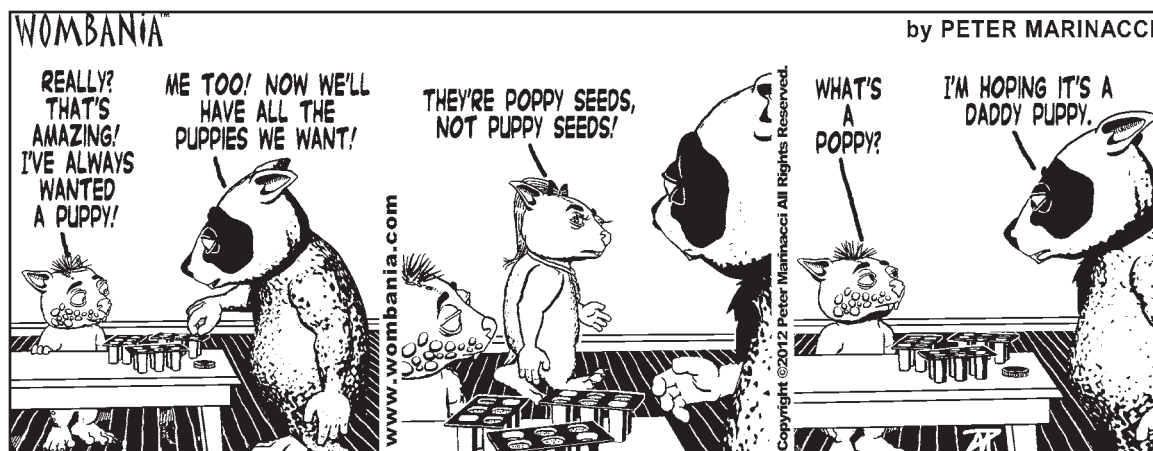
photograph installed at the site John lamented over a couple unidentified individuals. "It just isn't right to refer to a person as unknown," said John, proposing a future community contest to correctly identify the unknown individuals.

On August 17, 2011, John addressed the official grand opening and ribbon cutting at Discovery Claim Interpretive Trail. Although August 17 fell mid-week, John reminded all present that this was the only possible day for the opening,

since August 17 was the actual historic Discovery Day. History after all, is about getting the details right.

John's dedication to Dawson's history, and personal commitment to preserving and sharing this heritage was highly valued by Parks Canada and the entire Yukon heritage community. Remembering John will serve as inspiration as we work to keep this history alive and relevant.

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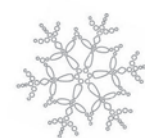
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Murder While the Clock is Ticking

61 Hours

by Lee Child

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Thriller novels require a source of tension to keep the plot boiling. One of the classic tools for building tension is to create a ticking clock. A novel with a title like *61 Hours* has such a clock built into it.

When we meet Jack Reacher this time, he is traveling, having joined the passengers of a tourist coach full of seniors making their way west. The weather is not good and a close encounter with a passing vehicle causes the bus to go off the road near an icy bridge. The seniors and their coach driver are ill prepared to cope with the accident, but Reacher manages to set road flares and does his best to keep people safe until help can arrive from nearby Bolton, South Dakota.

The story is set in the midst of really cold mid-western weather. There's tons of snow, treacherous driving along semi-ploughed streets and a penetrating chill that actually knocks the usually physically capable Reacher down a notch or two. This is

first time I've seen him have to struggle this much to get things done without actually having been shot.

Bolton's lawful claim to fame is that it is home to a major new federal prison. The vehicle that caused the accident had been coming from there, driven by a lawyer who had just received instructions from a client to set in motion events that would involve at least a dozen felonies including, if he had only known it, his own demise.

All of these things are set to happen within the next 61 hours. The plans were hatched by a dwarfish Mexican drug lord who chooses to go by the name of Plato. He has a deal under way with a member of the Russian crime syndicate. This involves Bolton's not-so-legal claim to fame: that it is located near to an abandoned military facility which has been taken over as the home turf of a biker gang.

In Bolton there is an old lady, a cultured and retired former Oxford librarian, who happened to witness a drug deal going down in town and who feels that it is her civic duty to testify about it. Her testimony would seriously inconvenience Plato's big deal, and so he has marked her for death.

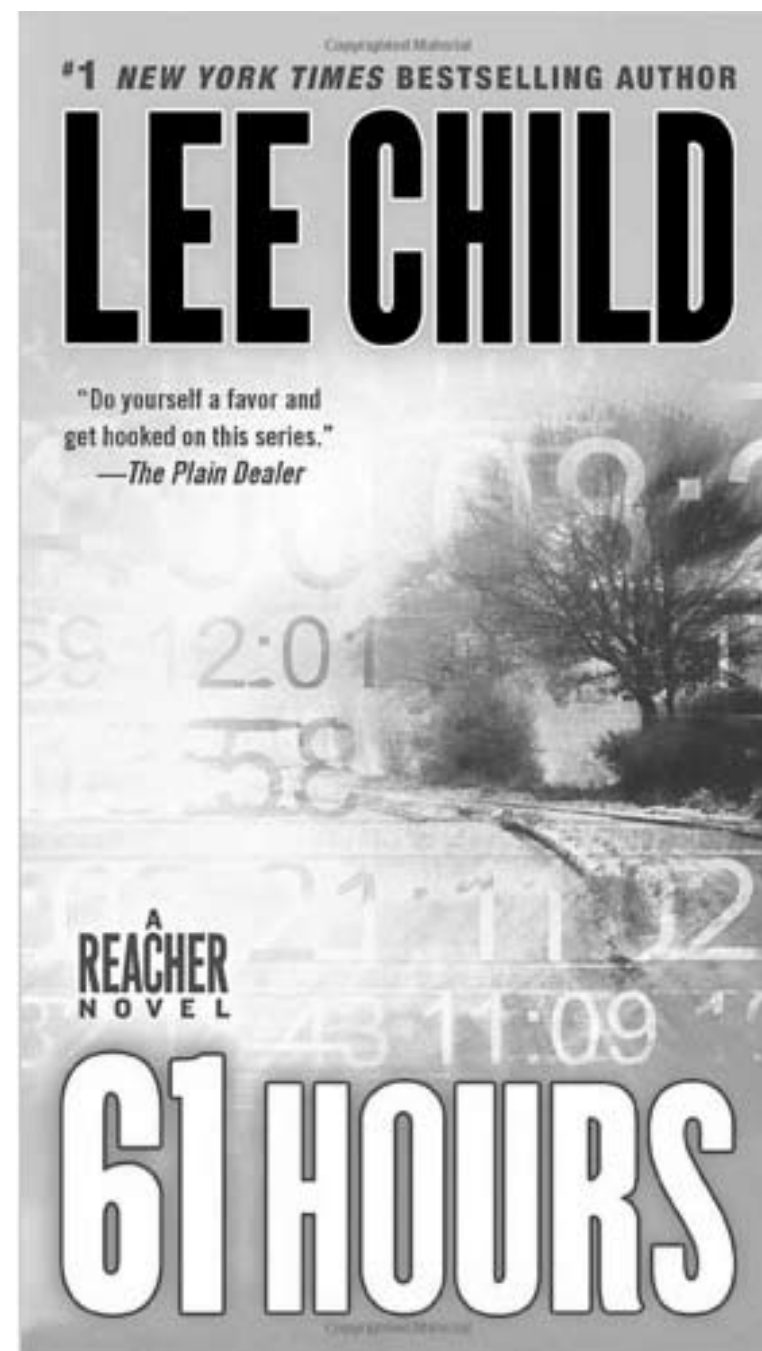
The fear of the Bolton police force is that an assassin will be coming to town to carry out that sentence.

Reacher is initially treated as a person of interest, since he is totally out of sync with everyone else on that disabled bus and the accident could have been a ruse to get him into town. It doesn't take him too long to establish that he is not the killer and he is billeted in town at a private home along with all the other passengers who have to wait for a replacement bus from their tour company. There are no vacant hotels rooms in the town. They are filled with family members who have come to visit their loved ones at the prison.

It's a fairly long wait since the nasty weather has turned to a blizzard and Bolton is just about cut off from the world for a couple of days. During that time there are several suspicious incidents and a murder (the lawyer) and Reacher, a former military policeman with a background in investigations, proves his worth by helping the locals, who are out of their depth.

He is tapped to assist in protecting Janet Salter, the witness, with whom he forms an unusual bond. His other bond is by long distance telephone, to Susan Turner, the woman who now

BOOKENDS
with Dan Davidson



occupies the investigative post and rank he had before he quit the army. He needs her help in finding out just exactly what that abandoned cold war era military base could have been, and he lends her his experience in tracking down a soldier who has killed his wife and is on the run.

As part of that bonding conversation we learn just how his old desk got that head shaped dent in it, an amusing story and one that helps to explain why he eventually hit the road.

His long distance consultation proves very successful for her and she finds out most of what he needs to know, though there are still a few surprises when he finally gets to take a close look at the place.

There's lots more in here. I liked the chemistry between Reacher and Janet Salter and if the solution to the murders (yes, two more) did not surprise me, I enjoyed seeing how he got there.

The ending is a bit ambiguous as to how he survived the events at the old base. Child has written it somewhat like an insider's news report and while we can figure out what must have happened, we don't actually see it.

The Reacher novels are presented to us out of sequence, unlike most series, so the next one could actually take place before the events in *61 Hours*, but I do hope that some day there's a sequel in which he and Susan Turner finally meet in person.

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Comment: Dawson's sewage system woes are unnecessary

By Dan Davidson

As disappointing as it is to hear of construction and contractual problems related to the Dawson secondary sewage treatment plant (Star, Dec. 20), it is not, unfortunately, surprising.

Time after time, when a major project is about to begin, I've heard the pre-construction hype that goes with it.

This is always the best plan.

The company chosen for the job is always the best one available.

The spin-off benefits for local workers and businesses are always superlative and as much as anyone could have hoped for.

Whether it's a new school, public housing, a highway contract, a hospital, a recreation complex or a sewage treatment facility, the public relations pitch is the same. Everyone involved is just swell, and some of them even walk on water.

It's nonsense, of course, but a lot of these projects involve vast sums of money. Everyone wants to feel that the right decisions have been made, for the right reasons, and that everything is going to work out just fine in the end.

When it's a project as questionable and controversial as the Dawson sewage treatment plant, it's no wonder that the attempts to make it a positive experience have been so marked.

Perhaps however, we do reality a disservice when we try

to colour things in this way.

The business of business is, as Kevin O'Leary never fails to remind us each night while sparring with Amanda Lang, to make money.

Serving the public good, providing economic benefits for others, these are collateral achievements, secondary to the main goal.

In some cases, the main goal of making money leads to really poor practices.

Meat processing plants fail to screen for bacteria and people fall ill. Inadequate roof envelopes and building foundations appear in recreation centres. Rocks from highway projects go hurtling through nearby homes.

Somewhere along the line, in so many of the projects I have seen, the honeymoon of the pre-construction period comes to an end, contract relations go south, and disagreements arise.

In complex situations where a general contractor has a lot of sub-contractors working for it, payment schedules can become an issue.

That seems to be what has happened in more than one case in the present sewage treatment plant controversy.

In terms of public understanding, the problem is made worse by the fact that no one will talk about what is actually happening.

Third-hand information gleaned from others who are several times removed from the actual dispute soon becomes

rumours that may even be worse than the reality, but that will never be laid to rest once they have begun to circulate.

Thanks to the press release from Han Construction early this week, we now have a partial, admittedly one-sided, account of the contractual issues that have been holding up progress on the plant here.

If Han is correct, and payment to some subcontractors for work done on Corix Water Systems' change orders has not been made in a timely fashion, then it would seem that something is wrong.

During an interview on this subject some weeks ago, I commented that the money for the project was coming from the federal and territorial governments to Corix and that it was that company's responsibility to ensure the proper amounts flowed to the companies it had hired to do some of the actual work.

While avoiding any comment on the contract itself, the person with whom I was speaking agreed that this was, indeed, how the process was supposed to work.

Once hired, a general contractor is the one who needs to make the payments further down the chain of operations.

If that is the case, then Corix ought to get on with doing its job properly and not end up raising the cost of an already very expensive project beyond its current price tag.

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THIS IS JUST MY OPINION...

with Al Sider

The End of the World; Part 1

This is an interesting, complicated subject to discuss in any depth. Yet, this topic is currently on the minds of numerous persons around the planet especially with all the fuss over the Mayan calendar prophecies. Scholars, theologians, representatives from all walks of life have pondered this subject for centuries, and have all missed the mark.

I will tell you all up-front: do not sell your investments, your stocks, your bonds, your homes, your treasures—do not close your bank accounts to prepare for the worst! December 21, 2012 will not be the end of the world, but do not be fooled, the world will end at some point.

Granted, things may change somewhat after this date, but life on this planet will continue, at least for a time. Sir Isaac Newton, through mathematical deductions of what he considered to be a Bible Code, discovered the end will not occur until around 2060 AD, a 48-year difference between the way the Mayan calendar is interpreted.

The well known prophet Nostradamus also made predictions concerning the end of days, though no where in his writings does he even hint at 2012 as the end, yet some scholars choose to equate his doomsday scenarios with events to occur during 2012.

When we look at these prophecies and take into account Biblical prophecy, we indeed see countless similarities. The world will end by fire, recorded by numerous prophets including Biblical. Great and powerful world-wide earthquakes, again prophesied by scholarly prophets and several doomsday sayers, as well as Biblical prophecy.

Cultures and sects around the globe have ancient history proclaiming the apocalypse to come, including almost all First Nation People throughout North America. Either all of these prophecies are very wrong, or they are deadly accurate. I choose to believe the latter, but the timing is not accurate. I believe the prophecy which is closest to being accurate was that of Sir Isaac Newton.

If we can even slightly assume that Biblical prophecy has any merit, any truth to it, then we can see clearly that only Sir Isaac Newton's prophecy of 2060 makes the most common sense marking the end of the world. According to Biblical prophecy, which none of the other prophecies account for, several things must yet occur before the end can come.

The most obvious is that the Temple of Solomon must be rebuilt. Exactly how that will occur is yet a mystery, but I suspect than one of two natural disasters will occur which will allow the rebuilding of the Temple. Since the Dome of the Rock currently occupies the heart of the Temple's location and we know that the Muslim leaders will not permit it to be replaced with a Jewish Temple, it must by some means be destroyed naturally.

I think that an earthquake or a meteor will destroy the Dome of the Rock to allow the Temple to be rebuilt. Personally, I do not think that will occur quickly, but probably within the next 30 or 40 years.

To be continued . . .

This is just my opinion.

How Much Snow Was That?

Locals' comments noted on Facebook:

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Blast from the Past

by Lisa McKenna

Starting as far back as 1964 this band still had two of its founding members, Reg Presley and Chris Britton, until this year. Reg was recently fell ill and was hospitalized on December 15th. He is now at home and after 40+ years of entertaining he has decided to retire.

These 4 gentlemen made every one feel "groovy". They influenced such people as Iggy Pop, The Ramones, and even Jimi Hendrix! They all loved a "Wild Thing" who "moved them".



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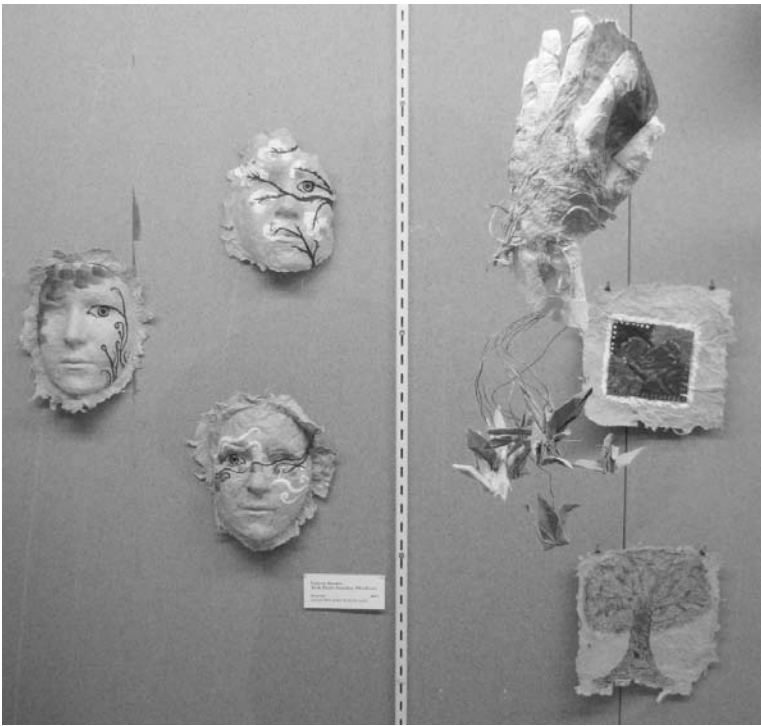
Youth Art on Display

Artwork created by high school students from across the Yukon will be on display at Robert Service School during the month of January.

The Exhibition Reception was held on Thursday, January 5th from noon to 1:00pm. Hot chocolate and goodies were served.

The school requests that you check in at the office before checking out the displays.

The 2011 Workshops iincluded: Handmade Prints with Meshell Melvin, Video Production with Dan Sokolowski, Soapstone Carving with Bud Young and Hand Papermaking with Helen O'Connor.



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Christmas Alliteration

Editors note: The Grade 3 class submitted these poems to the Klondike Sun before Christmas, however they didn't arrive in time to make it into our pre-Christmas issue. However, we think they are so wonderful that they must be shared with you now. Enjoy!

Santa's snowmobile
slips sadly in snow.
By Cole Webber

Santa sees smelly
stockings by the stove.
By Tenesha Christiansen

Rudolph really
ravishes red
raspberries.
By Azalea Peterson-Joe

Peter picked up pretty
presents.
By Jadaka Nagano

Santa stuffs slimy
snowmen into
stockings.
By Christopher Tom Tom

Santa sleds to Saturn
in the snow.
By Austyn Renaud

Santa sneaks in Sam's
house on Sundays.
By Xen Van Nostrand-Gibson

Blitzen bakes banana
biscuits by the bakery.
By Rory Loewen

Paul passes piles of
purple presents.
By Trystan Loewen

Rudolph read really
radical red poems.
By Jamal Jabbar

Cristopher creates
candy canes and
cookies.
By Johnathon Robinson

Santa psyched
sidekicks in silly
dreams.
By Oliver Flegel

Santa starts singing on
Sundays.
By Joanna Allen

Rudolph wraps with
really red ribbons.
By Jack Foran-Taylor

Santa stuffs slippery
stockings.
By Devin Forester

Santa saw some
awesome sleighs.
By Morgan Farr

Santa saw Sally
singing a silly song.
By Jesica Favron

Santa sells solid
sleighs.
By David Joseph

Selina sees Santa's
sleigh by the stars.
By Annie Procee

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CIBC Policy Rebuttal

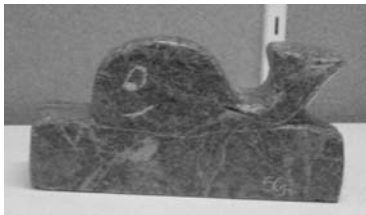
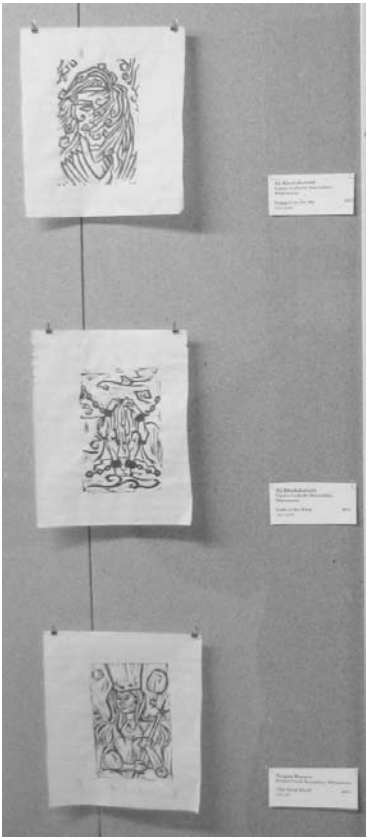
Submitted by
Brad Germann-Wilson

Re: CIBC Gets Tough on Locals
(December 14, 2011 issue)

The policies refered to by Mr. Collin in his letter are widespread across the industry and are not particular to CIBC or this branch specifically. I might remind Mr. Collin that every community outside of Whitehorse has only one bank so this is not a problem specific to Dawson or the personal practices of the current manager. Calls for "competition" ignores the one glaring fact, small communities such as Dawson can only, like any other buisness, support one bank. We do not have the population to support another financial institution (banks have to pay utilities, leases, wages etc just like any other business and 4 or 5 customers are not sufficient to pay the bills and

again like any other business - make a profit).

As to the issues at hand, I have to question why Mr. Collin does not have an account at the local branch? If one has lived here for any significant length of time (or at least plans to) it is only practical to do so. With an account they have no problem cashing a government check (territorial included). If Mr Collin wishes to stay with his current bank, any government dept. will have a check direct deposited into thier account avoiding the hassle Mr Collin is experiencing (except for the fee for using another banks ATM). All you need to do is fill out the appropriate form which can be found online or from the appropriate government office (eg Social Services).



KIDS' CORNER

Stories and illustrations

by Lisa Michelle

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OH NO!



Ostriches are real cool birds.

And they are really, really tall. They can reach heights of 2.7 meters! That's nine feet tall!

They weigh up to 160 kg (350 lbs).

They live in groups where there is always a head female. She is given care of all the eggs. She can have over 60 eggs in her nest AND each egg weighs about a kilo and a half. That's some pretty big omelets! Actually it takes almost 40 minutes to soft boil an ostrich egg.

Their average life span is between 30 and 40 years, so... a head female ostrich can raise over 2,000 chicks.



Oysters are cool too. They make pearls. Pearls are formed within an oyster by a parasite. This causes an irritation and the oyster tries to solve the problem by coating the source of irritation with nacre, which is otherwise known as Mother-of-Pearl and is the shiny stuff found inside of shells.

The children of Dawson have forgotten how to draw! Or write! and I guess they don't like presents either! So here is your kid's page.

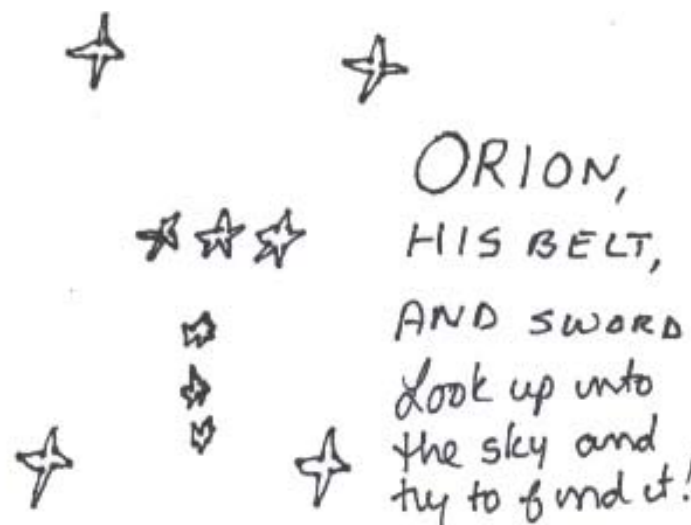
Ostrich: a tall large bird that can't fly.

Oyster: a slimy thing from the ocean that you can eat.

Orion: a constellation in the sky that has a belt.

See, I've forgotten how to draw or write too!

Ha, ha... only joking.



I think Orion is also cool. He wears a belt, known as 'the belt of Orion'. Orion was a heroic hunter of Greek mythology. Apparently he was a giant who hunted all the wild animals of earth.

His stars, in his belt, are called Alnitak (the girdle), Alnilam (the string of pearls), and of course, Mintaka (the belt).

On his left shoulder is Betelgeuse, on his right is Bellatrix. His right foot is called Rigel but I don't know what the left one is called

From the middle of his belt there hangs a sword made up of tiny stars.

JUST FOR FUN:

If you want to have fun look up Orion's Belt on the net. You can watch a real cool video called "Muse-A Celestial Sonnet" and another one called "Orion's Belt".

The horse-head Nebula is in Orion and it is the coolest thing I have ever seen! Check it out.

ADULTS ALTERNATIVE ADDITION HERE ARE THE ANSWERS!

(Puzzle from the November 30th issue.)

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Tiptoe through the tulips | 13. Box cat | 25. Head over heels |
| 2. 6 ft under ground | 14. Singing in the rain | 26. Go stand in a corner |
| 3. Just between you and me | 15. Searching high and low | 27. Parakeets |
| 4. Misunderstanding | 16. Life after death | 28. Pineapple upside down cake |
| 5. Right between the eyes | 17. A backwards glance | 29. A little bit under dressed |
| 6. Mind over matter | 18. Split personality | 30. Boxing ring |
| 7. 6 to 1, half a dozen to the other | 19. Long underwear | 31. Jack in a box |
| 8. Railroad crossing | 20. Neon light | 32. Flip backwards |
| 9. Growing pains | 21. I before e except after c | 33. I'm in between jobs |
| 10. Swearing on a stack of bibles | 22. He's beside himself | 34. An afterthought |
| 11. 2 eggs over-easy | 23. Reading between the lines | 35. Square dance |
| 12. 3 Degrees below zero | 24. Rock around the clock | |

**HEY KIDS! WE'VE STILL GOT
PRESENTS FOR YOU, DONATED BY
BUSINESSES IN TOWN AND WE WANT TO
GIVE THEM AWAY! WRITE TO US TO WIN!**

Email your pictures, stories and poems to Lisa at klondikesun@northwestel.net before Friday, January 20 at noon!

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Corner of 5th and King
Services:
Sundays at 10:30 a.m.,
Sat. 5 p.m., Tues. 7 p.m.,
Wed. to Fri. 9:30 a.m.
All are welcome.
Contact Father Ernest
Emeka Emeodi for
assistance:
993-5361

DAWSON COMMUNITY CHAPEL
Located on 5th Ave
across from Gold Rush
Campground.
Sunday worship at 11
am.
Everyone is welcome.
Pastor Ian Nyland
993-5507

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
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Streets
Sunday Services: at 10:30
1st and 3rd Sundays:
Morning Prayer
2nd and 4th Sundays:
Holy Eucharist
5th Sunday: Informal
Contact Rev. Laurie Munro
at the Richard Martin
Chapel,
Tues - Thurs. 8:30 - noon

SUPPORT

MANY RIVERS:

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services for individuals,
couples, families or group
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confidential service
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profit organization with a
sliding fee scale. To make
an appointment call 993-
6455 or email dawson@
manyrivers.yk.ca. See our
website at www.manyrivers.
yk.ca/.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS:

Videoconference meeting at
the Dawson Health Centre
on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. North
Star Group meets at the
Comm. Support Centre at
1233 2nd Ave. on Saturdays
at 7 p.m. Call 993-3734 or
993-5095.

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WATER LICENCE/LAND USE PERMITS:

Water license and land use
permit applications for placer
miners. Call Josée (5 a.m. to
6 p.m.) at 819-663-6754. or
email joseeb@bell.net

SLUICING OPERATIONS:

Need help with your sluicing
operation this summer? Call
250-658-4358 or 250-370-
9523.



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Open Positions:

Commercial Sewing Machine Operator
Cook-Line
Driver Guides
Executive Assistant
Fleet Detail Crew
Front Desk Agent
Guest Services
Housekeeper/Cleaner
Jeep Guides
Labourers
Nanny
Raft Guides
Recycling Attendant
Substitute Teachers
Tombstone Guides
Tutors

Positions w/ Closing Dates:

HEO I: Dec. 15
Manager of Legislation & Policy:
January 13 @ 4 p.m.
Records Manager: January 13 @ 4 p.m.
Geospatial Technologist: January 18 @
4 p.m.
Mental Health Support Worker:
January 20
Marketing Assistant: January 23 @
4:30 p.m.
Student Positions: February 17

Positions Out of Town:

Various Mining Positions

For more information on these and
other positions, come into the Klondike
Outreach office next to the Territorial
Agent/Liquor Store. (853-Third Street).

HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to noon, 1
p.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed weekends and Stat Holidays

CONTACT INFO

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Any other time, contact Martin at 993-3502 or 6644
Email: seewolf@seewolf.ca



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Dogs at Large - A Community Issue

A dog running loose is a dog in danger. Dogs running the neighborhood can cause dissension among the neighbors, and the dog is often the one who suffers the consequences. Loose dogs can quickly become a nuisance, especially if they team up with other dogs and form packs. A pack of dogs can be a serious threat to livestock, pets, and even people, especially children. Dogs in packs are like people in mobs—they lose their individual inhibitions and do things they wouldn't normally do, things you might never expect. With or without a pack, a loose dog may be hit by a car, stolen, poisoned, shot, become ill because of eating garbage or other products not meant for a dog, or being injured by another domestic or wild animal. Your dog isn't a wild creature who needs his freedom. He's a domestic dog, and he needs the safety of home.

Dogs don't stay home just because they're supposed to. They stay home because they have no choice or because nothing has been inviting enough to make them take off—yet. Whenever temptation beckons, most dogs will leave if given half a chance. If you think your dog knows the limits of his yard and will never cross them, you're kidding yourself and risking your dog's life.

Your leash attached to a properly fitted collar on your dog is almost a miracle, it's so simple and effective. It keeps your dog safe from cars, from running away and getting lost, from other animals that aren't so friendly, and even from people who don't like dogs. Your leash also keeps other people's lawns, shrubs, gardens, pets, and children safe from your dog. You may love dogs and welcome their attention, but not everyone feels that way. Many people are afraid of dogs, so even if your pooch wouldn't hurt the flea that bit her, she shouldn't be the one who decides where she goes and whom she greets. Even those of us who do love dogs don't necessarily want your dog digging up our zinnias! So take your dog for lots of outings, but take her on leash.

Read more on FamilyEducation: <http://life.familyeducation.com/dogs/lets4542.htm?ezl=ind&nk>

Here are seven steps of responsible pet ownership that will allow your pet to live a long and healthy life.

1. License your dog. Provide accurate and up-to-date information about your family pet. If you move, advise Bylaw Enforcement immediately.
2. Neuter or spay your dog.
3. Vaccinate annually against rabies and other diseases.
4. Keep your dog on a leash.
5. Train your dog early not to bark excessively.
6. Train your dog to be obedient.
7. Clean up after your pet



Donning his new canine decoder, Professor Schwartzman becomes the first human being on Earth to hear what barking dogs are actually saying.

Art & Margaret Fry Recreation Centre Arena Schedule January 2012

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
10		Preschool Skate		Preschool Skate		Minor Hockey 10-11:30	
10:30		10:15-10:45/ 11:00-11:30		10:15-10:45/ 11:00-11:30		Novice/Atom/ Peewee CXL Jan 21	
11		Sticks n' Skates 11:30-12:30	Sticks n' Skates 11:30-1	Sticks n' Skates 11:30-12:30	Sticks n' Skates 11:30-1	Minor Hockey CXL Jan 21	Family Skate 12-1:30 CXL Jan 22
11:30		Kilo Klub 12:30-1		Kilo Klub 12:30-1			
12							
12:30							
1						ZAM	
1:30						Wee Sticks n' Skates 1:30-2:00 CXL Jan 21	Sticks n' Skates 1:30-2:30
2							
2:30							
3		ZAM	Public Skate 2:30-5:00			Public Skate 2:00-4:00 CXL Jan 21	Women's Hockey 2:30-3:30 CXL 15th & 29th
3:30							Shaky Legs 3:30-4:30
4	Public Skate 3:30-5	Figure Skate 3:30-5:30	Buddy Skate 4-5	Public Skate 3:30-5:00	Public Skate 3:30-4:30	Sticks n' Skates 4-5 CXL Jan 21	ZAM
4:30					Youth Sticks n' Skates 4:30-5:30		
5	Sticks n' Skates 5-6	Family/Public Skate 5:30-6:30	ZAM	Atom/Peewee 5:30-7	ZAM	Old Timer Hockey 5:30-7:00	Dawson Hockey Association 5:00-6:30
5:30	ZAM		Tyke/Novice 6-7		Tyke/Novice 6-7		
6:30	Bantam/Midget 6:30-8						
7		Old Timer Hockey 7-8:30					
7:30	ZAM		Dawson Hockey Association 7:30-9	Women's Hockey 7:30-8:15 Shaky Legs 8:15-9:15	Dawson Hockey Association 7:30-9	Old Timer Hockey 7:30-9	
8							
8:30	Dawson Hockey Association 8:30-10						
9:00		Old Timer Hockey 9-10:30					
9:30							
10							

Upcoming Arena Events & Programs

Women's Hockey Jamboree: Jan 21—9:30-4:30
Adult Learn to Skate: January 22—12:00-1:30.
Adult Power Skating: Jan 15 & 29—2:30-3:30
Senior's Tournament: Jan 27-29
Old Timer's Tournament—Feb 10-12

Themed Family Skates

Sweetheart Skate
Feb 14, 5:30-6:30
Wear red & bring a twoniel Donations to the Heart & Stroke foundation in support of Heart Month.
St. Patrick's Day Skate
Mar 16, time TBA.

CITY OF DAWSON RECREATION

Recreation & Leisure Program Guide

January 2012

Recreation Department Programs

Rec Department programs are run by Rec Staff & Instructors. Contact 993-2353 for more info.

Kid's & Youth Programs:

Pre-School Playgroup - Indoor playgroup for parents & tots at Trinke Zho. Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 am.

Figure Skating—for kindergarten & up. Tuesdays, Dec 6-Feb 28. Cost: \$75. Register @ the Rec Dept.

Pre-School Skate—Basic skills such as getting to your feet, gliding, and confidence on the ice. Program runs Dec 6th-Jan 26th. Cost: \$20. Register @ the Rec Dept.
Cancelled Jan 19

Adult Programs:

Body Blast - Drop in group fitness class combining, cardio, full body strength, & core. RSS ancillary room, free. Thursdays only from 5:30-6:30 from Jan 12- Mar 1.
Cancelled Jan 19

Women's Hockey/Shaky Legs - Drop in hockey program & scrimmage. Women's Hockey: Thursdays 7:30-8:15 & Sundays 2:30-3:30. Shaky Legs: Thursdays 8:15-9:15 & Sundays 3:30-4:30. Cost: \$25/10 punch pass.

Yoga—Feb 7-Mar 2, Tuesdays & Fridays from 5:15-6:15. Cost & details TBA.

Power Skating—Sunday, Jan 15 & 29 from 2:30-3:30. Cost: \$10.00

Adult Learn to Skate—Sunday, Jan 22 from 12:30-1:30pm. Cost: \$10.00.

All Ages Programs:

Drop in Badminton - Badminton in the RSS gym for all ages under 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Mondays from 6:15-7:30 pm. Program cutoff is -40 degrees.
Cancelled Jan 2

Contra Dance - American folk dancing. Primer dances Feb 7 & 14, 7-8 in the ancillary room. Community dance with Gordon Stobbe Feb 21, details TBA. Cost: free.

Dawson City Fitness Centre

The Fitness Centre is located in the Waterfront Building on Front Street. Fitness Centre passes may be purchased at the Recreation Office for \$20/month. The Fitness Centre is volunteer run and is only open during scheduled times. Please refer to the Fitness Centre Schedule & Rules.

If you would like to volunteer for the Fitness Centre, please come to the Rec Office to complete a volunteer application.



Fitness Centre Programs

Women & Weights - Exercise program for women only in the weight room. Mondays & Wednesdays from noon-1pm. Ladies only during this time, please!

Fitness Centre Orientations—Are you new to the fitness centre and want an introduction to the equipment? Sign up for an orientation with one of the Rec Department staff. Maximum 4 people per orientation. Call 993-2350 to pre-register.

Upcoming Orientations:

Jan 6 12-1pm & Jan 11th 5:30-6:30 pm.
Feb 22 5:30-6:30 pm & Feb 24th - 12-1pm
Mar 23 12-1pm & Mar 26 5:30-6:30

Community Sports & Recreation Programs

Community Recreation Programs are run by community volunteers, and scheduled through the Recreation Department. To register, please contact applicable group contact. If you have a program you would like to run at the school, contact the Rec. Dept. Participants, please use the south entrance by the playground for all programs.

Adult & Ages Programs:

Adult Soccer - Drop-in soccer at the RSS gymnasium. Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7:45-9:30 pm. [Email](#) for more info.

Kickboxing - Kickboxing for ages 14+ in the Ancillary Room at RSS. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 5:30-7:30 pm. [Email](#) for more info.

Basketball—Drop in program for all ages at RSS school gym. Sundays 2-4pm.

Floor Hockey—Drop in for all ages at RSS school gym. Sundays from 4-6 pm.

Youth Programs:

Minor Soccer - Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:15-7:45 pm, Wednesdays 6:15-9:15 pm. [Email](#) for info & registration. Contact minor soccer for holiday practice schedule. [2011-12 Schedule](#)

Youth After School Program Schedule

Please pre-register & complete a waiver form. 24 hours notice is appreciated.

Tuesdays 3:30-5:00—Games Day
Board games & activities in the library. Pick up at the library. Starts Jan 17.

Wednesdays 2:20-5:00—Wacky Wednesdays
A variety of indoor & outdoor activities such as board games, campfires, open gym and library time for grades 2-6. Pick up at the library. Program ends Feb 8.
Program is currently full

Thursdays 3:20-5:00—Hiking Club
Enjoy hiking on various trails in & around town, grades 2 & up. Program will run indoors when weather is too cold. Pick up at the arena.

Fridays 3:20-5:00—Girl Power
Activities for girls only, grades 6-9. Pick up at the arena.

Fridays 6:15-8:00 Youth Open Gym
Indoor activities for grades 5-9. In the RSS gym. Program cut-off -40 degrees.