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to paint me but
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PARKED AND WRECKED: REC CENTRE PLANNING BEGINS ANEW

Story and Photo by Dan Davidson



THE ART AND MARGARET FRY RECREATION CENTRE, OPENED AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY AND NEVER REALLY SATISFACTORY.

Dawson's proposed new recreation centre was the subject of several items on the January 16 council meeting agenda.

Bear Creek resident Helen Dewell spoke in delegation about a similar initiative in the town of Grimshaw, Alberta, and suggested that Grimshaw's solutions might provide some guidance for Dawson. In particular, she recommended that planning for the new centre here could benefit from taking tours of communities with similar issues and looking at their solutions.

Grimshaw managed to create a multiplex facility that was much more than just a sports arena for under \$15 million.

General Store owner Mark Mather offered \$4,000 to council to help finance such a fact-finding trip.

By contrast, the current outlook for the new facility is that it will replace the ice rink, curling rink and concession stand.

This is pretty much what was offered by a Yukon Party government during an election campaign at the same location – the junction of the Dome Road and Klondike Highway – in the late 1990s. At that time there was even a photo op with a ceremonial shovel.

The whole planning process here has taken a new direction, with council conceding last month that the dream of a much larger replacement for its ailing facility was not possible, given the maximum \$65 million of combined territorial and federal funding committed to the project.

The plan the town had been developing would have cost \$95 to \$100 million and that's just not available. Mayor Bill Kendrick reiterated the complaints of other council members that the town should never have been allowed to

devote months of planning efforts to designing a dream replacement, but had to accept the reality that only so much funding was available.

The report from recreation manager Paul Robitaille outlined the need to develop a new plan, which will concentrate on replacing the amenities currently available in the deteriorating Art and Margaret Fry building, and what ever else can be added within the budget constraints.

The proposed schedule, using a "progressive design build delivery model" (PDB) instead of the more traditional "design-bid-build method" will run in stages between now and the summer and fall of 2025, when construction is planned to commence.

The report gives some details.

Capital Cost: The Yukon Government has identified a budget of sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000) to complete this project. Council had agreed to move forward under this Budget Cap. The project team and Local Advisory Group as applicable will work under this parameter.

Operation and Maintenance Costs: The operation and maintenance (O&M) costs of this building will be determined by the design, amenities, and delivery of services we offer. These will be estimates until we move in and operate in this space for several years. Administration recommends that we design a building that is as practical and efficient as possible to minimize these costs."

The new plan does mean that many of the extras desired by the community – running track, gym space, and a fitness centre – will not be part of the new facility.

Some time was spent discussing the desirability and formation of

a local advisory group as part of the project management process. Final decision was put off to a later meeting.

Administration believes such a group would be beneficial to the project.

"These are typically user-group representatives, local leaders, or recreation boards. They act as drivers and champions

for the project and have varying degrees of decision-making power.

"Consultation has occurred for this project, but we have not created or utilized this type of decision-body as of yet. We believe a local advisory group would assist in taking more local ownership over the project, create additional collaboration, increase the functionality of the building, and assist in driving the project towards construction and finalization."

This should be established early in the process.

A PDB contract should be awarded by April 2024 and design work proceed in stages during the next several months, compared against the available budget and revised as needed. Phase 1 should conclude with the design at 65% between August 2024 and June 2025 with construction beginning in the fall of 2025.

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Tuesday 6 February 2023

Council Meeting

Tuesday 20 February 2024

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Handbuilding Pottery Drop-in

Tuesdays, 6-9pm

Screen Printing Drop-In

Wednesdays, 6-9pm

Free Open Studio Drop-In Saturdays, 1-4pm KIAC Dënäkär Zho Classroom

After-School Kids Painting Classes

Thursday 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm FREE

Dawson City International Short Film Festival Selection Committee

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Workshop with Jonny Klynkramer

February 17

Rocky Horror Dawson Show

Diamond Tooth Gerties February 24

KIAC Winter Performing Arts

The Weather Station

Co-Presented by KIAC, DCMF, and YAC

Friday, Feb 2

theweatherstation.net

The Ostara Project (Jazz)

Co-presented by Jazz Yukon

Saturday, March 2

ostaraproject.ca

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(Flute, Viola, Cello)

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Mondays until Feb 12th

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Age 7-12 RSS Gym \$50

Fridays 3:30pm - 5pm

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Fridays 6-7pm RSS Gym

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RSS Gym FREE

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POLICE BLOTTER

By Constable Jack Jeffery; Photo by Jerzy Górecki



Snowmobile safety is an important topic, especially with the warmer than normal temperatures not assisting with the freezing up of the river, which is forcing residents to use some, quite frankly, sketchy trails. The last thing we want is an accident involving a snow machine and ice-cold water. Luckily, this year we've only had a few incidents and all folks were able to self rescue. Hopefully, we can keep this rolling with some safety tips!

- 1. WEAR A HELMET.** Yes, I know a helmet restricts your hair from flowing in the breeze, but it's better than laying in the hospital. No one's going to be admiring your flow there.
- 2. CARRY SOME WINTER GEAR.** Who knows how long you might be out on the trail if something happens. It only takes one break down on your machine to have you looking at a long and a cold walk back. Think about how fast you can drive 5 kilometres in deep snow. Now think about how long it will take you to walk that far. Sometimes it might be better to hunker down and wait for help. Carrying some fire-starting gear and something to keep you comfy might be the difference between life and death.
- 3. RIDE WITH A BUDDY.** Two people are always better than one when in the elements. One second you're cruising along not a care in the world and the next second you're stuck fast in a huge unseen snow drift. If you have your buddy there at least they can help dig you out or give you a ride back.
- 4. CHECK BEFORE YOU GO.** If you're riding on a not-so-safe "trail" and your gut is telling you to do some scouting before you full send it across the seemingly frozen river, please check in with local knowledge, as they know where to go or can give you advice with regards to crossing a not-so-frozen river. A good tip is to bring a pair of ice spikes with you and keep them around your neck for easy access.

Snowmobiling can be fun and a great form of travel and exercise, but like everything it comes with inherent risk. Practising good safety tips will help to keep you on the trails for many years to come.

GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO LAST MAY'S FLOODING WAS LATE IN COMING AND INSUFFICIENT, SAY RESIDENTS

by Dan Davidson



— 9 PEOPLE ATTENDED IN PERSON AND ANOTHER 30 BY ZOOM



ZOE MORRISON AND THE STANTEC CREW FACILITATED THE MEETING.

Severe flooding occurred in the Klondike region in spring 2023 (May 8 and May 24), affecting homes, roads, and highways. Impacted communities and subdivisions in the Klondike Valley including Bear Creek; Dawson City (including Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in/C4, Dredge Pond subdivisions); Henderson Corner; and Rock Creek.

The first of what Zoe Morrison of Stantec, contracted by YG to report on this issue, says will be several meetings to engage with residents on this issue, was held at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Hall on January 23 at 5:30pm.

The problem with this plan was that it was -40 to -45° C on that day and most of the people who really needed to be met with live 20 minutes to half an hour from the meeting place. As a result there were nine actual people in the hall for the meeting. Fortunately, there was a late in the day decision to ZOOM the meeting and 30 people signed up for that, including a few from the government who wisely kept a low profile and allowed Morrison to absorb much of the anger that was a strong component of the two hour meeting.

In fairness, Morrison noted that government folks had been told that this was a session for listening to residents, not for them to offer comments.

There was a list of potential discussion questions displayed on a screen at the front of the hall.

Under "Risk" people were asked

to consider "What did the YG do to inform the community of the risk?" and "What (better to write 'How') could communication be improved?"

The general tone of the responses was that the government didn't do enough in either category.

Under "Preparedness" the questions were: "What steps were taken to prepare for the floods?" and "What would you do differently next year?"

Attendees did not feel that much had been done to prepare and that there needed to be a lot of planning and coordinating done before this year's likely event.

The final category was "Response", asking "What support did you receive?" and "Was the support sufficient?" There was a general feeling that the support was slow to materialize and in many cases did not address the situation on the ground with much understanding.

Ranger John Mitchell, who found out about this meeting almost by accident, was the first to unload his detailed concerns. He described the lack of coordination of all the many agencies that need to cooperate as being like a table top covered with dinner plates that touch only fractionally.

Agencies involved should include the territorial government, the City of Dawson, the Rangers, EMS, Wildland Fire, and the RCMP.

"There are a lot of gaps that need to be filled," he said.

In cases where the Yukon government isn't clear, the city needs

to be yapping at them for answers like an annoying little puppy.

In the present case, as with the promotion of this meeting, communication had been awful. Many people only found out because a neighbour contacted them, and nearly everyone was wondering why it wasn't postponed or rescheduled at -45° C.

Several others at the meeting pointed out that there doesn't seem to be a good record of who lives where in Dawson's perimeter and outside the town boundary.

Mitchell said there will be more than floods to worry about in the coming years. He anticipates more slides, like the half dozen that shut the road near Rock Creek a year and a half ago, like the ones that often happen near Dempster Corner; like the flood/slide that closed the bridge at Clear Creek last September.

"The water flow is constantly changing and we saw water last March where we hadn't seen it before."

For all of these things, there needs to be planning and coordination, he said, and the fact that this meeting was being held eight months after the crisis, and less than four months before it could happen again, is not a good sign.

Most of the comments came from people attending on ZOOM, who live in the Dredge Pond, Bear Creek, Rock Creek, and Henderson Corner. They found it was not clear who to contact and when they spoke to people in the capital the response was too often

flippant, made by people who had no idea what the conditions were here, and who seemed to assume that the situation was what one should expect when living in the rural area so far from the city.

One of the saddest stories came from Jessica Pomphrey, who drove 14 hours on this day to attend this meeting. Pomphrey, who owns what was formerly the very successful Vogt Farm, had her house and all her greenhouses and farmland destroyed by the rising waters. She currently lives in Tagish but felt it important to attend the meeting in person. During the floods she was 36 hours without any help.

Amaris Poznikoff accused the government of being cowardly for hiding behind Stantec rather than facing residents personally, but thanked Morrison and her crew for listening.

John Lenart, who runs his orchard business on the far side of the Klondike River, has lived through many floods since he began farming there in 1986. says he's amazed that there does not seem to be a guidebook or template for handling these situations.

"I'm astounded that this is where we are now," he said.

There is an online survey available for those who wish to comment at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PXQH6FS>. There are 41 questions in the survey.

IN PRAISE OF HEALTHY CYNICISM

A Klondike Sun Editorial

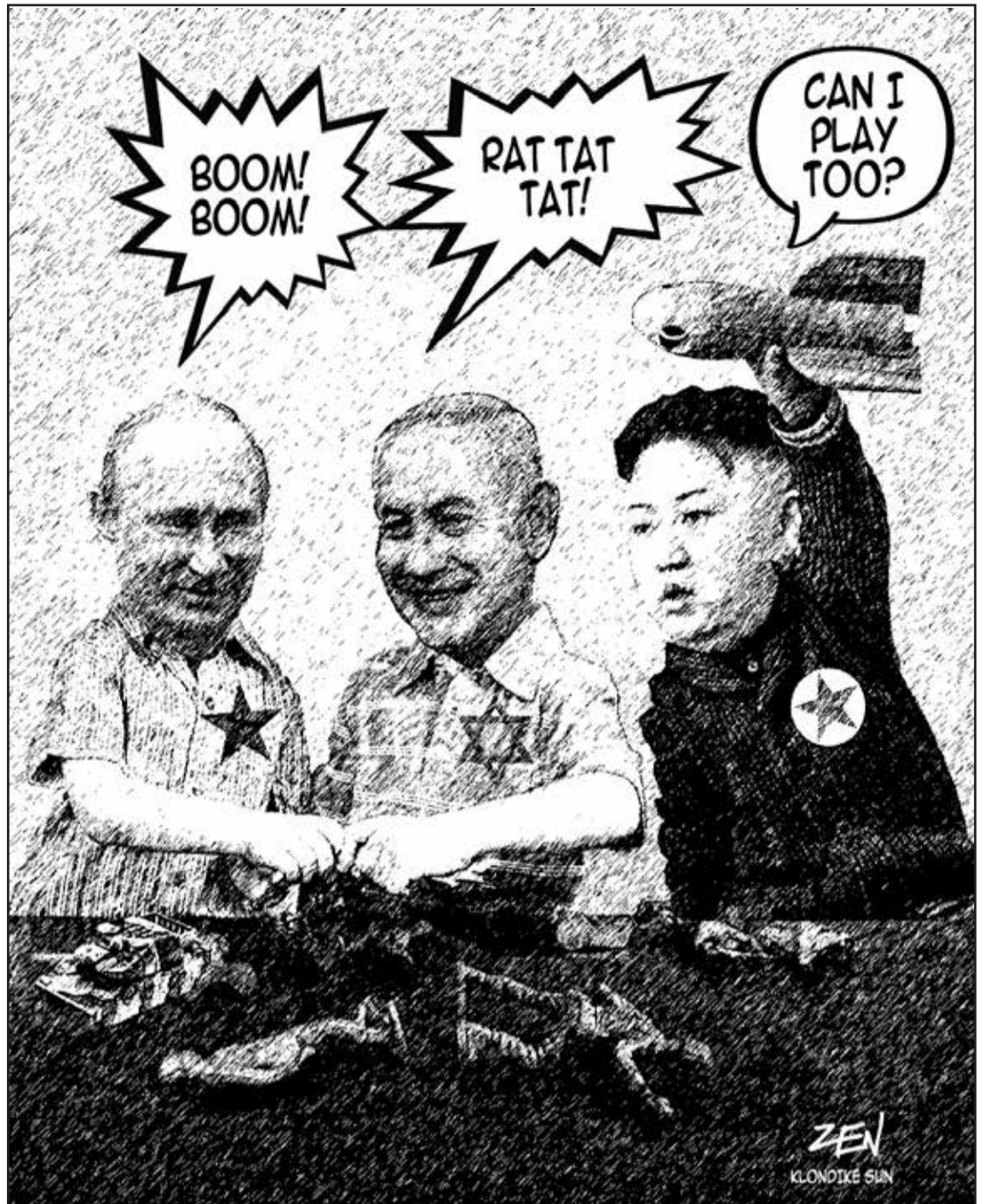
Cynicism sometimes gets a bad rap, but in our modern age of rapid technological advancements, global uncertainties, corporate greed and indifference, and ever-evolving societal norms, the power of cynicism has never been clearer. And while cynicism is often viewed negatively, it can serve as a healthy counterbalance — a pragmatic lens through which we can better navigate the craziness and complexities of the modern age.

Cynicism is not just about suspicion or distrust. Done right, it can be a tool for critical thinking and a shield against blind acceptance. In a world saturated with information, where truth habitually intertwines with misinformation, cynicism prompts us to question, to probe, to filter, and to discern. It encourages a questioning perspective that can protect us from falling prey to manipulative narratives and deceptive agendas.

In the realm of technology, cynicism is a safeguard against blind enthusiasm. As we witness the rise of artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, and other groundbreaking innovations, it is far too easy to get swept away by The Next Great Thing and promises of a utopian future. A cynical perspective therefore urges us to scrutinize the potential drawbacks, ethical implications, and unintended consequences of these advancements. It prompts us to consider not only the benefits but also the risks associated with the relentless march of progress.

Cynicism is also an essential ally in the face of the ever-growing influence of powerful institutions, both governmental and corporate. The modern age is marked by an unprecedented concentration of power, where a handful of entities wield immense control over vast swathes of information, resources, and influence. Cynicism encourages us to question the motives behind decisions made by these entities, fostering a viewpoint that is vital for the preservation of democracy and individual freedoms.

In a world inundated with information, cynicism also



plays a pivotal role in media literacy. The rise of social media and the 24-hour news cycle have made it challenging to distinguish between credible information and sensationalized narratives with a hidden agenda. Cynicism compels us to approach news with a discerning eye, to question the sources, and to recognize the potential biases that may lurk behind seemingly impartial headlines. It prompts us to be active participants in the information ecosystem, rather than passive consumers.

Which is not to say we should succumb to destructive nihilism. While cynicism fosters critical thinking, unchecked negativity can lead to a pervasive sense of hopelessness and apathy. Striking a balance is essential — questioning without succumbing to the despair that can accompany an overly cynical mindset.

The original Cynics from 2,400 years ago believed the way to gain happiness is to achieve virtue, in agreement with nature, following one's natural sense of reason by living simply and shamelessly free from social constraints. Maybe they were onto something.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ARE WE GETTING HOSED?

So, all the hopes of Dawson having a new rec centre anytime soon have been dashed by the proverbial rising costs and we're back to square one with no new building anywhere on the horizon. Maybe we just expected too much for the money that was promised us but the thing I don't understand is why construction costs are always so high here. Seems to me we should be able to build something decent for \$65 million. That's **\$65 million** for heaven's sake.

I'm sure the excuse for the costs is our northern location but is it really that bad to build here? Down south they build arenas with rec centres for \$20 million or so. Why was ours sized at approaching \$100 million? Are we getting hosed? Remember when outsiders wanted craploads of money for the new recycling centre but someone local was able to build it within the budget. Okay, I know that's a smaller scale but you get the idea.

Not to mention every big, expensive government project seems to have problems afterwards. The current arena, the pool, the water plant, the sewage plant, etc. I keep hearing from old timers that southern builders are constantly warned that their designs are no good for our location but they go ahead and do what they want anyway, figuring they're smarter than us yokels or something, and we're left holding the bag.

Maybe we need to take a close look at how we go about awarding contracts and get some more northern expertise into the equation. It can't be that difficult.

Confused and pissed off,
Don Parkinson

CITY COUNCIL REFUSES TO REVISIT ALTERNATE REC CENTRE LOCATION

by Dan Davidson



THIS IS THE OPEN SPACE BEHIND THE FAILED WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, WITH THE BIOMASS FACILITY OFF TO THE LEFT IN THE PICTURE. PHOTO BY DAN DAVIDSON.



THE CURRENT DESIGNATED SPACE FOR THE NEW RECREATION CENTRE OFF DOME ROAD AT THE NORTH KLONDIKE HIGHWAY. PHOTO BY DAN DAVIDSON.

One of the first decisions that had to be made when Dawson decided it was time to start planning a new recreation centre was where to put it. Several possible sites were proposed. The eventual winner is at the base of the Dome Road, across that street from Crocus Bluff Park, and at the junction with the Klondike Highway.

Another potential site was Block Q, which is better known as the half-century location of the Gold Rush Campground and RV Park. That business was owned until recently by Pat and Diane Brooks and operated on a lease from the City of Dawson. They have recently sold the business to Ueli Kuenzi, who owns and operates the Bunkhouse, at the corner of Princess and Front Streets.

It took the better part of two years to make the final decision, but all the planning since has been about the Dome Road site.

A third possibility, championed by Mayor Bill Kendrick early on, was the available land behind the waste water treatment plant on Fifth Avenue, on the site that used to house the YG Highways yard. Kendrick raised it on many occasions, but there was a general consensus that the site was too small for what the community had in mind.

Still, situations do change, and when budget restrictions meant that the new building would likely be smaller and more basic, the mayor thought it might be time to

raise the issue again.

So, Kendrick submitted the following recommendation for a resolution to the January 16 council meeting.

“Be it resolved that Council direct Administration to comprehensively explore the feasibility of a downtown core location for a new recreation centre, with the working group team and YG project manager. Be it further resolved that Admin and the Rec Centre working group report back to Council whenever necessary for feedback and direction so as to not jeopardize any funding envelopes available for a new recreation centre.”

The general popularity of a downtown site is one of the biggest reasons why the Art and Margaret Fry Recreation Centre was built around the steel bones of the former Centennial Arena, and if it had been properly built, from faulty foundation to faulty roof envelope, it might have seen service for years to come, especially if the spacious second floor had ever been finished.

But it wasn't, and so it can't, and something new is needed. So Kendrick's proposal was not necessarily to relocate the new building, but to give the site the attention he felt it never got.

“The location can be described as: the area in proximity to the biomass heating facility behind the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), between this biomass building and the RCMP detachment and old territorial court house,

and bordering Turner Street and 5th Ave. The location does involve land currently owned by the Yukon Government, Parks Canada, and also potentially the RCMP, but early indications are that such a land use agreement/property transfer and building relocations with/from these community partners is possible.”

He cited various points in favour of taking a look, including savings on O&M costs and efficiencies, but none of this was spoken out loud and that debate did not occur, because none of the three other council members at the table would deign to second his motion, and without that there was no procedural way to discuss it.

That was how things stood until question period, when Kim Biernaskie, one of the 18 people attending virtually via ZOOM, demanded that councillors Alexander Somerville, Patrik Pikálek and Brennan Lister give their reasons for not wanting to discuss the matter.

Somerville noted the comments of YG's Community Services Minister Richard Mostyn, who said in the Yukon News on Jan 14/24 that negotiations with all the land owners might be protracted. Council had established in December the need to push forward in order to meet certain deadlines after which some funding might dry up. Besides that, the “progressive failure” of the current building means things need to move forward, in his opinion.

Pikálek essentially felt that this distraction might cause a loss of focus for both the council and other planners, at a time when a firm direction was needed.

Lister seemed to feel that Kendrick's comments about potential for savings on O&M and efficiency were a criticism of previous decisions.

“That's hard to listen to when you speak like that. The stuff that Bill brought forward is unbelievable, so I'm happy. I think the ‘no comment’ from council was loud and clear.”

Kendrick wished to respond to their comments, not having had a chance to debate during the earlier part of the meeting, but meeting chair Somerville shut that down, pointing out that Biernaskie had asked for comments from the others, not from him, and besides, “this is question period, not speakers' corner.”

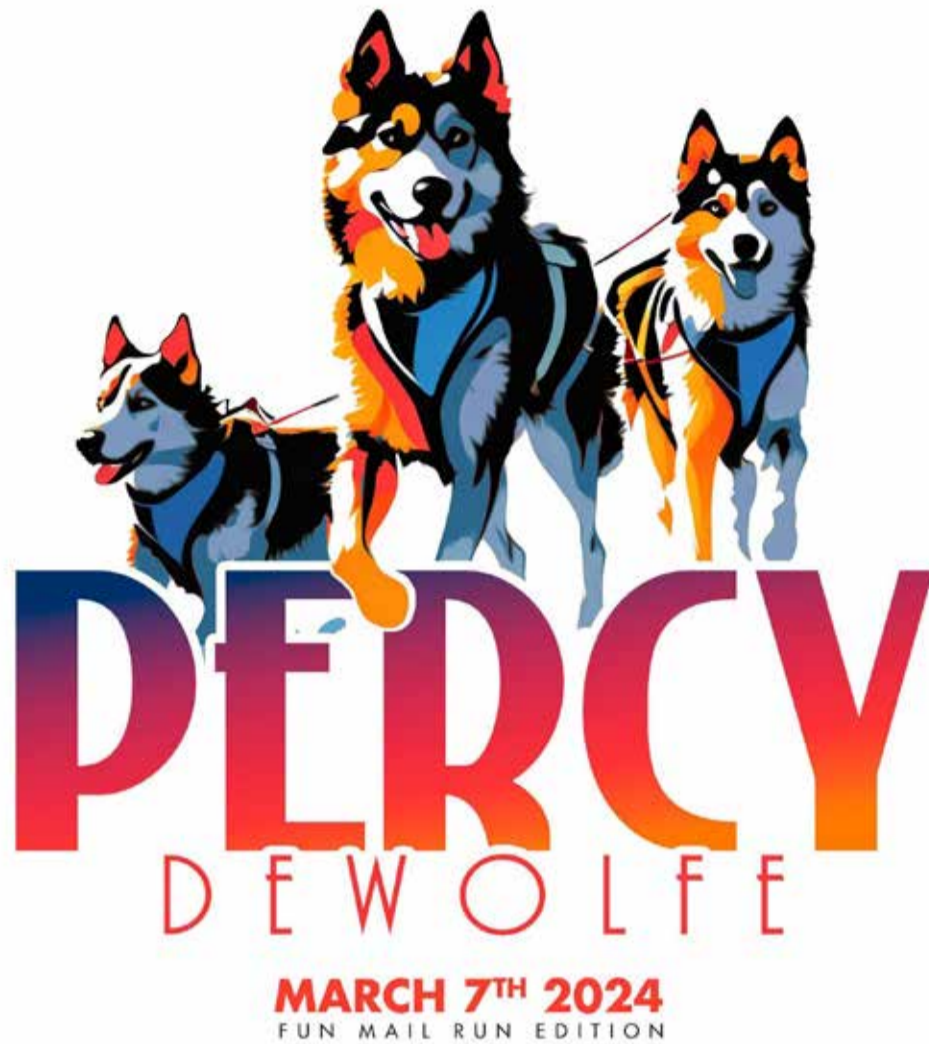
“Fine,” said the mayor, “Just read pages 48 to 51 of the agenda package.”



OVERHEAD VIEW OF THE SPACE BEHIND THE WWTP, FROM THE COUNCIL AGENDA PACKAGE.

THIS YEAR'S PERCY RACE WILL BE A FUN RUN

by Dan Davidson



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There won't be a Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race this year, but to keep the idea alive, the smaller than usual board has decided to hold what they're calling a "Fun Mail Run", which will kick off on March 7.

They've been making this announcement over the last week or so, in bits, beginning with a general mailing and Facebook post.

"As some of you may know, there has been a lot of challenges and changes faced by the Percy Board recently.

"We now have half a board that consists of 3 brand new board members."

These are Dany Jette, John Mitchell, and Anthony Da Costa Maia. These three are hoping to recruit a few more, but it's late in the game to mount a full event this year.

"First thing, we would like to apologize for any delays encountered, unanswered messages and for the general lack of communication about the upcoming Percy DeWolfe Race. We know a lot of you have questions about this year's race and we are sorry we haven't been able to get things together earlier. We will do our best to get a reply back to every message in the next few days!

"After considering our short timeline and tight finances, we have decided that this year's event will be a 'Fun Mail Run' instead of the traditional race, with a more regular race to come back in 2025."

So, this year's event will be more of a place holder.

Aside from small board numbers and finances the board face the challenges of where to start a race from, and how to deal with the unfrozen Yukon River.

It's been several years now since river conditions have allowed the race to follow its traditional route to Eagle, Alaska, and back.

What they do have at the moment is a brand new race poster designed by Cud Eastbound and lots of good intentions.

On Friday evening the board held a public meeting at 5:30pm at the Dawson Campus of Yukon University (Tr'ondëk Hätr'unoh'tän Zho) on Third Avenue to talk about potential fundraising events and in the hopes of finding at least two more enthusiastic board members to "help us make the Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race the greatest event of the year!"

TH TRUST AND NVD OFFICIALLY REBRAND THEIR NEW DAWSON PROPERTIES AS COAST HOTELS

From Yukon Government Press Release

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in (TH) Trust and Northern Vision Development (NVD), owners of Downtown Dawson Limited Partnership (DDL), owners of the Downtown Hotel, are expanding their partnership with Coast Hotels with the branding of Eldorado, a Coast Hotel and Midnight Sun, a Coast Hotel in Dawson City.

Coast Hotels Limited is a fully owned subsidiary of APA Hotel Canada, Inc. This partnership increases Coast's presence in Dawson City to three Klondike gold-rush-era inspired hotels, serving all segments of the tourism market.

Previously known as the Eldorado Hotel, Eldorado, a Coast Hotel was acquired by DDL on January 2, 2024. The 40-room hotel offers "a blend of affordable comfort and historic charm, with spacious suites and the on-site Bonanza Dining Room and Sluice Box Lounge." Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Trust and NVD say they are committed to continuing the Eldorado's legacy of local ownership, investment in the community, and extending a welcoming experience to guests that reflects the spirit of Dawson City.

Previously known as Midnight Sun Hotel, Midnight Sun, a Coast Hotel, is an iconic Dawson landmark. The historic 19-room boutique hotel "seamlessly weaves the charm of a bygone era with contemporary, upscale hospitality." Adorned with vintage gold rush era photography, the lobby walls serve as a visual journey through the hotel's storied past, offering an immersive experience. Guests can also unwind in the Midnight Sun Lounge, "sharing stories of their Yukon adventures while enjoying an extensive cocktail menu."



Inscription au programme en français

Les inscriptions pour l'année scolaire 2024-2025 au programme en français langue première de Dawson seront ouvertes en février 2024.

Le programme est offert à temps plein, en personne, au Centre francophone, 486 King Street. Des activités et des sorties sous la philosophie de l'école de la forêt sont proposées. Les niveaux sont offerts selon la demande.

Les enfants doivent avoir 3 ans et 8 mois au 1^{er} septembre 2024 pour être admissibles à notre maternelle 4 ans à temps plein.

Pour connaître le processus d'admission, veuillez visiter dawson.csfy.ca/inscription ou nous contacter à info@csfy.ca, (867) 667-8680, poste 0.

Registration for the French Program

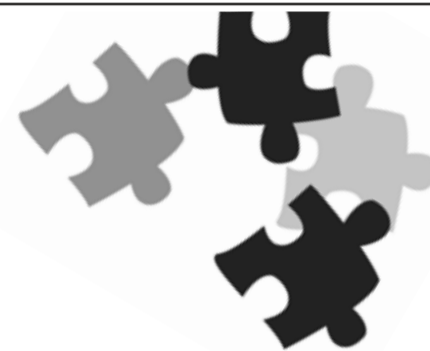
Registration for the 2024-2025 school year in Dawson's French first language program will open in February.

The program is offered full-time, in person, at the Centre francophone, 486 King Street. Activities and field trips inspired by the forest school philosophy are on offer.

We offer a full-time four-year-old kindergarten program. To be eligible, your child must be 3 years and 8 months by September 1st 2024 and must meet the admission criteria. All levels are offered, depending on demand.

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**In Memoriam
Bruce Shore
October 25, 1953 - January 16, 2024**



Bruce passed away in peace and comfort surrounded by his family. He is survived by his wife Brenda, son Ben (Jenna), daughter Molly (Dane), grandchildren Sadie and Kieran, brother Brian (Susan), sister Judy (Mündi), sisters-in-law Merle and Lynn, nieces and nephews and their kids, and many cherished friends. Bruce's kindness, generosity, strength, and sense of humour are dearly missed by all.

Bruce was born in Edmonton, Alberta, where he spent his school years and got into all kinds of trouble with friends and siblings. After Bruce tagged along on his brother's road trip to Mexico and Central America at age 17, he was infected with a travel bug that would linger for decades.

In 1973, Bruce moved to Uranium City to work for Eldorado Mining and Refining, although he preferred moonlighting as a taxi driver and sometime bootlegger. He started a friendship with Brenda Grant, little suspecting that the small-yet-mighty woman would soon become his partner through life.

Between stints in Uranium City, Bruce travelled solo across West Africa, and with Brenda to Europe, the Middle East, India, Australia and New Zealand. Together, they relocated to Fort McMurray and spent several happy years there. In 1979, they settled in Dawson City, Yukon, where they started their family and made lifelong friendships. Ever charming, Bruce convinced Parks Canada to hire him and so began his career in building maintenance.

In 1986, Bruce and family moved to Saskatchewan for work at Batoche National Historic Site, and later Saskatoon to work for the feds in property management. In 1989, they moved again to St. Albert, Alberta. They built a wonderful life there for almost 30 years. During their time in St. Albert, Bruce spent many years in real estate sales. He took pleasure and pride in helping his clients transition through major life events.

The Yukon always held a very special place in Bruce's heart. In 2017, he and Brenda retired to Whitehorse to be closer to their kids and grandkids in Dawson City. They continued to travel internationally whenever they had the opportunity. Bruce was deeply curious about the culture, history, and (most of all) food in the places he visited. His quest for the perfect mango was never-ending.

When Bruce wasn't busy helping out a friend with a house project, he loved to argue about politics and other unseemly topics, cheer for (and shout at) the Edmonton Oilers, and get his nose stuck in a good book. He lived well and loved deeply.

The family thanks the doctors and nurses who supported Bruce through his cancer treatments. Their care and compassion made difficult times easier. Special thanks to Dr. Alex Kmet, the Whitehorse General Hospital chemo unit, and the Wind River Hospice House team.

We are profoundly grateful that Bruce was able to choose a medically-assisted death. He left the world with autonomy and dignity. We shared love and laughter right up until Bruce's final moments.

A celebration of life is planned for June 15, 2024, at Moose Mountain Ski Hill in Dawson. Contact shore.molly@gmail.com for details.

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THE SWEET JUICY BERRY / SOME GROW IN THE SUN / SOME GROW IN A FACTORY /**

FRUIT CANDY BY REMI LEBOUTHILIER

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THE COLORS ARE THE SAME / BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS SCARY / TAKE OFF THE PLASTIC / BANANA SAYS PEEL ME / HIGH FRUCTOSE CORN SYRUP / CAN'T BEAT A BLUEBERRY

(S)HIVER  ART IN THE PARK (A)

‘DILL’: an excerpt
by j.matchett



There are things that hold us. While sleeping at the base of a mountain valley, the mountain holds us. People too, of course. Coming, staying, maybe going, altering our understanding of what being held is, what it makes possible. Things hold us without our knowing we needed their hold, just the opposite and everything in between.

Being held and what material and immaterial things bookend a life. That’s what L was thinking about as they sat in M’s living room on a hot July day, talking of birth days and death days. Something was fragmenting inside her and invisibly spilling out onto the floor as she became conscious of the fact that whatever held the something that was now spilling out onto the floor was no longer firm. Silently, she watched this happen.

They were moving on to the next phase in the pickling process and this was their moment of rest. A chance to refuel. A chance to talk. M preferred this way of being with others. It was perhaps one of her most identifying characteristics. Chore-ing. Together. The reciprocity, in this relationship, came with a great deal of useful lessons. Life skills. Not just for the sub-arctic, but for some broader political aspirations they shared. Like how to properly fertilize tomatoes at the beginning of the growing season. When they make their migration (in a cold climate) from the house to their beds in the green house. That lesson had been about the worm to pellet fertilizer ratio in the soil, and the correct water levels to saturate that soil as the tomatoes embarked on their summer journey. Today though, today was about pickles. The morning had been spent checking off M’s list, together. This began with the task of emptying strategically placed vats of water, warmed by the sun to just the right temperature, into the garden beds inside and outside the greenhouse. L did this part, while M harvested the cucumbers. While doing so, she semi-marvelled at the infrastructures M had fashioned in place for this watering process. Nothing in the yard required the body to contort itself in an uncomfortable manner. Nothing overextended the body while it tended to these garden activities. Considering this thought, as much as feeling the physical result of this thought—M’s thought that went into making the *feeling*—filled L with a lightness that made the motions of yard work in that mid-morning sun feel like a dream.

M had grown weary by the time this phase was complete and had returned to the sofa to address her list for the day that remained. While M perched on the sofa, L received a few instructional remarks before heading back out in the rising heat to harvest the dill. *Just the most mature flowers*, M had directed, only to pop her head back out to request *all* the flowers only minutes later. Reflecting on this, L couldn’t recall if M’s whole body or just her face had passed through the door to update her instruction, and this felt like an important detail because of what it made true about M’s energy levels. Her vibrancy, her essence. In August, it would be several years since the last person very close to L had died. And this way of measuring time crossed her mind as she took the small snipping tool in her hands and began combing through the dill stalks to find the highest leaves and their golden flower crowns. In this earthly cloud of dill, she moved slowly. Holding the stalks gently, she pruned and collected this key pickling ingredient. She filled two baskets. One basket overflowed with flowers, the other with leaves, which were just the pieces that most resembled the dill of her imaginary.

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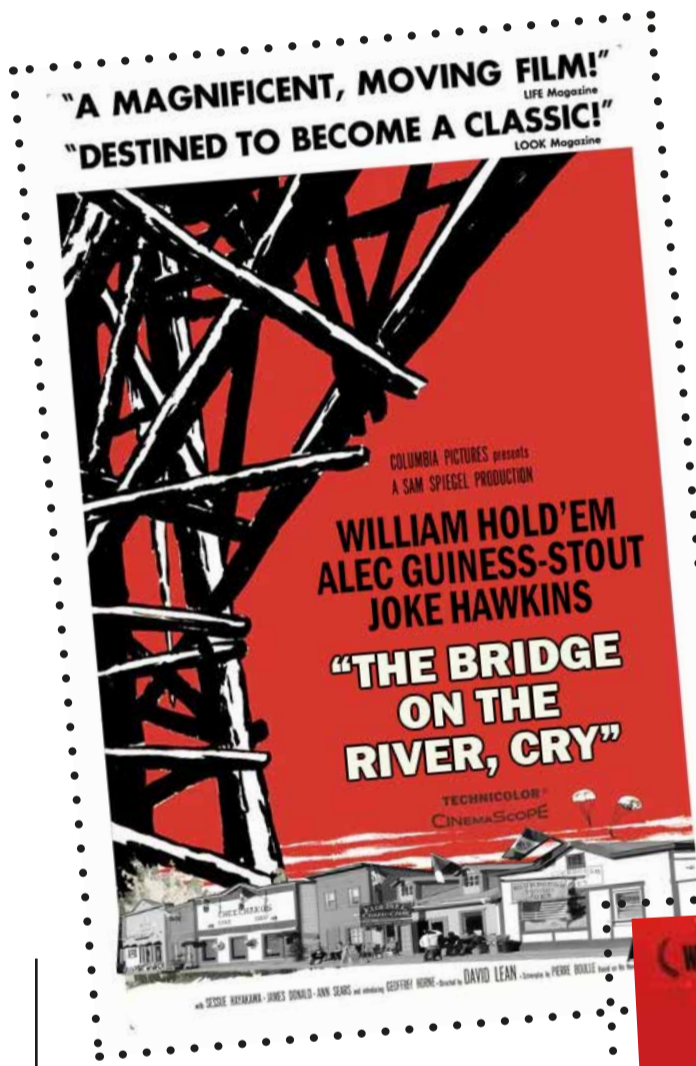


BACON OF LIGHT BY GORE

OUR PICK

BY STARKMAN DALEY

IT'S MOTION PICTURE AWARDS SEASON, FROM THE GOLDEN GLOBES TO THE ACADEMY AWARDS, AND EVERYONE'S TALKING MOVIES, MOVIES. MOVIES. HERE ARE SOME OF THE BEST SELECTIONS AS CHOSEN BY THE KLONDIKE SUN.



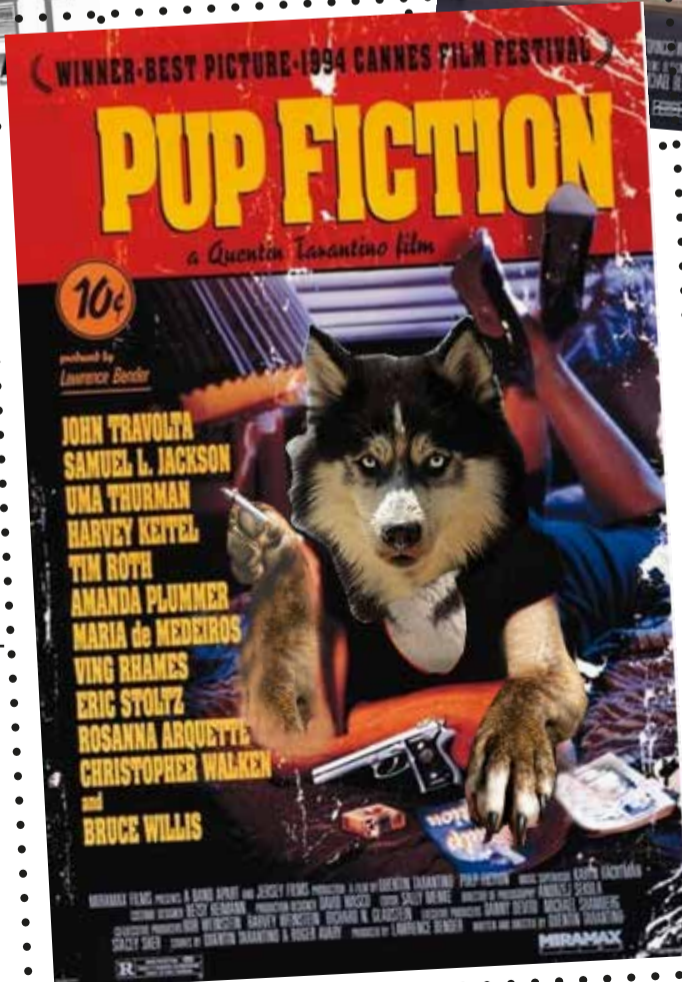
THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER, CRY

After government inaction leaves their settlement stranded and struggling, a small band of West Dawson commandos take matters into their own hands. They sneak into town and demolish old Parks Canada buildings, using the scrap lumber to build a makeshift bridge over the Yukon River.



DANCES WITH WOOLS

A stuck-up tuxedo-wearing ballroom dancer from the big city finds himself in Dawson. Can our hero learn to strut his stuff on the dance floor of the Pit wearing wool flannel attire and bunny boots? Will he find romance in the Romance Capital of the North?



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This film noir gem set in the shadowy streets of post-war Vienna follows the Turd Man as he investigates the murder of his old friend, Hairy Lane, and tries to get the scoop on mysterious poop that is popping up all over the place.



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As the Sunnysdale Slide threatens to let go, musical mayhem lets loose as rival gangs fight it out to see who's going to run things after the disaster. Meanwhile, a boy and a girl from different sides of the river try to find love even though Top of the World is against them.

LOOK OUT, SPRING IS COMING!



IT'S A MUD, MUD, MUD, MUD WORLD

Set in Dawson during the spring thaw, this madcap comedy follows the slipping and sliding antics of a bunch of crazed tourists who are told there's a vein of gold somewhere under the muddy streets. Get on your gumboots and get ready to laugh!

EMBRACE A FRESH START: CLEARING OUT THE PAST AND INVITING HYGGE INTO YOUR SPACE

By Maureen-Caley Verdonk



Inspired Living

Hygge (pronounced "hoo-gah") is a Danish concept that encompasses a feeling of coziness, contentment, and well-being. It goes beyond just a word and represents a lifestyle and mindset centered around creating warmth and enjoying the simple, comforting moments in life.

My office has been anything but hygge.

Two months back, I decided to tackle the clutter in my stuffed filing cabinet. Enthused to get this project started, I had my husband move the files into bins for easier sorting. However, those bins sat in my office for over a month, and each day, I felt overwhelmed just looking at them. The task seemed daunting, especially one bin filled with sentimental documents, cards, and memorial pamphlets from close friends. The sheer emotional weight of the task brought forth an overwhelming sense of anguish, making it a formidable journey into the past.

As the holidays approached and my son and his wife planned to visit, I knew I had to do something. I moved the bins out of sight to the back room. Surprisingly, my office looked inviting and clutter-free. The feeling of appreciation and ease sparked a realization – is this what contentment feels like?



This revelation lingered through the holidays, and one morning, I woke up with a newfound determination. Armed with a large paper bag for shredding documents, I cleaned out one of the bins in a few hours, feeling a sense of accomplishment. However, the challenge persisted with the second bin, laden with sentimental items.

Fueled by determination and a newfound power of letting go – a palpable feeling of lightness emerged – in my space and in myself.

It hit me - could having more space actually mean having more abundance?


In wondering, I've found that it's not just about roominess. It's about enjoying meaningful moments and connections without the weight of clutter. This journey has shown me (again) that true abundance goes beyond physical space, bringing a sense of peace and joy to my home and life. Let the hygge begin!

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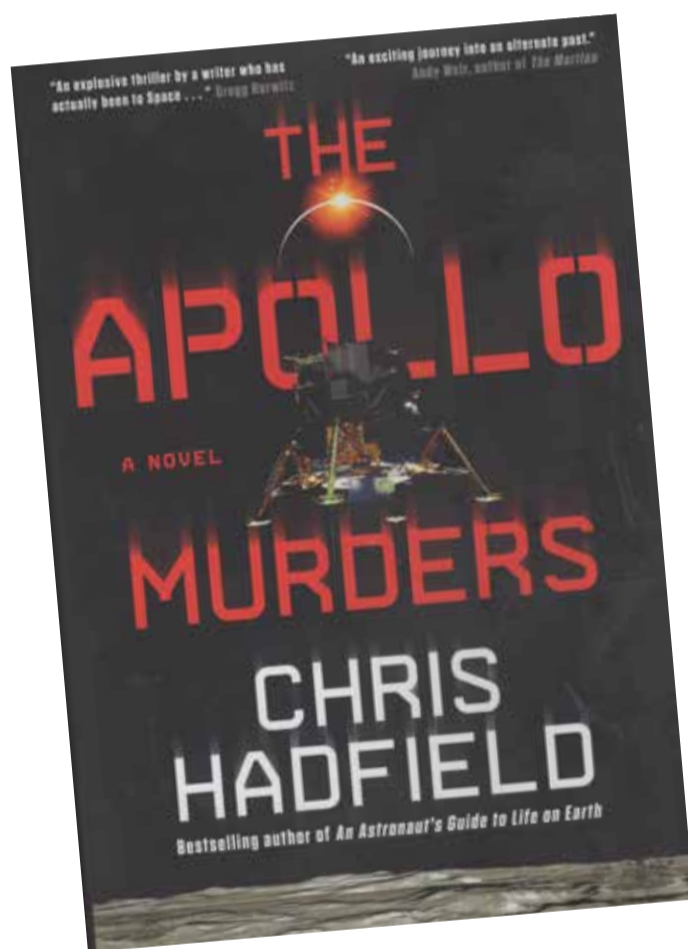
by Dan Davidson

THE APOLLO MURDERS

BY CHRIS HADFIELD

Random House Canada

471 pages, \$36.00



The Apollo program was the NASA program that put the first humans to the moon. It ran from 1968 to 1972. The first moon landing was with astronauts Armstrong, and Aldrin, with Collins awaiting them in the capsule in 1969. Following that there were five subsequent Apollo missions which also landed astronauts on the moon, the last having been Apollo 17 in December 1972. Then that program came to an end and the focus shifted to the International Space Station.

Chris Hadfield, the Canadian astronaut whose last space mission saw him commanding the international space station, has recently turned his attention to writing mystery/thriller novels, of which *The Apollo Murders* is the first in a series.

In an alternate year 1973, Richard Nixon is still trying to cover up the Watergate burglary and has not yet resigned, and the Apollo program has not yet been mothballed. In this alternate reality, NASA is getting ready to launch Apollo 18. It's going to be a complex mission.

Our main viewpoint character is Houston flight controller Kazimieras "Kaz" Zemeckis. Kaz might have been an astronaut, but in 1968 the F-4 Phantom jet he was flying suffered a collision with a seagull at 550 mph, and the resulting impact cost him his left eye.

We get that information in the first person five-page prologue. The rest of the book is told with the more standard third person perspective, which allows the author tell different

chapters from different points of view, although we keep coming back to Kaz.

Much of the detail of the space center, the preparation, the technical minutiae of a space launch ring truer than they usually do in such stories, because the author has himself experienced the fierce G-forces of launch, the frozen loneliness of space, and the fear of holding on to the outside of a spacecraft orbiting the Earth at 17,000 miles per hour.

In this reality, the Russians have landed a rover on the moon and it appears they have found something interesting up there. To complicate the international tensions still further, they have placed a new satellite with enhanced photographic capabilities in orbit.

Both of these things have complicated the planned mission.

The landing is now slated to come down near the Russian mobile to see what they are excited about. But before that the three Americans are tasked with sabotaging the new Russian spy satellite in the interests of national security.

To further muddle the mission one of the trio slated for Apollo 18 dies when his helicopter malfunctions just a few weeks before the launch, and his back-up has to step in. There are issues with this substitution but I can't say what without spoilers.

The assault on the satellite does not go well and the surviving female member of the Soviet duo defending it winds up with two of the Americans (one other died) on the way to the moon, where things get more complicated up to and including the return trip to earth.

Chris Hadfield is one of the

most seasoned and accomplished astronauts in the world. He was the top test pilot in both the US Air Force and the US Navy, and a Cold War fighter pilot intercepting armed Soviet bombers in Canadian airspace.

A veteran of three spaceflights, he crewed the US Space Shuttle twice, piloted the Russian Soyuz, helped build space station Mir, conducted two space walks, and served as Commander of the International Space Station. He was also NASA's Director of Operations in Russia. Chris is the co-creator and host of the BBC series *Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?*, and helped create and host, along with actor Will Smith, the National Geographic series *One Strange Rock*.

Hadfield's zero-gravity video version of David Bowie's "Space Oddity"—the first music video recorded in space—has been watched nearly 50 million times, and his TED Talk on fear has been viewed over 10 million times. He advises SpaceX, Virgin Galactic and other space companies, chairs the board of the Open Lunar Foundation, leads the CDL-Space international tech incubator, and teaches a MasterClass on space exploration.

His books, *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth*, *You Are Here and The Darkest Dark*, have been bestsellers all around the world, topping the charts for months in his Canadian homeland. His latest novel, *The Defector*, continues his alternate history adventures of 'Kaz' Zemeckis.

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ARLO PENROSE

THE Commercial Bonspiel was a big hit with 12 teams competing in the funspiel on the weekend of January 19 & 20th. Congratulations to the **Curling Irons** (Terrie Turai, Heidi A.E. Bliedung, Jim Regimbal and Catherine MacDonald) the overall points winners of the event. We'd also like to thank **Golden Knights Energy** for sponsoring \$1000 of fuel for an impromptu turkey shoot which was won by the **Stone Cold Curlers** (Alastair Findlay Brook, Francis Bouffard, Galen Clarke) Nice shot!


Our Piggy Bank brought in over \$120, which was won by **Arlo Penrose**, who also shot the dart (surprise-surprise), which is impressive. It's great to see youth enjoying the club.

Thanks again to all who made the event happen, including our hard working volunteer ice makers, bartenders and organizers. That was fun. If you enjoyed this event, you should sign up for the **125th Dawson City International Bonspiel Feb 22-25**. See you at the club.

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Finally, our annual trailer contest is taking submissions. Make a 30 second film about the festival and you could get it on screen at the fest. For more info on all these opportunities check out our website at DAWSONFILMFEST.COM

UFFISH THOUGHTS: A PLETHORA OF REDUNDANT NOTICES

by Dan Davidson



There's an illuminated sign down by the ferry landing in Dawson City, needlessly proclaiming that the Ice Bridge is Closed. What ice bridge? The sign seems to be more than a trifle redundant.

Just two dozen metres to the west, one faces several hundred metres of steadily moving open water, ferrying a skim of thin ice on its way downstream.

The solid ice that ought to have made an ice bridge possible is jammed on the Yukon, south of the confluence with the Klondike and, stopped sending any our way about two weeks after the ferry was extracted.

Driving across the Klondike on the Ogilvie Bridge, one can view jammed ice in either direction, for as far as one can see, until water runs free where it empties into the Yukon. It has frozen down as far at the Tr'ondëk Sub-division (or C-4) but that's no help except to provide one of the access points for those moving back forth on the 40 minute or longer snowmobile trails.

It's been more or less like that since late October. While it is true that the Yukon River gap has grown appreciably narrower in that time, not even the minus 40 temperatures of the last week of so have given us anything other than heavy ice fog sitting on top of water that has been somewhat warmer than the air passing above it.

That's not enough to justify the Yukon Government's lukewarm assurances, first released to the public on January 5, and repeated at least twice since: "The Yukon River in Dawson City shows signs of ice formation,

but not enough to build an ice bridge...."

Later on the somewhat expanded version attempts to reassure Dawsonites, particularly those who live on the west side of the river.

"The Government of Yukon understands the importance of the ice bridge to Dawson residents and is committed to keeping the public informed on the progress of its construction. The Yukon River in Dawson shows signs of ice formation but not enough to build an ice bridge at this time."

Repeated again on January 23, we were told that the situation, though unchanged, is being monitored, and that "It remains a priority to provide a reliable means of crossing the river for residents this winter."

If you have a health issue or other problem, "Emergency services are accessible for West Dawson residents by calling 911. Virtual health appointments and other health resources online are also available to residents.

"Those include 24-hour health advice by phoning 811, and virtual health appointments with a doctor."

The government has recently released a "what we heard" report from last March's survey of feelings and ideas about river crossings. While quite a few of the responses favoured the building of a bridge, an option lost in the late 1960s when the territorial council of the day turned down an offer by the operators of the mine at Clinton Creek to pay for half of it. It wasn't really strong response.

There were two levels of ice bridge that winter, and that may have coloured peoples' reactions.

There was a bridge open to light-duty vehicles (up to 10,000 kilograms) on Jan. 5, and then heavy-duty vehicles (up to 40,000 kilograms) could cross the ice bridge by Feb. 2.

Nothing like that is available this year and I'd wager that re-doing the survey would produce a different outcome.

There was a pledge by another former government two decades ago to bridge the gap but that floundered when the surging Chinese economy raised the costs of all the materials needed for construction and doubled the price.

The current government has made some bridge noises, but all it did was commission that survey I mentioned. We've seen that happen before.

In the meantime, what we have is four basic points in a recurring set of press releases, or on the government website at <https://Yukon.ca/ice-bridge>.

- There is no ice bridge and the outcome is not promising.
- We know it matters and we're hoping for an opportunity.
- Here are some suggestions to help you cope.
- Don't try to cross the river ice on your own, but if you do and something happens, well, we told you not to do that and it's not our fault so you can't sue.

This year's situation is now the fifth such event since I moved here in 1985. The government missed a few years in its latest press release. They are 2013-14, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, and now 2023-24

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The 2024 Yukon Quest Dog Sled Races

The Yukon Quest will take place again next year, starting in Whitehorse on February 3rd, and ending in Dawson on February 8th. Teams are expected to start arriving in Dawson shortly after midnight on Wednesday the 7th, with the last team expected over the finish line sometime, early on Thursday, February 8th, 2024.

The finish line is on Front Street near to the Visitor Information Centre.



Please join us as we cheer the teams as they arrive. Official Yukon Quest merchandise will also be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

Please help the race by keeping your dog and other pets safely secured at home.

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 Youth Support Worker

HEALTH/WELLNESS

Registered Nurses
 Community Health Representative
 Combined Lab/X-Ray Technician

LABOURERS/MAINTENANCE

Metal Fabricator
 Handyman
 Snow Removal Labourer
 Maintenance Worker
 Housing Maintenance Asst (AOC)

MANAGERIAL/COORDINATORS

Social Programs & Services Manager
 Special Projects Coordinator
 Bank (Cage) Manager
 Chief Financial Officer
 Salmon Stewardship Coordinator

MISCELLANEOUS

Freight Day Helper
 Security Guard
 Digital Imaging Technicians

RETAIL/SALES

Cashiers
 Clerks
 Bakery Assistant
 Grocery Clerks
 Produce Clerks
 Stock Clerks
 Retail Sales
 Post Office Assistant

SERVICE INDUSTRY

Banker Assistant
 Bank Cashier
 Bartenders/Servers
 Butcher/Meat Cutter
 Cooks/Line Cooks/Kitchen Help Dealer
 Door Staff
 Freight Helper
 Front Desk
 Housekeepers
 Produce Clerk

TRADES

Journeyman Electrician
 3rd or 4th Year Apprentice Electricians
 Plumber, Oil Burner Mechanic, HVAC, Labourer
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STUDENT & YOUTH

Grounds & Maintenance Asst – May 3
 Student Weekend Farm Labourer
 Youth ECE Afterschool Leader
 First Nations Youth Hospital Intern
 AOC Youth Snow Removal Labourer

Positions with Closing Dates

Heavy Equipment Mechanic/Power Generation Tech: Feb 12 (Whse)
 Regional Social Worker: Feb 27
 Administrative Assistant: Mar 29
 Heavy Equipment Mechanic: Apr 4
 Fire Crew Member: Apr 15

Job Seeker and Employer Surveys are now available at the Klondike Outreach Office or on our website at www.klondikeoutreach.com.

Your input is very important to us, we would love to hear your thoughts and concerns regarding our services and how they work or don't work for you.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 9am – 1pm

Phone: 867-993-5176

info@klondikeoutreach.com www.klondikeoutreach.com

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Moosehide Gathering 2024 Poster Contest



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What does Moosehide Gathering look like to you?
 We invite Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens to share their vision and design a poster for Moosehide Gathering 2024. Submissions will be put to the vote and the winner will receive a \$500 cash prize. All entries will be showcased in July at a special Gathering Gallery. So go on - show us your stuff and let your creativity shine!
Deadline for Submissions is March 1st, 2024 at 5pm*
Go to trondek.ca to submit your design.

*We've tried to keep the rules to a minimum but there are a few mandatory elements. Please scan the QR code or go to trondek.ca for specs and contest guidelines.




Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in presents
 a Moosehide Gathering Fundraiser



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Bylaw Amendment
 (Bylaw #2023-15 / Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 26 Bylaw)

Subject Property	Block B, Smith Addition - End Lots
Date and Time	February 6, 2024, 7:00pm
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall
Listen to Public Hearing	Radio CFYT 106.9 FM or cable channel #11


As per the Municipal Act, S. 294.1, the council shall give notice of its intention to pass a zoning bylaw or amendment. Therefore, the City of Dawson is now requesting input from the public regarding Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 26 that rezones end lots on Block B, Smith Addition from R1: Single Detached and Duplex Residential to R2: Multi-Unit Residential.



For more information or to provide your input prior to the public meeting, please contact:

Planning Assistant
 Box 308, Dawson, YT Y0B 1G0
PlanningAssist@cityofdawson.ca
 867-993-7400 ext. 438

CITY OF DAWSON
PUBLIC NOTICE




CITY OF DAWSON PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Asks that community members (Business and Private) remove snow from around their Garbage Bin areas so that the Waste Collection Crew can get to it.

Thank You!

For more information, please contact City of Dawson Public Works Dept. at
pwadmin@cityofdawson.ca or 867-993-7400 Ext. 306

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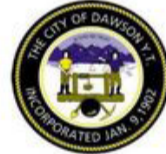
Asks that community members do not put snow from their property onto the roads as it creates safety hazards

Bylaw #07-03, Part III – Property Management

Sec. 7 – Sidewalks (3) - No owner/occupier shall deposit snow and ice upon any street or sidewalk in such a way as to create a safety hazard.

For more information, please contact City of Dawson Public Works Dept. at
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City of Dawson
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



The City of Dawson is seeking Proposals for:

North End Development Surface Works and Underground Utilities

RFP PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CONTACTING:
projectmanager@cityofdawson.ca
 Public Works
 Asset & Project Manager
 (867) 993-7400 Ext. 304

Offers, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the tender, are to be submitted to:

City of Dawson Office
 1336 Front Street, P.O. Box 308
 Dawson City, YT, Y0B 1G0
 or
 via email marked "2023 City of Dawson North End Development" to projectmanager@cityofdawson.ca before the deadline.

DEADLINE: 2:00PM on February 6th, 2024

With gratitude, we acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, who have lived along the Yukon River for millennia.