

January Gave Us a Lot of Snow



Photos by Dan Davidson

By Dan Davidson

The snow has been piling up in Dawson at regular intervals since the New Year, and businesses are getting an early start at scraping some of it off their roofs. A snow-covered roof may be quite picturesque at Jack London’s Cabin, but it can lead to problems at lots of other buildings.

Snowfall has averaged more than 25 cm each week since the beginning of the January and some unseasonably stiff breezes have been compacting it and piling it up. Graders, ploughs and trucks, carrying snow to be dumped out of town, have become ubiquitous on the town’s streets. Between them and dodging exposed

maintenance covers, from what seems to be a rash of broken sewer and water lines along Fifth and Seventh Avenues, navigation is sometimes a bit tricky. After weeks of accumulating roof frosting, both the Downtown and the Eldorado had to invest in some serious shoveling and roof raking during the last two weeks

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This free public service helps our readers find their way through the many activities all over town. Any small happening may need preparation and planning, so let us know in good time! To join this listing contact the office at [klondikesun@northwestel.net](mailto:klondikesun@northwestel.net).

## Events

**YUKON QUEST LAYOVER:** Feb.6-8. 1,000 km sled dog race from Whitehorse to Fairbanks, Alaska. [www.yukonquest.com](http://www.yukonquest.com).

**OLD TIMERS' HOCKEY TOURNAMENT:** February 15-17.

**IN CONCERT: QUASAR SAX QUARTET: FROM BACH TO ZAPPA:** Sunday, Mar.3 at KIAC. Doors open at 7 p.m. \$15 in advance/\$18 at the door.

**CONTRA DANCE:** Contra Dance is back! Tuesdays starting Jan.22-Feb.26, 7:30-9 p.m. in the RSS Ancillary Room.

## Meetings

**IODE DAWSON CITY:** Meet first Tuesday each month at home of Joyce Caley at 7:30 p.m. For info call Myrna Butterworth, 993-5353, Joyce Caley, 993-5424. Recess for summer July-Oct.

**ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH #1:** Meet second Thursday each month at Legion Hall (3rd and King St.) at 7:30 p.m. Contacts Helen Bowie, 993-5526, Myrna Butterworth, 993-5353.

**PIONEER WOMEN OF THE YUKON:** Meet third Thursday each month at 7:30 p.m. at YOOP Hall. Contact Myrna Butterworth, 993-5353. Recess for summer June, July and Aug.

## Klondike Institute of Art and Culture (KIAC)

**IN THE ODD GALLERY: MINING THE ARCHIVES: THE BIENNIAL DCAS MEMBERS' EXHIBITION:** Jan.24-Feb.22. This year's exhibition seeks to comment on the influence of time and place upon the arts in this small community.

**PIANO LESSONS WITH BARNACLE BOB:** Feb.20-April 17 (no class March 27. 8 half hour lessons, 2:30-5:30 p.m. \$138.

**GUITAR LESSONS WITH NIJEN:** Full! Next session dates TBA.

**YOGA WITH JOANNA MCDONALD:** Wednesdays 7-8 p.m., Thursdays 12:05-12:50 p.m. \$8 drop-in/5 classes for \$30.

**SATURDAY DROP-IN PAINTING:** 1-4 p.m. in the KIAC Classroom. \$5. Inspire and be inspired by other artists. Bring your own ideas and painting surfaces. Paints, brushes and easels are supplied, no instruction.

**KIDS DANCE WITH KATIE PEARSE:** Starting after school on Tuesdays Jan.22-April 2 (no class Mar.26) \$77-\$86. Tiny Tutus & Tights (ages 3-4), Dynamite Dancers (ages 5-6), Junior Jazz (ages 7-9), Jazz (ages 10-13). Call KIAC at 5005 for more info. Pre-registration required.

**SHORT CIRCUIT SHORT FILM FESTIVAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Feb.8. Filmmakers of the Pacific Northwest are invited to submit narrative, experimental or documentary short films (under 20 minutes). Visit <http://www.cinevic.ca/node/2836> for more info.

**FILM SELECTION COMMITTEE:** Just watch movies and tell us what you think! Film selections are for the 14th annual Dawson City International Short Film Festival. Screenings Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. at the KIAC Classroom. Contact Dan at [filmfest@kiac.ca](mailto:filmfest@kiac.ca).

**CONFLUENCE MEMBERS' GALLERY CALL FOR PROPOSALS:** Exhibition slots offered to DCAS members: May 23-June 16, June 20-July 14,

July 18-August 11 \*Dates may be subject to change. For more info contact Ange at 5005 or [programs@kiac.ca](mailto:programs@kiac.ca)

## SOVA

**ADMIN OFFICE HOURS:** Mon-Thurs, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**LIBRARY HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 4-7 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. Library materials are now available for check-out by the community. Stop in for more details!

**ART SUPPLY STORE HOURS:** Tuesday-Friday, noon-1 p.m., Thursday 4-5 p.m., Sunday 1-3 p.m.

## DZCC

**CARIBOU TUFTING WITH FAYE CHAMBERLAIN:** Sunday, Feb.17, noon to 3 p.m. Join Faye Chamberlain at the DZCC as she shares her caribou-tufting skills. Call Ange at 5005 or Tish at 6768 to sign up. Space is limited!

## Conservation Klondike Society

**DEPOT HOURS:** Sat, Sun, Mon: 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

Get the Rec & Leisure Newsletter & stay up to date. Website: [www.cityofdawson.ca](http://www.cityofdawson.ca). Facebook: "City of Dawson Recreation". Contact us at 993-2353.

## The Downtown Hotel

**SOURDOUGH SALOON:** Happy Hour every day 4- 6 p.m. Hockey Beers offered to local hockey teams as well as during NHL hockey games.

**WEEKLY SPECIALS:** Mondays - Mexican Mondays; Tuesdays - Board Game Night & Scrabble-Thon; Wednesdays - Wing Wednesday; Thursdays - Ladies' Night; Fridays - Rum & Reggae; Sunday - Caesar Sunday All Day & Open Mic @ 8 p.m. hosted by Barnacle Bob

**UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:** Yukon Quest - Comfort food & specials for Quest members and volunteers; Old Timers' Hockey Tourney - Hockey Beers!

## The Westminster Hotel

**FRIDAYS: JD MCCALLEN IN THE TAVERN:** Every Friday, 5:30-9:30 in the Tavern. Country, Bluegrass/Folk/Rockabilly. Special guests weekly.

**SUNDAYS: SMALLIE SUNDAY AND SUSU ROBIN:** Sundays starting at 4 p.m. in the Tavern. Listen to the musical talents of Susu Robin on the piano and ukulele and enjoy happy hour small drafts!

Regular live entertainment in the lounge on Friday and Saturday, 10 p.m. to close.

## Chamber of Commerce & Town Council

**CHAMBER MEETINGS:** Regular meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at the Downtown Hotel.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Regular meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Special Meeting times are posted at the Post Office three business days in advance. Posted meetings are public.

## Klondike Visitor's Association

**TREK OVER THE TOP:** 1st Run: Feb.28-Mar.3; 2nd Run: Mar.7-10.

**DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIES WINTER OPENINGS:** Feb. 8 & 9; Feb.15 & 16. Open at 7 p.m.

## Miscellaneous

**YUKON PERMANENT ART COLLECTION SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** February 15. YG and Friends of the Gallery invite artists from Yukon communities to apply. For submission forms and info visit [www.tc.gov.yk.ca](http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca).





# Dawson Councils Object to Proposed School Calendar Changes

Story & Photos  
By Dan Davidson

Both the municipal and school councils in Dawson City have concerns about the Department of Education's plans to implement a standard school calendar across the territory for the 2013/14 year.

The City of Dawson has decided that it wants to have some input on the changes that are being proposed to the school calendar as a result of Minister of Education Scott Kent's resolve to make this change to the Education Act.

Speaking to a resolution on January 22, Mayor Wayne Potoroka said that a review of municipal programs for youth during the summer months has caused both council and administration to be leery of any change that would see the school year extended into the month of June.

The unanimous resolution of council was "That the City of Dawson contact Department of Education expressing concern regarding the proposed changes to the school calendar and the potential impacts it will have on municipal programs and services."

The town hires students under a number of recreational programs during the summer and the swimming pool, in particular, would not be able to operate without trained student lifeguards and instructors.

The Robert Service School Council has completed its local consultations with

parents and stakeholders and is recommending that Yukon Education find ways of working its proposed expansion of teaching and training hours into the framework that Dawson has been using successfully since 1991-92.

None of the seven options presented by Yukon Education fit into the Dawson Model (as it has been termed).

The online survey being used by Yukon Education does not offer the Dawson Model as one of the survey options, and RSS Council is concerned that people may have chosen Option 6 simply because it is closest to what RSS is currently doing. Council advises filling in the survey and writing "None of the Above" in the comment boxes below the actual choices that are being offered.

RSS Council objects to the proposed calendar changes, saying they will lessen the chances of students being able to get summer work (and actually keep them from qualifying for student summer work program grants), interfere with the family and economic life of mining families, reduce the quality and length of summer recreation programs for students of all ages, and interfere with the continuing development of cross-cultural "on the land" courses. These are all in addition to June simply being a very difficult month to actually accomplish anything in the way of meaningful formal instruction due to the daylight hours in the summer.



Dawson Council – Darren Taylor, Stephen Johnson, Mayor Wayne Potoroka, Kyla MacArthur and Bill Kendrick.



School council member Janice Cliff, and council chair Sue Lancaster.

The complete text of the School Council's response can be found on the next page in our usual editorial space.

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# OPINIONS

## School Council: A Response to the Minister of Education's School Calendar Plans

On behalf of Robert Service School Council and our community we are providing you with our final response and feedback around the proposed changes to the Education Act and the Common School Calendar.

**1. Timing of School Council Elections** - Dawson is happy to hear of the proposed changes to the timing of elections. We fully support the recommendation to have elections in the Spring

**2. Length of School Council Terms** - Dawson feels that extending the terms of council members to three years will hinder the process as less people will feel the ability to commit to a three year term. We recommend keeping the term at two years.

**3. Staggering Terms of Council Members** - Dawson fully supports this recommendation. Either by having half the Council on one year terms and the others on two year terms or staggering the elections to ensure half of the Council remains.

**4. Increasing the Number of Hours in the School Year** - This is a bit more difficult to respond to as it may be effected

by the recommendation of a common calendar. Although Dawson has no issue with increasing the hours from 950 to 980 we do have major concerns if this also requires 191 days in the school year. If this recommendation is based on increasing the days along with one common calendar we do not support it.

**5. The Common School Calendar** - Our response to this recommendation is a clear and strong "none of the above." Through numerous forums (8), meetings and gatherings, our community, in all aspects does not agree with the common calendar.

Let us be clear, we do not discount a common calendar, we refuse the seven options provided. And here is why.

- High School students are looking for work. If we do not get out in May the students may not find work.

- Community businesses, which work very hard to hold jobs for our students, will no longer be able to do so as the tourist season is well established and positions already filled.

- The heat and daylight causes students to be unable to stay awake in class and

therefore the education is no longer happening.

- Our mining season begins in May. Families that would usually stick around for the last few days of school will not stay those extra weeks. Choosing between the two, families will go out to the mine fields.

- The safety of our students. Dawson increases from 1500 to over 4000 people in June. Our school is right downtown and has a community library attached where tourists and transients often gather for the free wifi. How will we keep our children safe?

- Recreation programming in our community. Now it affects our entire community recreation program. The pool schedule, soccer, baseball, summer camps and daycare programs. Our season is already short, cutting it by a third is ridiculous.

- Graduation rates. Ours is already at 90%. Obviously we would like to see it at 100%. However, based on quotes from the Deputy Minister during our forum, we are far above the rest of the Yukon. Our calendar works!

- On the land programs. We, as a community, have worked very hard to bring in

credited experiential learning programs that support our local First Nation education. We could potentially lose all of this as excused absences to these programs would not be accepted in distance classes.

- Dual credit courses. Unless a student has all of the required prerequisites to receive a dual credit course they will not be eligible. Those that have it likely won't be affected by a common calendar.

- Video classes. Unless clocks are synchronized and blocking is managed, offering these video classes will still be unattainable. Either way, students that want to take those classes are going to succeed with or without a common calendar. And those are not the students the focus should be on. It is the drop outs and those struggling to stay in school that need changes. A calendar won't do this for them.

- STEP and YSC. Both of these programs, offered through the government, would no longer be accessible to the students. There are clear guidelines around hours worked and the length of employment. How can our government offer a program

that can no longer be accessed by our students?

- BC. Often we hear from our officials that we want to recreate what is occurring in other jurisdictions. Are you aware that BC has decided to forgo a common calendar and their new education plan includes allowing communities to develop their individual calendars?

Finally, I would like to remind those that are making these decisions that Dawson's schedule has worked for 20 years, offering our community the highest graduations rates in the Yukon while allowing our families their individuality. We recommend you follow the "Dawson Model" if you want to improve attendance and graduation rates.

Sincerely,

**Sue Lancaster**

Chair

Robert Service School Council

On Behalf of Our Community

## We want to hear from you!

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Amending the School Calendar Makes Real Sense

With the conclusion of our year-long consultation with school councils on a common school calendar, I would like to thank school council members for their participation in the process and for the ideas and insights they have brought forward.

Many views have been shared in regard to the proposed move to a common calendar.

As minister of Education, I can say the main rationale for a common calendar is to improve student achievement levels and graduation rates by providing all students, particularly those in rural areas, with equal access to educational expertise, programs and resources.

For students in rural areas, this would provide the option to attend some of the same courses being offered in Whitehorse via distance technology. This is much more difficult if school years begin at varying times.

An amended school calendar also needs to accommodate the 15 additional hours of instruction and 15 hours of professional development for teachers outlined in the Education Act review.

Additional budget dollars will be made available to compensate teachers on a pro-rated basis for these new responsibilities.

Currently, the graduation rate for rural students is 61 per cent, a full 19 per cent behind the graduation rate in Whitehorse.

Clearly, this is not an acceptable state of affairs, and we must take steps to ensure that all students have the same opportunities for success.

I look forward to reviewing the results of the recent consultation, weighing all the options presented, and fulfilling my legislated obligation to set the school calendar by March 31st.

Scott Kent, Minister of Education, Government of Yukon, Whitehorse

Response from Sue Lancaster, RSS School Council chair:

I really want the minister to stop saying he consulted school councils for over a year. HE DID NOT.

Response from the Editor:

When school council members, including the current Dep. Minister of Education, who used to sit on a council, openly state that the “consultation” mentioned by the Minister was no more than a possibility floated without a specific set of goals or a plan at a territorial gathering of School Councils, I am more inclined to believe them than I am whoever penned this letter for the minister’s signature. Ms. Lancaster is the current chair of the Robert Service School Council and has been a member for several terms. The school calendar is a very hot button issue here. She would have noticed.

DD

On This Test, the Minister has It All Wrong

The Yukon Party government’s current attempt to force a new, standardized school calendar on all communities (Star, Jan. 11, 18) has garnered a good deal of recent media attention.

Since the minister’s plans were made public, I’ve been contacted by dozens of concerned students, parents and educators who believe the proposed changes don’t reflect their needs.

I’ve heard their concerns, and my message to the Minister of Education is this: Don’t rush changes to Yukon’s school calendar.

On the surface, the minister’s plan sounds nice. We’re told that more instructional hours will improve student learning outcomes, and a standardized school calendar for all Yukon schools will expand course options for rural students through distance education. These are good things.

The problem here isn’t the minister’s goals. Instead, the way he’s going about them is all wrong, undermining local participation and decision-making.

The brief window for public consultation is poorly timed and too short. What’s the rush?

The proposed changes will have far-reaching implications. Yukon people, and especially our students, deserve better than a quick process that doesn’t allow for meaningful discussion.

It’s ironic that a government that decries low participation in school councils is now acting in a way that might very well drive participation even lower.

As it stands, local school councils can, with the minister’s approval, set their school calendar.

Standardizing the school calendar strips this important role from school councils, thereby reducing their ability to influence the delivery of education in their communities. Why would a person want to join a school council to advise a government that seems to have little interest in listening?

Then there’s the questionable impact of increased school days.

The proposal to increase the number of days in the school year is based on the minister’s stated belief that Yukon students need to spend as much time in the classroom as other Canadian students to be able to compete for university admissions and jobs.

However, the relationship between instructional days and educational outcomes isn’t that straightforward.

For example, Yukon students perform better than students in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut despite having fewer days in the school year.

To be clear, our students need an adequate amount of quality classroom instruction, yet they also need time outdoors to connect with and learn from the land and the community.

It’s overly simplistic to say that more days in the classroom will lead to better student outcomes.

That’s especially true if that classroom time is competing with students’ desires to experience longer hours of daylight after a cold and dark winter.

Perhaps longer school days without an increase in the number of days would help achieve the desired effect.

In other words, we ought to look at the quality of time students spend in the classroom and not just the quantity as we work towards better educational outcomes.

The standard calendar treats every community like Whitehorse.

I’ve heard from people in Pelly Crossing, Mayo, Dawson City and Ross River who said a standardized school calendar does not meet their unique needs.

The current school calendars for Pelly Crossing and Mayo reflect the importance of allowing students to spend time on the land.

For Dawson, the school calendar allows students to compete for seasonal work in the tourism industry that ramps up after the May long weekend.

For Ross River, the school calendar accommodates the important fall moose hunt.

The bottom line is that the communities differ from Whitehorse in many significant ways.

Within reason, the school system should be responsive for those differences. One size does not fit all.

Distance education is not limited to videoconferences with “live” classrooms.

The minister claims a standardized school calendar would expand course options for rural students through distance education.

Specifically, the department has said a standard calendar would allow rural students to participate via videoconferencing in courses that are offered only in Whitehorse.

The minister seems to have a narrow and out-dated idea of distance education.

Instead of forcing rural distance learners to adhere to a strict classroom schedule dictated by Whitehorse, modern distance learning techniques could make learning more flexible.

Web-based tools allow for instruction and interaction using text-based discussion groups and live and recorded video.

In other words, videoconferencing rural students in to “live” classes in Whitehorse is not the only option.

There are creative ways to deploy distance education that do not require a standardized school calendar.

In conclusion, after years of relative inaction from the Yukon Party government, it’s time to make real improvements to our education system.

We need to close the performance gap between Whitehorse and rural students and ensure the system meets the needs of all learners, their families and communities.

To do this in an effective and lasting way will require a more inclusive, open and creative approach than the minister’s current top-down exercise.

I encourage anyone with an interest in Yukon public schools and the education of our children to make their ideas and opinions known to the Minister of Education at scott.kent@gov.yk.ca with a copy to me at jim.tredger@yla.gov.ca.

Those without Internet access can reach government and opposition offices by a toll-free phone call to 1-800-661-0408.

Jim Tredger MLA, Mayo-Tatchun Critic for Education (Public Schools) Yukon NDP Official Opposition Caucus Whitehorse

Get in the Game, Dawson

Dear Editor,

I definitely think that Dawson could have really promoted itself while Fulda was here if the folks that did such an excellent job decorating boats and floats with all those great lights were to drive around Dawson so that the news media from the various countries could have filmed them and shown those videos back home.

What a coup that would have been for Dawson and truly put us on the map.

I heard that it has been done before, but this was my first time seeing them and I must say I truly enjoyed them, what a great idea, and the folks who not only came up with the idea and put the work into those floats should be commended and the population should be made aware of them in advance.

Surely the city or KVA could put a few bucks together for some gas money and prizes for the best entry ... include visitors to town and let them vote as well. Percy De Wolfe Race when all those folks are in town, Curling Bonspiels, Hockey Tournaments, lots of things happening in and around Dawson after Christmas, play this up ... lots of folks deserve to be entertained by those fabulous works of art.

Come on Dawson, get a mitt and get in the game.

Folks should be encouraged to turn on their Christmas lights even if it’s in Feb. or March.

Let visitors see our community in a better light.

Lambert Curzon



# LETTERS

## CKS Supports the Peel Final Report

Dear Editor:

This letter is meant to outline the Conservation Klondike Society's (CKS) support for the Final Recommended Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan (FRP) produced by the Peel Watershed Planning Commission released in July 2011.

The FRP represents the product of a legitimate, lengthy and thorough consultation process, and we acknowledge that four out of the five governments involved are in support of this plan. Having followed the Peel Consultation process, we are convinced the plan represents a reasonable compromise between those many individuals and all four First Nation Governments who would have liked to see 100% protection of the Peel Watershed, and those who would like to see continued industrial development in certain portions of the

Peel. This compromise is plainly visible in the FRP where only 55% of the region is placed under permanent protection, with the remaining 45% being divided into regions of short-term protection and various levels of development permitted. 20% of the Peel Watershed remains open to a variety of land uses, and would continue to allow new surface access under the FRP. It meets the goals set out for it under the Umbrella Final Agreement, and upholds the principles of Sustainable Development.

The Yukon Government's present consultation does not adhere to the rules set out in the Umbrella Final Agreement, which is a Yukon Law and is embedded in the Canadian Constitution. There was ample opportunity for the Yukon Government to clearly state their objectives at appropriate times throughout the

consultation. The fact that the Yukon Government provided only vague and general statements regarding their visions or changes to draft versions of the FRP, and, to quote the Commission in the forward to the FRP, "did not discuss why it wanted these changes and where it felt they might be appropriate" nor "what modifications it sought," provides evidence that the Yukon Government has simply waited too long to take a firm stance, and that now is no longer the time when changes of the magnitude proposed by Yukon Government should be under discussion or consideration. Thus, we believe that including Yukon Government's proposals in this current consultation is outside the Yukon Government's mandate and in violation of the Umbrella Final Agreement.

Further, we are disturbed at the superficial nature of this present consultation, and feel it was lacking in structure. An open house format, without an official presentation or method of public discussion is entirely inappropriate and does not allow for genuine participation and exchange of ideas. In addition, the confusing, if not outright misleading, use of colours in the Government's proposed new land use categories feel like an attempt to "greenwash" the proposed new concepts A-D.

Our society thus supports the FRP as it stands, and does not feel this current consultation is necessary, or even acceptable.

Sincerely, CKS Board of Directors

# The Pre-Christmas Boat Parade

Photos by Beat Kaelin

Yes, this is the parade Lambert's letter referred to.



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# Dawson Joins the Idle No More Day of Action

Story & Photos  
by Dan Davidson

The environment, the actions of the federal government, the Peel Watershed debate and Idle No More itself were the main topics of discussion at the Day of Action meeting held here on January 28 at 7 p.m.

There was a small fire outside the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre for this event, but it was more than 10 degrees colder than the last outdoor event when some people got mild frostbite, so at -47 the meeting moved inside and the two dozen people formed a circle in the Gathering Room.

This was an evening meeting anyway, and while the sun has returned to Dawson's streets for a bit of the afternoon, most of the speakers needed to be able to see to read their words.

The meeting began with a brief social time, spent sampling a variety of teas made from local ingredients: wild rose petal, dandelion flower petal, and spruce tip tea. Wildberry juice from locally picked berries was a blend of top of the world blueberry, Dempster low bush cranberries, Klondike River high bush cranberries, and Tombstone crowberries, all sweetened with raw organic honey.

Local artist Mary Dolman, who has a Métis heritage, spoke first, emphasizing the environmental concerns highlighted by the Idle No More movement.

"We need to counter undemocratic laws that sweep away environmental protection in the name of dirty tar sands oil and dangerous pipeline projects."

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in elder Ronald Johnson had two messages for the circle. In one he lambasted the Harper government for the way its omnibus bills has affected the care of the environment without consulting First Nations people. In the other he spoke to the need

Terrance Shädda spoke at some length about the relationship between native and non-native people in Canada, saying that "Idle No More is a gift" because it has dropped what he termed the fence that has separated them.

Shädda said that the issues that are driving the INM movement are not just native issues, but could have an impact on everyone. Demonstrations like the ones taking place across the country provide, he said, an opportunity for southern Canada to learn more about the North.



Following these speeches the circle stood and, with Johnson drumming, sang the Hän 'Welcome Song in a round dance.

Retiring to the auditorium, the group heard Florian Boulais speak to the need for resilience and positive thinking in the struggle to have truly democratic institutions.

Fran Morberg-Green narrated a PowerPoint display of Idle No More imagery that she has been collecting from demonstrations around the world, showing



Mary Dolman reads her statement.



that this is more than just a local, or even just Canadian, phenomenon.

In a Facebook post the next

day, she stated, "We ended the evening with drumming. It was a wonderful night. In love and peace."

*Photo above: Ronald Johnson drums for the singing of the Hän "Welcome Song".*

## New Community Hospitals Named by Hospital Corporation

Whitehorse – The Board of Trustees of the Yukon Hospital Corporation is pleased to announce the naming of the two new hospitals opening in May 2013.

"Both hospitals will be called community hospitals, thereby being named the Watson Lake Community Hospital and the Dawson City Community Hospital," explains Craig Tuton, chair of the Board of Trustees. "This reinforces that the hospitals belong to the communities they serve."

Plans to move into the new Watson Lake Community Hospital are well under way with an opening date of May 6, 2013. Dawson

City Community Hospital opens May 27, 2013 just in time for the tourist season.

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Editor's note:

*In December it was announced that a local vote in Dawson City had proposed three different names for citizens to choose from. The overwhelming choice in this vote was a name that retained the idea of commemorating Father Judge, who founded Dawson's first hospital during the Gold Rush.*

*The Sun reported this choice at the time of the last YHC community meeting in December, but it appears that the community's*

*choice, like so much else not important, related to this project, was*

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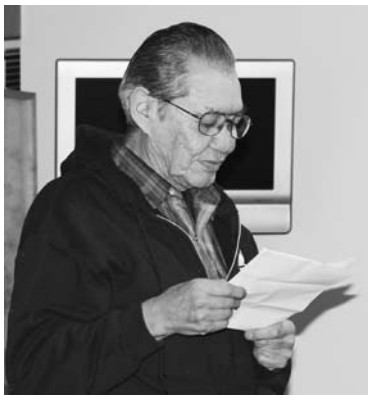
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# Dawsonites Offer Opinions on Community Services

Story & Photos  
by Dan Davidson

It's been about three years since the City of Dawson held information sessions to either give or receive information about municipal services. These happened once or twice a year under the Steins' administration, but the practice has been on hiatus since.

It must be admitted, however, that the current City of Dawson Services Review, which kicked off with a public meeting in council chambers on January 29 and will continue with surveys online, on paper, and by telephone until February 18, is a far more comprehensive effort than anything that has been done in the past.

The public forum, moderated by Mark Wickham of Across the River Consulting, attracted about 25 people to council chambers, and was broadcast live on both CFYT-fm and DCTC Channel 12 (audio only, unfortunately).

As Mayor Wayne Potoroka

said at the beginning of the evening, it was a night when the councillors were "going to do something that most politicians have trouble doing ... keeping our mouths shut and our ears open."

"This is your opportunity to discuss the services provided by the town. We want to know what you think works and what needs work. This council and administration are committed to open and transparent government. This won't be the last time we do something like this."

The people in the gallery were faced with a flip chart on which eight categories of city services were listed, including administration, waste management, cable TV, parks & recreation, bylaw enforcement, fire department, roads, water and sewer.

They were also provided with a 10-page survey form containing 44 questions, some of which needed multi-part responses.

Wickham attempted to make sure that comments were made in each area, without restricting or prompting the audience.

There was almost nothing said about the city administration,



other than a complaint about taxes seeming to go up when residents improved their properties. Those increases are actually caused mainly by the property assessment process, which is controlled by the territorial government.

Hector Renaud, a member of the town's Heritage Advisory Committee, said that both the HAC and the town's community development officer lack the ability to strongly enforce their mandates. Council members indicated that the relevant bylaws are already being reviewed for that reason among others.

There were concerns expressed about the Quigley Landfill. The composting project out there is not working, and the Conservation Klondike Society representative said that this is due to the amount of non-compostable material – particularly plastics – getting into that

part of the waste stream. Faulty compost sorting by businesses was said to be the main cause of the problem.

Garbage collection in some lanes and cul de sacs in town has been an issue now for a couple of years, and some residents who used to have their waste collected from the bins they had built by their homes according to the bylaw were now forced to haul their trash as much as a block or 300 metres to bins provided on the streets.

Concern was expressed about the number of loose dogs running in town. Long time residents pointed out that this is less of a problem than it was five years ago, but Yukon College Coordinator Lue Maxwell did say that she saw a pack of seven

dogs running by her Seventh Avenue home on a recent evening.

It was suggested that perhaps one bylaw officer, in charge of policing every offence in the town, was not enough.

There were questions about the cable TV service the town runs, but since it is paying for itself (and making a slight profit) and providing a service to the part of the town (about half) that would not be able to use satellite services, there was no move to discontinue it.

On the subject of recreation facilities, the trouble plagued Art and Margaret Fry Recreation Centre came up for discussion. The present council is still trying to determine whether it makes more sense to fix it or replace it. One factor is that there is a pot of money available for upgrading and repairs, while there is nothing out there for a new facility, in spite of promises that were made during the last territorial election.

Former mayor John Steins noted that most Yukon communities have been provided with working recreation centers and arenas with artificial ice.

Jen Roebuck of the Dawson City Music Festival pointed out that the Minto Park buildings and washrooms are in a sad state and need some "love and attention". She volunteered to help.

Still on recreation, Dick Van Nostrand and others pointed out that there wasn't much in the way of accessible recreation for seniors.

Access was also a question when it came to boardwalks. A city bylaw requires them to be kept clear – and most are – but this year we have metre high windrows between the street and the boardwalks anywhere but at the corners, so access is an issue for seniors or those

with mobility problems.

Streets have different issues, depending on the time of year. There were complaints that there hasn't been enough gravel on some streets – especially those which slope up to Front Street – this winter. On the other hand, dust suppression on the summer's gravel streets is an issue.

It was not just an evening for complaints. School Council chair Sue Lancaster thanked council for its support in the recent debate over the school calendar. John Steins said that the present council was, in his opinion, doing a good job of managing the town's resources. Special mention was made of Francis, the worker at the landfill, who does a great job and always has a smile.

There was applause for Potoroka's use of Facebook to keep people informed. The city's website has improved and is still under revision. The town also uses the back page of the Klondike Sun for both administrative and recreation notices, as well as the rolling ads on television.

CAO Jeff Renaud commended city staff for turning out in force for this event, saying it showed their commitment to the process.

"When I presented the idea to council, I guess I could have only dreamt of a turnout like this for this session."

The information gathered will, he said, be used in a number of ways: bylaw reviews, policy adjustments, formation of the 2013 operating budgets, and even longer term planning.

Residents can pick up and drop off surveys at the City Offices, Post Office, and the Rec. Centre, as well as completing them online.

"These types of processes are exciting," said Potoroka as the evening came to a close.

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# Giving Service to Burns

Story & Photos  
by Dan Davidson

Many places celebrate the birthday of Robert Burns (January 25, 1759) with a Burns' Night Dinner. Dawson does it a little differently.

Back in 1999 the members of the Dawson Community Library Board noticed that the Bard of the Yukon, Robert Service, also had a January birthday (Jan. 16, 1874). Further, since Service considered himself to be a distant relative of Burns, it seemed a good idea to hold a joint celebration.

Thus was born the Double Bob Bash, which has been celebrated here ever since and has been exported as far away as Nicosia, Cyprus, by former Dawsonites the Reverend John and Deacon Carol Tyrrell.

This year 17 hardy souls gathered in the Legion Hall on Third Avenue, braving minus 37-degree temperatures to provide the potluck feast for the evening. Two men even wore kilts – without long johns.

It began with the traditional parading of the haggis, led by a fully kilted Chris Collin, who then read Burns' "Address to a



**Chris Collin parades the haggis around before launching into Burns' Address to the Haggis and carving the beast.**

Haggis" in which the overstuffed sausage is hailed as the "Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race!" before being carved open so that its "gushing entrails bricht" are revealed to those gathered for the feast. Collin used his sgian-dubh, or ceremonial dagger, for this feat.

Dinner was followed by several Celtic tunes provided

live by Peter Menzies on fiddle, Tiss Clark on pennywhistle and Connor Matak on guitar.

After this there were group recitations of several pre-selected poems by both writers and then the guests were invited to select and read (or recite) some favorites of their own. Service tended to win over Burns in this part of the



**Peter Menzies, Tiss Clark and Connor Matak provided the live Celtic tunes.**

evening.

As the evening concluded and everyone filed out into the ice fog, it was noted that this event

always seems to be held during one of Dawson's winter deep freezes but, like the work of the poets, it survives in fine style.

## Future Berton House Writers Named

### Press Release

**January 22, 2013** – The Writers' Trust of Canada is pleased to announce the next four writers to attend the Berton House Writers' Retreat, Canada's most sought after residency program. Each writer travels to Dawson City, Yukon, to live and work for three months in the childhood home of noted Canadian author Pierre Berton. Past writers-in-residence include Lawrence Hill, Pasha Malla, and Charlotte Gray.

"The Berton House Writers' Retreat program has played a transformative role in the careers of the 62 Canadian writers who have had the good fortune to stay in this unique sanctuary," said **Mary Osborne**, executive director of the Writers' Trust. "Visiting writers have an impact upon the community, performing readings, providing workshops, and participating in the vibrant local arts scene. The Writers' Trust is proud to operate this residency and to support Canada's literary community through our portfolio of lucrative literary prizes and our programs to support both emerging writers and authors in financial distress."

The writers selected are:

**Colleen Murphy** (July to September 2013)

Murphy received the Governor General's Literary Award for Drama in 2007 for *The December Man*. While in Dawson City, the Toronto-based playwright intends to focus on a new work "that dramatizes how patriotism, fuelled by religious ardour, inspires and devastates a family living on a potato farm in Prince Edward Island."

**James FitzGerald** (October to December 2013)

FitzGerald is a Toronto-based writer of creative nonfiction whose second book, *What Disturbs Our Blood: A Son's Quest to Redeem the Past*, won the 2010 Writers' Trust Nonfiction Prize. His current work-in-progress is *Dreaming Sally*, "a true story of first love, sudden death, and ESP set in the summer of 1968."

**Clem Martini** (January to March 2014)

Martini writes for adults and young people, as well as for the theatre, film, and television. He currently serves as the Head of the Department of Drama at the University of Calgary. Martini is researching how the ancient Greek and Roman comic playwrights shaped comedic literature, and is writing a trilogy for young adults entitled *Year of the Dog*.

**Alan Cumyn** (April to June 2014)

Cumyn is the award-winning author of eleven wide-ranging novels, including the Giller Prize-nominated *Burridge Unbound* and the Owen Skye series for young readers. At Berton House the Ottawa-based writer intends to "work on the strange young adult novel that I have started, called *Pterodactyl*."

### About the Selection Process

The program received 58 applications from writers across the country. The applicants were assessed by a three-member committee: **Ken McGoogan**, and **Sara Tilley**, two past writers-in-residence and **Helen Winton**, a retired English instructor at Yukon College, interpretive guide at the Jack London Museum, and long-time Dawson City resident.



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## Dr. Curtis Collins Welcomed as New Chair of Yukon School of Visual Arts

### Press Release

Yukon College is pleased to welcome Dr. Curtis Collins as the new program director and chair of the Yukon School of Visual Arts (SOVA) in Dawson City.

Collins is a well-respected curator and gallery director who has successfully revitalised a number of public art galleries in cities across Canada – most recently the Dunlop Art Gallery in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Alongside his curatorial and managerial experience, Collins has instructed at a number of universities and colleges including the First Nations University in Regina, Sault College, Trent University, University of Lethbridge, and McGill University.

"Dr. Collins brings a wealth of experience in teaching, community outreach and fundraising to SOVA and Yukon College, as well as excellent relationships across the visual art world," said Dr. Deb Bartlette, dean of Applied Arts and interim Associate Vice President Academic at Yukon College. "He is a 'builder' and that is what we need to help grow our programming and take SOVA to the next level."



**Dr. Collins visited YSOVA in December and is seen here during the Christmas open house.**

Collins will begin his new position on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

"I believe SOVA has incredible potential to expand its reach and attract greater numbers of students from across North America and around the world," said Collins.

"Attracting artists to teach

and share their work with our students is just as important. I have already received many calls from friends in the Canadian art world who are eager for an opportunity to visit SOVA. Dawson City is certainly very well positioned in the national cultural consciousness."

## Wilmshurst Draws Bib #1 in the Yukon Quest

### Press Release

It was a capacity crowd at the Yukon Convention Centre for the Yukon Quest Start & Draw Banquet Thursday, Jan 31.

Mushers, handlers, officials, and fans enjoyed local entertainment, dinner and a silent auction before the main event – the bib draw.

Dawson City's Brian Wilmshurst was the 11th musher on stage and he drew bib #1 much to the delight of the crowd. That means Wilmshurst was the first musher to leave the start line Saturday. Carcross musher Crispin Studer was the 26th and last musher to draw a bib, and ended up with bib #26 – sponsored by the Yukon Quest Facebook fans.

Four-time champion Lance Mackey drew bib #6 and said, "I'll take it. Number six has been good to me before."

Mackey said six is the number he wore in 2006, when he won his second Yukon Quest.

Here is the complete starting order, with bib sponsor:

1. Brian Wilmshurst – Arctic Tulip Bookkeeping
2. Markus Ingebretsen – Braeburn Lodge
3. Rob Cooke – Jerry Van Dyke's Tours
4. Hugh Neff – Canadas Best Value Inn
5. Cody Strathe – Canada Flooring Enterprises
6. Lance Mackey – Duffy's Pets & Tanzilla

### Harness

7. Normand Casavant – Nature Tours of Yukon
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26. Crispin Studer – Fabulous Facebook Fans

The 2013 Yukon Quest started at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 2nd in Whitehorse, Yukon.

For all the latest news and information on the event, and to follow the mushers live, visit [www.yukonquest.com](http://www.yukonquest.com).





# What is Existence?

By Lisa McKenna

*"To be conscious that we are perceiving or thinking is to be conscious of our own existence"*  
Aristotle

The word "existence" is from Latin and it means to stand out or to appear.

Last issue we talked about aging as being the length of time that a person, or thing, is likely to exist. This led us to ponder time. What is time? How do we measure time? On looking into the concept of time we found out that time is an indefinite and continuous duration of existence seen as a progression from the past, through the present and into the future. This begs the question ... what is our concept of existence?

The study of existence, or reality, is called ontology. Ontology comes from the Greek word meaning "that which is" and "ology" meaning "the study of".

Some say that existence is everything but Materialists feel that existence can only be found in matter. Descartes, a modern day rationalist, believed that all things existed in the mind, in ideas. Parmenides stated that "to exist a thing must have the means to always exist".

So what does it mean to exist? It cannot be only consciousness, because a rock exists but can you say that it is conscious? It cannot say it's purely matter because an idea can exist. So what is existence?

According to the *Canadian Oxford Dictionary*, for something to exist, whether in mind or body, it must be real; it must have being. It is "to occur, to be found", or it is "living without pleasure under adverse conditions". The *Oxford* goes on to state that existence is "the factor or condition of existing or being. It is the manner of one's existing or living, especially under adverse conditions. It is all that exists."

The dictionary application on this computer says that to exist is "to be, to live, to occur, to survive, to live an unsatisfactory life." The computer calls existence "the fact or condition of being or existing, the manner of living especially under adverse conditions. Existence is all that exists."

Not even our best lexicographers (the ones that compile and write dictionaries) can define existence without referring to "exist", or "being".

I can honestly say I have no clue as to what existence is. I think we will have to delve a little deeper. Next issue we will find out what it means to "be".

Story & Photos  
by Dan Davidson

The latest exhibition at the ODD Gallery is another in the biennial Members' Exhibition series, a project that showcases the work of the membership of the Dawson City Arts Society. Some of the members are locals, some are former locals, and some are just fans from elsewhere.

The title of this year's collection is Mining the Archives, which the gallery has announced as "seeking to comment on the influence of time and place upon the arts in this small northern community."

The exhibit features a wide range of work, from formal painting and drawing to cartoon work, linocuts, prints, mosaic, photographs and video productions.

Participating artists this year are: Jay Armitage, Amy Ball, Palma Berger, Ange Bonnici, Riley Brennan, David Curtis, Adonika Clark, Katie Gray, Shelley Hakonson, Paul Henderson, Kathryn Hepburn, Chera Hunchuk, Cynthia Hunt, Jane Isakson, Wanda Jackel, John Lodder, Rian Lougheed-Smith, Vivian McIntosh, Joey O'Neil, Otto from Dawson, Al Sider, Valerie Salez, Rachael

Siminovitch, Dan Sokolowski, Penny Spencer, Audrey Vigneau, Mario Villeneuve, Meg Walker, Kendra Wallace and Michael Yuhasz.

The opening evening on January 24 was a success and the exhibit will run until February 22.

Photos - clockwise:

- Kathryn Hepburn's winter clothing cartoon.
- John Lodder's linocut "Split'er"
- Riley Brennan's mosaic "September on the River".
- Palma Berger's mushrooms



## Great Leaders: Ernest Shackleton

By Lisa McKenna

He enlisted in the merchant navy in 1890, earned his master's certificate in 1898; and then he enlisted in the Royal Reserve Navy. He was assigned to accompany Robert Scott as third lieutenant from 1901 to 1903. It was on this expedition that Shackleton felt the pull of the South Pole.

He came within 97 miles of the South Pole during an expedition in 1907-09. The Nimrod expedition suffered extreme hardships and hunger. Shackleton was definitely an optimist. He wrote in his diary that "Difficulties are just things to overcome, after all"

Hailed as a hero, he was knighted on his return to England, and after several months of strenuous fund raising he picked out 56 volunteers and set off for Antarctica in August of 1914, a trip that was extremely severe.

The Endurance and its crew found themselves trapped in heavy ice and drifted along with it for 10 months until the force of the ice crushed the ship. This left Shackleton and



his crew stranded on an ice floe with only what they could salvage from the ship.

If this wasn't bad enough, after 5 months on these floes, the floes began to crack up. Fortunately they had been able to salvage some boats. Shackleton then led his crew to Elephant Island in the South Shetlands.

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# Sampling the World of Detective Murdoch

By Dan Davidson

Now that *Murdoch Mysteries* has moved over to CBC, where it should probably have been in the first place, I thought it was time to read some of the source material. I have read one of Jennings' other mysteries, the second in her Christine Morris series (*The K Handshape*) and knew her work was enjoyable, but I hadn't gotten round to the Murdoch books. Indeed, while I had seen the original TV movie trilogy, in which the main character was played by Peter Outerbridge, I hadn't paid much attention to the present series until they decided to film the season five opener here in Dawson.

In preparation for meeting the new Murdoch, Yannick Bisson, best known to me from those breezy CIBC commercials, I searched out the available past episodes on the CITY-TV website and watched the concluding shows from season four.

The TV movie version of *Except the Dying* bears a closer resemblance to the book than the subsequent television series. That's fine. Books and TV shows are different animals and what works in one format doesn't always in the other.

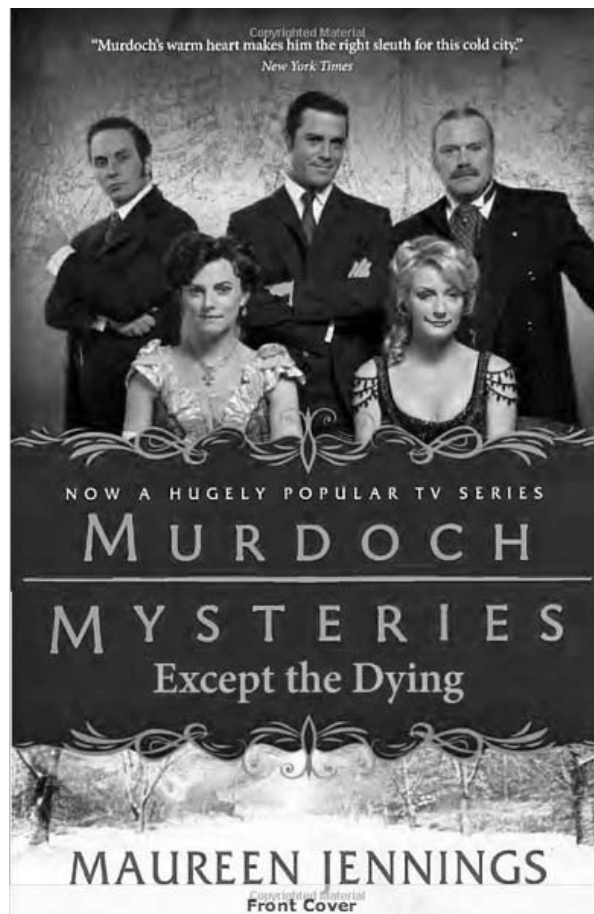
The latest reprint edition of Jennings' 1997 novel has a

cover featuring the characters from the show. New readers will be surprised to find how few of them are in the book. Neither of the lady medical examiners made it to Jennings' version of 1895 Toronto. Inspector Brackenreid is there, but he's a bit different. Slender Officer Crabtree is a massive football player of a fellow. Murdoch himself sports a mustache and isn't quite the amateur inventor we have come to know; nor is he quite as well educated.

Lacking a Dr. Ogden to bounce his ideas off, this Murdoch retires to his boarding house at the end of the day and talks things over with his landlady and her consumptive husband while sipping tea and huddling under blankets in bitterly chilly sick room where the windows are open to help effect a cure.

At this beginning point in the series there is no romantic interest,

but there is a hint that a single mother and her young son may soon be fellow boarders, and something may develop over



**Except the Dying**  
Maureen Jennings  
McClelland & Stewart;  
368 pages  
\$17.99

the next six novels in the series.

Jennings seems to have concluded making additions to the series in 2007, the year before the TV show began, but after the three TV movies were produced.

Since that time she's been working on the modern day series Christine Morris and a series about another detective set in World War Two England, which is where and when Jennings was born. There are some other projects mentioned on her website.

*Except the Dying* takes us to Toronto on 1895, and to the murder of a young maid who is seeking to avoid desperate circumstances in the house where she has been working. She is found naked in an alley, stripped of her clothes by two lower class women who took them for themselves. They describe themselves as glove makers, and they do a bit of sewing, but they

make a living in other ways as well.

Who was she? Why did she die? When it is discovered that she had been drugged, there is no longer any question as to whether she was murdered. Murdoch and Crabtree pound a lot of pavement and the case only seems to get murkier once they ferret out her identity.

She was pregnant. Does that mean that someone in her employer's house had something to cover up? Who else would have had a motive? There seem to be too many possible suspects and everyone in that household seems to have a secret they want to keep.

When one of the glove makers, who did see the girl before she was killed, also vanishes and then turns up dead, it is clear that there is something nasty afoot, but this actually provides a few more clues as to what has been going on and leads to the discovery of the villains behind the murders.

This was a good read. Not heavy going, but heavy enough to keep my interest. The books are available in a new set of matching covers, or as e-books.

## CanNor to Invest \$1.8 Million in Six Projects, Including DZ Expansion

### Press Release

The City of Whitehorse received \$605,000 in federal funding toward a back-up generator for the Canada Games Centre today that will allow the recreation site to serve as an emergency shelter.

The city will contribute \$600,000 toward the project.

Yukon MP Ryan Leef announced the funding allotment today at the Games Centre, joined by Whitehorse Mayor Dan Curtis.

Through its Community Infrastructure Improvements Fund, the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, or CanNor, is investing \$1.8 million over two years in six

projects across the territory, Leef announced.

The projects will help improve community recreational facilities and create Yukon jobs, the MP said.

"The Canada Games Centre, obviously, is used by thousands of Yukon families throughout the year, and having a sound facility in place that can serve as an emergency shelter is an added advantage for the community of Whitehorse," said Leef.

Curtis, who called the Games Centre the jewel of the Yukon, said he hopes the generator will never have to be used.

But "the worst thing you can do is not plan for an imminent tragedy that might happen, and we're not immune to that; we're not immune to that economically, we're not immune to that demographically or geologically either, so we have to prepare," Curtis said.

"This is just an amazing example of working in partnership and how we can get somewhere by working together.

"Through a variety of funding opportunities over the past several years, the City of Whitehorse has been able to make significant improvements

to our infrastructure."

CanNor is also providing:

- \$425,000 for renovations and expansions of the Danoja Zoo Cultural Centre in Dawson City (the Trondek Hwëch'in First Nation contributed \$640,000 to the project, while \$580,000 will come from the federal gas tax fund).

"Our cultural centre has been a major focal point in our community for over 15 years, and we are ready to refresh our facility and expand the cultural offerings and activities that take place within," said Eddie Taylor, chief of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation.

"The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in are pleased with the support we've received from the Government of Canada for our efforts."

- \$145,400 for upgrades to the Kwanlin Dun First Nation's skating rink and softball field (KDFN contributed \$210,600 to the project);

- \$382,770 for upgrades to the community skating rink and fitness centre in Burwash Landing (the Kluane First Nation contributed \$287,346 to the project, while the local private sector contributed \$262,130);

- \$170,000 for upgrades to the curling rink in Haines Junction,

which has been closed for the past two winters (the Village of Haines Junction contributed \$175,000 to the project);

- \$121,000 toward a back-up heating system for the recreation complex in Watson Lake (the Town of Watson Lake contributed \$174,000 to the project); and

"These facilities will promote healthy and active lifestyles within communities and provide opportunities for young people and community members to participate in sport and recreation," said Leef.

"I'm very pleased that the Canadian government has decided to assist us with our recreation complex," said Kluane Chief Math'ieya Alatin, who was also at today's announcement.

"The complex is up and operational; we've got ice in there now and the kids are out skating, so it's great."

Alatin said she's noticed there have been a lot more organized community activities since the complex opened.

"Everybody's out there being more active," she said, noting that the kids especially are excited about the skating rink."

### Attention Farm & Garden Producers, Businesses and Organizations:

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## French Students Find Klondike Gold

Story by Stuart Leary  
Photo by Jim Leary

In May 2012 eleven students and one chaperone arrived from Oyonnax, France, to take part in a cultural exchange with students from Robert Service School.

They stayed with their billets in Dawson City for ten days, taking part in many different activities such as exploring the history of our town, hiking in Tombstone park, panning for gold, driving ATV's, and bonding around old fashioned camp fires. Wildlife sightings and snow in May rounded out this truly northern experience.

Robert Service School students will be travelling to France in February 2013 to complete the exchange.



## A Blast from the Past

by Lisa McKenna

He was born in 1914 and he died of heart failure in 1999.

A celebrated Canadian-American country music artist, his career spanned over 50 years. He recorded 140 albums and had over 85 singles on the Billboard country charts.

His music is rooted in a small town in Nova Scotia where as a frail 80 lb. boy he was forced to endure extreme poverty, beatings, psychological abuse, and physically punishing labor. Fortunately his mother encouraged his musical talents.

When he reached 8 years of

age his parents divorced and he, and his siblings were taken from their mother. One went to an uncle's house, 2 were put in foster homes, and he was given to his paternal grandmother who also subjected him to severe beatings and crippling psychological abuse.

Upon the Grandmothers failed attempt to have the boy put in a Reform School he was returned to the custody of his mother. Unfortunately, his mother had remarried to a local fisherman who also beat the boy.

By 1926 home life became intolerable and the 12 year old boy signed onto a fishing

schooner as a flunky or cabin boy. He stayed with the sea until a severe storm, in 1930, destroyed six boats. He then swore that he would never return to the sea again. He returned to his mother and abusive stepfather.

He struggled to save some money and was finally able to afford a \$12.95 guitar from Eaton's. And his career as a singer/musician/songwriter began.

He toured Canada till 1945 at which time he moved to Nashville Tennessee. He was invited to the Grand Ole Opry in 1950 and became a regular. As a matter of fact he convinced the Opry to air Elvis Presley. He even played with a young Hank

Williams.

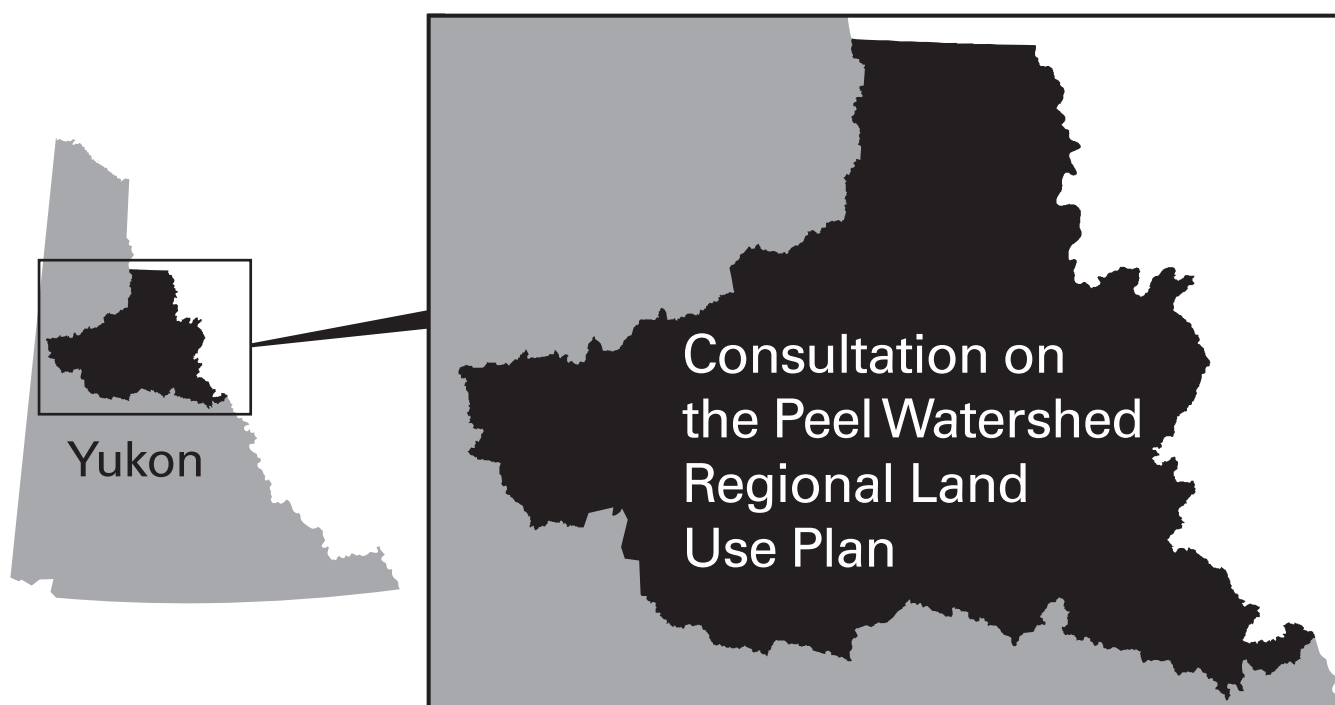
He is a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Canadian Country Music Hall of Fame, the Music Hall of Fame, the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the Nova Scotia Hall of Fame. There is a museum in Liverpool, Nova Scotia dedicated to him and his rise from extreme poverty to become one of the most influential artists of country music.

So let him go love, he's



*moving on 'cus it don't hurt anymore.* His name was Hank Snow and he put on a top rank show.

# Reminder: submit your comments by February 25, 2013



Until February 25, 2013, Government of Yukon is consulting on the Peel Watershed Regional Land Use Plan.

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# Fogged in for a Fortnight

Photos & Text  
by Alice Thompson



*Above: On the horizon, the sun shines as dimly as the moon shines through a light evening mist. A few hardy residents and visitors were out to see the magical sight of Dawson's Kissing Buildings (or "Leaning Buildings") in ice fog mist.*

*Below: A lone pickup truck braves the extreme temperatures to drive down Front Street. Temperatures were -49 in town and as low as -53 in Rock Creek. Dawson City again had the distinction of beating out Mayo as being the coldest place on earth.*



## Potlatch Clothing Exchange at the Cultural Centre

Story & Photos  
by Alice Thompson



Trish Lindgren, the gift shop supervisor for the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre shows off some of the great clothing brought in for the Center's first Potlatch Clothing Exchange held on January 27.

Trish commented on how great the turnout was considering the extreme cold, with 25 to 30 people showing up over the course of the event.

"They were mostly locals, but we had a few people from out of town coming for the hockey tournament. They were very surprised to find out the clothing was free."

Glenda Bolt, the curator for the cultural center, stated she was very pleased with the turnout for this first-ever Potlatch clothing exchange and was expecting to hold the event next year as well.



*Fran serves local Dawson resident Wanda Roe a cup of spruce tip tea at the Clothing Potlatch.*

Fran Morberg-Green, another cultural center employee, brought in samples of her locally picked teas for the event.

Fran explained: "All these teas grow locally. I have brought in Chaga tea, Dandelion Flower petal tea, Rose Petal tea and Spruce Tip tea. Rose Petal tea is used on the skin to hydrate and clean. Spruce Tip tea is extremely high in vitamin C. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in peoples used to collect spruce tips in the spring, then store them in birch bark containers buried in the permafrost."

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by PETER MARINACCI



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# The Story About the Lost Father - part 2

**Story by Ludvig Lorentzen**  
**Photos: Kristian Jacobsen**  
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In Part 1 of this story we learned about Craig "Chedda" Dunham's career as a hockey player in Norway, how he fathered a son that he did not see for many years, and how they finally reconnected by telephone when Christien Brekken was full grown. The story continues with Christien's visit to Dawson and Chedda's visit to Norway.

He had travelled more than 24 hours together with his mother and an aunt when the plane landed in Whitehorse, the biggest city in the Yukon, which has the international airport that is closest to Dawson City, where Craig lives. During the last hours of the flight Christien became a little nervous. At the airport Christien immediately recognized the face he had seen on photos: Papa. Craig Dunham, born January 16, 1955.

There were hugs. There were tears. There were sighs of enlightenment.

Craig Dunham paints well. Also he is quite a good guitar player, singer and entertainer. When father and son went to his father's favorite pub the first evening in Dawson City, the girl behind the bar soon found out who Christien was. She screamed, "Oh no! Now there are two of that kind in the city."

Eventually there had to be a trip in the other direction.

**Chedda Returns to Norway**

Anxiously the two men enter the Siddishall. The smallest and oldest wears a cap; the tallest and youngest wears a toque with a red leaf on a white background. The Maple Leaf. The national symbol of Canada.

Craig and Chris, CC hockey

boys, are going to see the semi-finals between the Oilers and Lillehammer on a day in March 2012. For the first time since he left Stavanger in 1976 Craig is back. For the first time father and son meet in Norway. The Canadian has just inhaled the smell of the ice that inspires you to play ice hockey.

But for Craig the ice age is over. Now he is going to meet his team colleagues from the 1975/76 season in the VIP room.

"Taaaaaaarrrr!" Craig lightens up when he discovers Thor

time of at least 20 games, and threw the monster into the washing machine.

Then the owner of the underwear discovered the sabotage. Washing the underwear in the middle of the season was a bad omen!

"Get it out!" From the bleachers Craig shouts to his new favorite players in black, white, and yellow. Since he ran around his own end on the ice Norwegian ice hockey has improved a lot. Now they stand somewhere between Canadian junior A and American Hockey



Pedersen. Goalkeeper Thor gives Craig a treasure, a picture of the team from that great year.

Bernt Torkelsen, Paul Chr. Bull, Jane Erevik, Einar Schwes and Bjoern Ims join them. There is great joy.

"Do you remember?" one of them says. Yes, of course they do, especially the night when Craig slept over at one of the team players' house. The guest had brought a hockey bag, which at least had to contain three Canadian skunks. The guy's mother dared to open the bag, took out some underwear which hadn't seen soap for the

League (AHL), he says.

After returning to Canada Craig played a bit of amateur hockey. Now he entertains his son with stories from his career. Once he played a junior B game in Blind River, Ontario. Alone with the goalie he hit the post. Then the puck comes back, he tries again and hits the other post, back again, new shot, this time at the cross bar?? A micro second before he gets a gin bottle thrown at his head he thanks God there is justice in this world, because the puck doesn't come back, but flies out in the direction of the bleachers and hits the bottle guy's forehead.

Christien and Craig walked the Perlaa at Aalgaard (at right and below), a green heritage site at the shore of the Edlandsvann. The son shows the stage of a childhood where the father didn't play any part. It's painful and nice at the same time for the 57 year old Canadian.

Father and son have found each other. They have come home. For two weeks they enjoy each other's presence. Just one time Christien got angry at Craig. It was when the father had said Sorry too many times.

"I don't want to hear the word sorry anymore. I'm not mad at



and heartfelt warmth by her and her relatives. Now he feels he is part of a big Norwegian family. After two great weeks in Stavanger Craig took the plane to Dawson City a small town in the Yukon, in the Klondike. During the Gold Rush in the end of the 1800s almost 30.000 hungry souls lived here. Today the town has some 1.500 inhabitants.

Christien works by Tine at Gransletta. What does Craig do for a living? He gets some money from the government and mines. That is the short version. Because of bad health he gets a pension, but he can work a little, too, and it happens that he helps some friends who seek for gold with a lot of high tech machines.

He knows the artful technique of sitting in the creek with a gold pan washing sand and stones hoping for golden dust. But it doesn't interest him any longer.

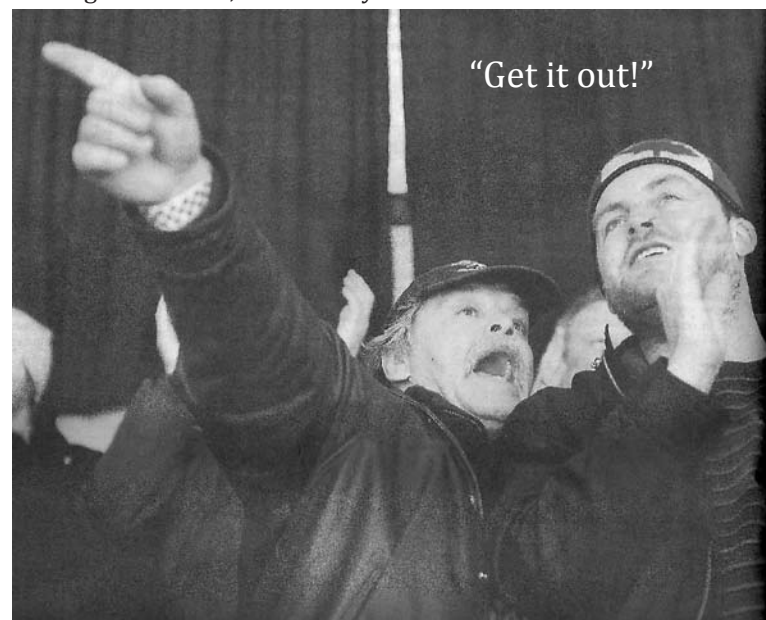
In Stavanger he has found a gold nugget called Christien. Full of pride Craig tells about the bus drive with the Roughnecks, the Oilers support club, on their way to the game in Lillehammer. Some the young people took the Canadian aside to tell him what a great guy his son is.

Craig understood them well. And before he went home to Dawson he said, "I love this boy very much. Now I am happy-happy."

you," Christien said.

It is easy to understand that this word often had to be said, as Craig felt so very sorry and full of shame. He had not been there for his son because of all kinds of strange circumstances in his life. But there was forgiving and he was forgiven. The father, the son and the holy bindings.

He is Craig's only child. The Canadian was never married, but lived with a friend until she died two years ago. Now he is happy that Christien has a girlfriend, Oloef Gudnadottir from Iceland. And he thanks Solvaar for the fine job she did raising their boy. During the stay in Norway, the prodigal father from Canada was met with flags



**Chedda and Christien look at the old team photo we ran last issue.**



## THIS IS JUST MY OPINION

by Al Sider

## Death, Grieving and Surviving

I chose this topic today, January 9, for a reason which I promise to disclose a little further on in this article. For now, please know it is a fitting topic (at least for me). Numerous people all over the world have experienced the tragedy of losing someone they love by means of death, which may occur at any time, and in any way. The way a person grieves also varies from individual to individual. Yet, almost everyone who has experienced such a severe loss, survives in one way or another. There are those few, who choose not to survive, let alone exist, after the death of someone very close to them.

There are those who have lost a friend, a spouse, a parent, a sibling, an aunt or uncle, a cousin, and most severe, there are those who have lost a child. I believe that death is only a natural conclusion to life as we understand it, and as a result it requires grief and suffering, but only to a limit. It is unimportant who the person was in relationship to ourselves; it is important how we grieve and survive.

Please, do not misunderstand the words above, I do not mean that the person who has died is not important to the individual survivor, but for the sake of this article, my words "it is unimportant..." are only meant to cover all persons, no matter the relationship, who have died. In this manner, it is also unimportant as to the method of their deaths, while it is important to state here, that some methods of death are indeed much more tragic than others, but to me, every death is equally tragic.

When a parent dies, no doubt it hurts deeply. But it also depends on the life of that parent, as some parents' deaths may be rejoiced more than mourned. But whether rejoicing or mourning — both are grieving.

Similarities in grieving may be found for almost every single person mentioned above who dies, save one—the death of a child. The grief for this death is far heavier than all of the others, because you, as the parent, know beyond doubt, that this death is a part of yourself dying. It matters not if the child is stillborn, or dies moments after birth, or lives thirty years and dies, no parent should out-live his or her child or children. It is this reason that gives me cause and thought on this deep topic.

Over the last five years I have lost four sons and one brother, I have three surviving sons and 17 grandchildren. I had seven sons by two women, three by one, and four by the other. On December 12, 2007 (the day after my birthday) my first three sons died in a car wreck along with my brother on their way back from a ski trip in Ontario (incidentally, all of my family live in Ontario). Then two years ago, on January 8, my eldest son from the second mother died from a drug overdose. I provide this sad background, to show that I

do have a unique perspective on the death of one's child(ren).

I cannot tell anyone how they must grieve, but I can explain how I grieve, and survive. I do not believe that any parent should utterly give up at the loss of their child, though it is my understanding that some parents do exactly that. I also do not believe that a parent should remain in constant grief, over the death of their son or daughter, thereby creating a living grave for themselves, and a pure hell for others within the family. By my understanding, suicide is a common thought for some grieving parent(s), but for me, the fulfillment of this thought is not an option, (though the thought has occurred to me).

The most horrifying news any parent can receive is that their child is dead. Some by shootings, or extreme violence, some by war, some by natural causes, some by preventable causes (including drugs or alcohol related deaths). All causes are devastating, to every parent. As I have stated earlier, this article will not tell anyone how he or she should grieve or survive, but only how I manage to grieve, cope and survive.

I cried a lot, for the first few days, (though in my own solitude) after hearing the news, and I felt like there was nothing that remained for me to live for. Then after about a week of mourning, I realized that it was then, that my life needed to continue. Throughout the year, I remember them, on their birthdays, Halloween, Christmas, all special occasions. I remember how they laughed, and loved life! I remember their scrapes, scraps, bumps and bruises. I remember the sparkle in their eyes, but I never remember the difficult times we shared (by choice), only the joy we shared at overcoming any obstacle.

Then, on the anniversaries of their deaths, I remember them. I light a special candle for each of them, and I let it burn for two days. At the end of two days, my life continues and though I have mourned the loss of most of my sons, I now have cause to rejoice in my life.

Life goes on, as it should for all of us. I remember them without bitterness, hatred, fear, or anger. I remember them with fondness, love, and I treasure in my heart every moment that I shared in their lives. It is this treasure, and the knowledge that I will see them again one day, that provides me with my reason to continue, to strive and to survive, in my life each and every day. There is no shame, no wrong thing, in observing the remembrance of our losses (we do that every November 11) but if anyone, myself especially, becomes obsessed with the memorial, it then becomes a negative thing--because it takes the mourner away from reality, and into a magical, fanciful world, which will only end in a greater tragedy, the death of the mourner.

Yet, as always, this is only my opinion.

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# KIDS' CORNER

Stories and illustrations  
by Lisa Michelle



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A **square** is made up of four right angles and four equal straight sides.

You can find **squares** in nature. Did you know that the eye of a lobster is made up of little tiny **squares**? A lobster was once thought only to be fit food for slaves, servants, the extremely poor, fish bait and fertilizer! The lobster has now become food for the elite - weird.

The largest lobster was caught off the coast of Nova Scotia and weighed 20 kilos (or 44 lbs) and was thought to be at least 50 years old if not older.

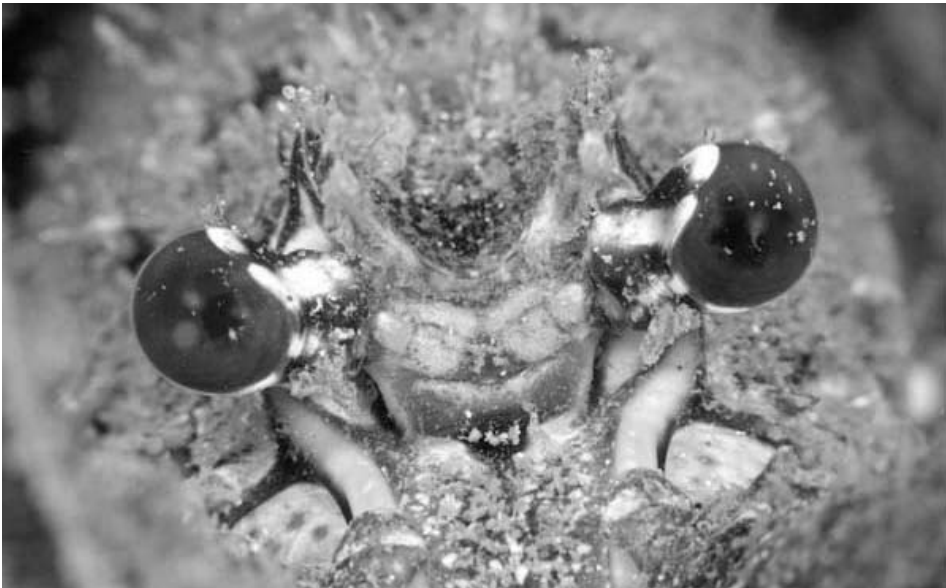


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Sailors use a **square** knot to secure the rigging on their ships.

## Square Knot

Loosen the square knot by pushing the ends toward the knot, or by upsetting the knot by pulling back on one end and pulling the other through the loops.



A **square** knot can be tied into patterns as well, like in macramé. **Squares** are used in quilting or **square**-shaped samplers (embroidery or cross-stitch) or even crocheted into granny **squares** to make quilts or scarves or almost anything!



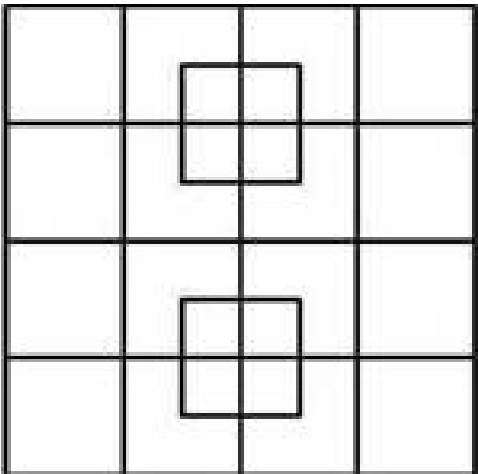
Let's not forget Times **Square** in New York City. It has over 50 million visitors each year, is the hub of the Broadway Theatre and is home to the busiest pedestrian intersection in the world!

**Squares** are found in every country. Basically, a **square** is a public meeting place that is open to anyone.

You can always go back to **square** one, which is returning to the beginning of the task because no progress was made AND you can also be a **square**! (That just means you are old fashioned.)

## JUST FOR FUN:

HOW MANY SQUARES DO YOU SEE?



## HEY KIDS!

Lisa did not receive any answers for the triangle puzzle... so she is keeping the answer a secret! Think you know the answer the square puzzle? Contact Lisa at klondikesun@northwestel.net.



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## Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE #13-02  
January 30, 2013

DAWSON CITY – Dawson City is pleased to announce that it reached an amicable settlement with local businessman, Michele Palma, in respect of the former CIBC bank building located on the waterfront of the Town. The settlement reached provides for Dawson City to purchase the Building from Mr. Palma. Dawson City appreciates Mr. Palma's contribution to Dawson City's history.

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## City of Dawson Bylaws Under Review

The following bylaws are currently under review by City Council. If you have any comments or input regarding these bylaws or if you wish to view these bylaws, please contact the City Office.

- **Zoning Bylaw**
- **Animal Control Bylaw**
- **Fire Services Bylaw**

## Recreation Department News

Winter programming is underway. For more info:

Phone: 993-2353 web: [www.cityofdawson.ca](http://www.cityofdawson.ca)

Facebook: "city of dawson recreation"

### After School Programs

\*Pre-register at the Rec Dept.\*

All programs 3:20-5:00, unless noted.

**Monday** - Ping Pong  
**Tuesday** - Jigging Club in conjunction with TH & RSS **FULL**  
**Wednesday** - Wacky Wednesday **FULL**  
**Thursday** - Girl Power  
**Friday** - Hiking Club  
- Youth Open Gym (6:15-8:00 pm)

### Drop In & Registered Programs

**Kickboxing** - Mon/Wed @ 6:30 at RSS  
**Boxing** - Mon/Wed/Fri @ 6:30 at RSS  
**Women & Weights** - Mon/Wed @ noon at Waterfront Building  
**Parent & Tot Playgroup** - Wed @ 10 -11:30 am at TZ Daycare  
**Adult Soccer** - Tue/Thurs @ 7:45 at RSS  
**Kids Soccer** - Saturdays @ 10:30-12:30 at RSS  
**Minor Soccer** - Starting November 13  
**Family Badminton** - Mondays @ 6:45-7:30 pm at RSS  
**Adult Badminton** - Mondays @ 7:30-8:30 pm at RSS  
**Zumba** - Mon/Wed/Fri @ 5:30-6:30 pm at RSS  
**Body Blast** - Tues/Thurs @ 5:30-6:30 at RSS  
**Tai Chi** - Saturdays @ 11-12:30 pm at RSS  
**Adult Women's Volleyball** (16+) - Sundays, 3-4:30 pm.  
**Adult Drop-In Dodgeball** (16+) - Sundays 5-7 pm, Dec 2-23

**Contra Dancing** – Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m. at RSS Ancillary Room

Arena Schedules are available online or at the Rec Centre -  
**Skating Programs include:**

**Preschool Learn to Skate** - Tuesdays, January 15- February 26  
**Youth Figure Skating** - Mondays  
**Kilo Klub Fitness Skate** – Tues /Thurs, 12:30-1 pm. Drop In  
**Women's Hockey** – Thurs / Sun Drop In  
**Shaky Legs** – Thurs & Sun. Drop In

### Special Events:

**Minor Soccer Tournament**, Feb.8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at RSS Gym  
**KATTS AGM**, Feb.20, 5:30 p.m. at Yukon College Board Room  
**Adult Learn to Skate**, Feb.23, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
**Skate Skiing Workshop**, Feb.26, 5:30-7, meet at the Rec Centre

**Weight Room closure** – The weight room will closed for the month of February for repair and the installation of the new equipment.

### Hockey Tournament dates:

**Old Timer's Tournament:** February 15-17th  
**Women' Hockey Invitational:** March 2-3<sup>rd</sup>

*Watch for announcements on Facebook and the City of Dawson website for Rec updates.*

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