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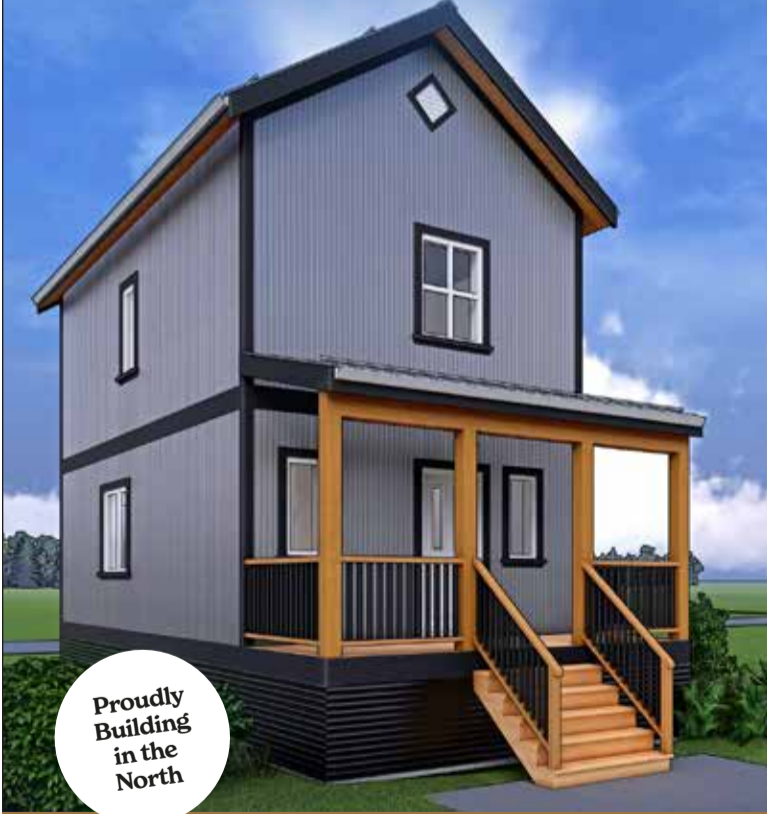
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DAWSON'S GETTING A BRIDGE!!!! NO, WAIT ...

BY DANNY DOWHAL

Dawson City was all in a tizzy on Valentine's Day after Prime Minister Justin Trudeau stood up in Parliament during Question Period and announced that a bridge over the Yukon River was going to be built here. The announcement caught everybody off guard, including the Yukon Government. The opposition Yukon Party had to scramble to issue a statement condemning the lack of due process in making the decision.

"The Liberals need to share when they requested funding for this project," said Economic Development Critic Geraldine Van Bibber in a press release. "Yukoners need to know if the project will be completely funded by the federal government or will Yukon taxpayers be responsible for any costs. There is potential for a win for Dawson, but this announcement will come as a surprise to many in the community and they deserve answers from the government."

It turns out the Prime Minister had misspoken, and the work that Trudeau was referring to was a \$135 million project to replace the Nisutlin Bay Bridge, along with 100km of highway refurbishment, in Teslin. This work, mostly funded through the Feds' National Trade Corridors Fund had, in fact, already been announced previously.

In clarifying this error, however, the Yukon government started another controversy. In their statement, they also said that "a recent survey found that 68 per cent of Dawson City residents said they were currently satisfied with the current options for crossing the river."

This pronouncement appears to be in self-defense after a statement from the Prime Minister's Office that said that federal money had been originally earmarked for a Dawson City bridge in 2021, but was diverted to the Nisutlin project a year later at the request of the Yukon government as it was in urgent need of replacement.

The "recent survey" in question was the Yukon Department of Highways and Public Works' public engagement held last spring about the future of a Yukon River Crossing at Dawson. The subsequent *What We Heard* report issued this January included the results of one question asking: "How satisfied are you with the current options for crossing the river in Dawson?" The responses were: 32% not satisfied, 50% somewhat satisfied, and 18% very satisfied, so in claiming that two-thirds of Dawsonites didn't feel the need for a bridge, YG was including the half of "somewhat satisfied" respondents.

The same survey, however — which included all Dawsonites, not just those living on the West Side — showed that 37% considered it very important and 42% somewhat important to be able to cross the river year round. A freeform



THE EXACT MOMENT THAT PRIME MINISTER JUSTIN TRUDEAU ANNOUNCED THE DAWSON CITY BRIDGE IN PARLIAMENT. PHOTO: CABLE PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHANNEL (CPAC).

question also had 102 respondents in favour of a bridge or fixed link plus 38 supporting something else providing year-round access (presumably a tunnel) compared to 36 saying they wanted no bridge or other fixed link.

When contacted by the Sun, the government backtracked somewhat saying no decisions about a bridge had yet been reached. "Our main conclusion from the report is that further, more in-depth engagement is needed, with Dawson residents and with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government, to ensure that the community's needs will be met before we commit to any future river crossing options," Jordan Owens, Director of Communications for the Cabinet Office told the Sun.

"There were not any survey questions directly asking about a bridge, as the goal of this engagement was to better understand residents' experiences with the current river crossing options and what they feel are important considerations moving forward," she said.

"It's a priority of our Premier and government to communicate openly and transparently with Yukoners about issues that are important to them. This was an unfortunate miscommunication by the Prime Minister's Office; we would never agree to have a major announcement related to the Yukon made in such a way," she said.

Moving forward, the Yukon government says it is "working with Transport Canada to ensure the Prime Minister's Office has the most up-to-date information" on infrastructure projects.

Discussions of a Dawson bridge go back to at least the 1960s. Most recently, a feasibility study and preliminary plans and budget for a bridge were drafted in 1995 before escalating costs derailed the project.



PLANS FOR A BRIDGE WERE DRAWN UP IN 1995 BEFORE THE PROJECT WAS SCUTTLED.

WHAT'S ON IN DAWSON

TOWN COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole Meeting
Tuesday 5 March 2024

Council Meeting

Tuesday 19 March 2024
Council meetings have a standard starting time of 7:00 pm.
The meetings are aired live on Dawson City TV, channel 12 and broadcast live on CFYT 106.9 FM.

UPCOMING AT KIAC

Hip Hop Lyric Workshop
Thurs, March 7th from 3:30-5:30pm
KIAC Dënäkär Zho Ballroom

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
Registration Free

Hoht'rey ède'a Concert Band Drop-In
Tuesdays, 6 - 7:30pm
KIAC Ballroom.

Dawson City International Short Film Festival
March 28-31

Youth Art Enrichment 2024
March 18 - March 23

KIAC Winter Performing Arts

The Ostara Project (Jazz)
Co-presented by Jazz Yukon
Saturday, March 2
ostaraproject.ca

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Co-presented by Whitehorse Concerts
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PERCY FUN RUN SET

BY CHRIS HOLT

Plans are being finalized for the 2024 edition of the Percy DeWolfe Memorial Sled Dog Race. As announced previously, this year's event will be a fun run not a competitive event. It will take place on March 7th starting from Dawson City at 10am and running downriver along the Yukon River for about 40 kilometres. While it was previously announced that the return leg would be on land along the Top of the World Highway, the organizers are considering keeping the entire run on the Yukon River.

Because of the flood damage sustained last spring by the Forty Mile Historical Site, which has typically served as the checkpoint for the event, mushers and dogs will layover at Clinton Creek instead. Again this year, the race will not continue to Eagle, Alaska.

"Unfortunately, going to Eagle this year is too much work to manage in such a short timeline, with our 3 person board that has to learn about everything of the behind the scenes!" the race organizers said in a Facebook post, but the board are holding out hopes the historical Eagle terminus will return in coming years.

Staging a fun run will simplify logistics and make it easier for the novice board to get its feet wet (metaphorically speaking only, we hope). "This year, our goal is to honor the spirit of Percy by having a Fun Mail Run in the Yukon wilderness and helping each other out on the trail. Mushers will be 100% responsible of their own and their dogs safety throughout the event.

Organizers are encouraging mushing participants to run with nine dogs, "just as Percy did back in the day," but will not be monitoring the number of dogs used. As in race years, a mushers meeting will still be held to provide information before hitting the trail, and to pick a musher who would potentially carry the traditional bag of mail. Postcards to go in the mail, as well as other race paraphernalia, are currently on sale at Maximilian's Gold Rush Emporium on Front Street.

A downriver trail has been scouted and marked, but mushers are advised that, because trail conditions change constantly on the river, the final details and trail report will be provided at the mushers meeting.

Organizers are planning a post-race party for the Percy "to celebrate a fun gathering of mushers and which will also be a fundraiser for the Percy so we can get back on track to hopefully offer you a proper full-on event next year!" Those interested in signing up for the event can email info@thepercy.com. The event is free for mushers/skijorers/bike-jorers, but the board is encouraging donations to help fund the event. Participants have until March 1st to sign up.



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FOLLOWING THE FORTY MILE FLOOD TH AND YG SEEK PLANS FOR FUTURE

FROM PRESS RELEASE

In May of 2023, an ice jam formed at the confluence of the Fortymile and Yukon Rivers 88 km downriver from Dawson City, resulting in extensive ice and water damage to the co-managed Ch'édähdëk (Forty Mile) Historic Site.

Ch'édähdëk, Forty Mile is a significant cultural heritage site and is one of eight component sites that make up the Tr'ondëk-Klondike UNESCO World Heritage Site. The site includes a significant material record of late prehistoric use and archaeological evidence and standing structures from the historic period dating as far back as 1886.

A survey by officials from the Yukon and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in governments was conducted over the summer to assess the damage. In addition to downed trees and considerable damage to access trails and infrastructure, the assessment work found that three of 11 historic structures were washed away completely, with the other eight sustaining extensive to moderate damage, most dislodged from their foundations. The five buildings in the adjacent work camp were also lifted from their foundations and the site's campground amenities (signage, garbage bins, outhouses, etc.) will need to be replaced. The assessment also included work to ensure vulnerable structures were stabilized to prevent further damage.

With the assessment now complete, a Request for Proposals has been issued for the design of a conservation plan to explore repair and interpretation options for the damaged buildings and provide guidance on mitigation for potential future flooding events. As laid out in the Request for Proposals, community engagement will play a central role throughout the plan's development, with a finalized plan anticipated by the end of 2024.

The Request for Proposals can be found on the Yukon Bids and Tenders website: yukon.bidsandtenders.ca. The closing date is March 15, 2024.

Due to the hazards posed by the downed trees, damaged trails, unstable structures and debris, Ch'édähdëk (Forty Mile) remains closed to the public. The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and the Government of Yukon ask visitors not to travel to the site until it is officially reopened.

"Ch'édähdëk (Forty Mile) has been an important site for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in since time immemorial and remains sacred among our people today," says Debbie Nagano, Heritage Director, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in. "We take our role as stewards of the land seriously and look forward to rebuilding and repairing the structures at this site in a good way, consistent with our values and the teachings given to us by our Elders and ancestors."

Yukon Minister of Tourism and Culture, John Streicker, says that while the impacts of last spring's flooding were devastating, it does not change the cultural significance that the Ch'édähdëk (Forty Mile) site holds. "With community engagement playing a central role in the development of a conservation plan to guide restoration, we are hopeful that this will be an opportunity for Yukoners to reflect, heal and help create a strong vision for the site's future," he says.

A previous management plan for the site was developed in 2006 by a Steering Committee with representatives from the Government of Yukon and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and included public engagement.



THE ROYAL NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE BUILDING AT FORTY MILE BEFORE THE FLOOD. PHOTO BY MAEDWARD FROM CREATIVE COMMONS BY-SA 3.0.



AERIAL VIEW OF THE ICE JAM AT THE THE YUKON AND FORTYMILE RIVERS THAT LED TO THE DEVASTATION AT THE FORTY MILE HISTORICAL SITE. PHOTO: US NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FAIRBANKS ALASKA



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MOSTLY DISSATISFIED

OPINION BY GEORGE FILIPOVIC

Next time the government comes to us with a survey asking about how we feel, but only allows us to choose from nice sounding euphemisms, I'm going to punish them by picking the harshest option – I don't care how harsh it sounds – and I encourage everyone to do the same.

The government brought us a survey last summer about the ferry / ice bridge situation, but wouldn't let us answer that we were "mostly dissatisfied." They forced us to choose the nice-sounding euphemism "somewhat satisfied" instead.

Then earlier this month, the Yukon government claimed this answer meant we were actually satisfied. And I have been reading in newspapers coast-to-coast, including even the Toronto Star: "A statement from the territorial government says ... 70 per cent of people surveyed in Dawson City don't want a physical bridge."

In real life, the government had only offered respondents three possible answers to the question "How satisfied are you with the current options for crossing the river in Dawson?" The results were: 1. Not at all satisfied (32%), 2. Somewhat satisfied (50%), 3. Very satisfied (18%). The government combined the "Somewhat satisfied" with "Very satisfied" to suggest that almost 70% of us don't want a bridge.

The truth is, at another part of the survey, almost three times as many of us explicitly said or wrote that we preferred a bridge (102 people) to continuing with no-bridge (36 people).

This survey was, in fact, not a resounding endorsement of the status quo nor a love letter to government.

When the ferry dies, and it definitely will die, Dawson will no longer be part of a tourist's fun loop through Alaska. It will become a dead end at the end of the Klondike Highway. It will be a 1,060 km detour from Whitehorse (530 km each way). The miners at 40 Mile and 60 Mile will be stranded. Not to mention the West Dawson and Sunnydale communities, which have grown about 20x in the last 20 years but somehow have worse services than they did 56 years ago. 56 years ago, for example, the (about) five people that lived on the west side were crossing in a brand-new ferry, not on a 56-year-old beater.

The good news is I have heard the ferry has two "new" engines, and some replacement parts are in storage somewhere. But I also heard that the drive shaft is not one of

those parts, and if the drive shaft goes – and it was badly bent by a tree a couple of years ago – it is game over, because no one builds that part anymore. You see, the rest of the world has moved on from 1967 ferries and that part is no longer in demand. As far as I can tell, it is only us who are still using a 1967 ferry and gambling our entire livelihoods on its continued operation. We treat the ferry like it's Dracula, an immortal prowling the river.

Anyhow, in a few months the ferry will be back in the water. The Alaskans will come with their RV's as big as houses, so only a handful of vehicles can fit on the ferry. People will be waiting about an hour to play golf. As usual,

you'll periodically hear that the ferry is down, but no one will tell you why, and there will be no estimate for how long it will be down.

A tourist will approach your truck in line, saying they don't want to wait any longer, and ask you where the next-closest crossing is. They won't believe you when you tell them the drive around – through Chicken, Tok, Whitehorse, then back to Dawson – will be about 1,600 km. The tourist will reluctantly decide to wait.

And the government might come to Dawson with another survey and not give you the option of answering "mostly dissatisfied".



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DAWSON CITY GARBAGE FIASCO CONTINUES

Dawson City has a garbage problem. Dawson City also has a budget problem. And now, the City is asking the citizens to pay the financial costs of the garbage problem.

I first want to applaud Dawson City Mayor Kendrick, resident Molly Shore and Project Manager Owen Kemp-Griffin for their work in introducing portable food composting units, as described in the Feb. 16 issue of the Yukon News. I believe that everyone in Dawson City should have these units, as we have a serious problem with our landfill capacity.

The problem is, these units could be free, which would definitely encourage more people to use them. This is apparently not possible, with the way the current Dawson City council is managing the budget and choices of expenditures.

Where is our new garbage truck, that the City purchased? Currently, for a town of 1500 people,

we have a lone City of Dawson half-ton pick-up truck, pulling a trailer, with one person loading and unloading garbage by hand! It's an embarrassment.

Now, the City wants its residents to have only one bag of garbage a week. Is this realistic in the current circumstances? With one bag of garbage, where are recyclables going? Is one bag of garbage realistic for families, those who can't afford a portable composting unit, or those who don't have transportation to travel to the Recycling Depot far out of town?

If services are reduced or withdrawn, and people are penalized financially, it is no secret that we'll soon see people dumping garbage in the bush, along the roadsides, and garbage bins that are overflowing all throughout town. That is even before we see the return of tourists, miners, and river travellers.

If we want to see a reduction in garbage, put the City's immediate financial focus on giving the people the supports they need to reuse, reduce and

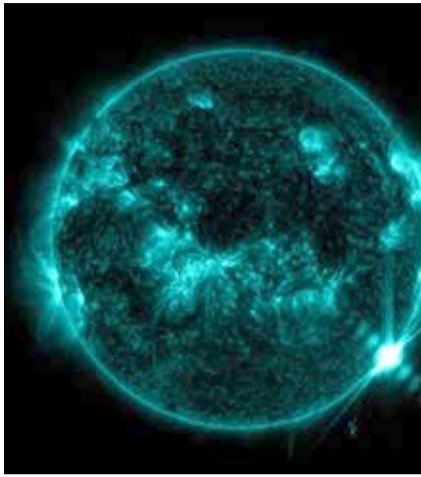
recycle.

Make recycling bins available on every street. Bring back the contracting by tender of garbage delivery and recycling pick-up. The loss of our previous contractor, local long-time resident Edgar Blattler, who provided excellent service, was a huge mistake and we are now paying for it big time.

Businesses should not have to haul their own garbage. Many are closed 7 months of the year, and still pay for garbage pick-up, commercial water and sewer rates during winter months, when they are not even open. If the businesses are made to haul their garbage, then the cost of products, including food, will be passed on to the customer. This will hurt everybody – customers, businesses, and ultimately the City of Dawson.

Financially prioritize solutions to handle the garbage problem. Give us the proper service back.

Dave Robinson
Dawson City



THE X3.3 SOLAR FLARE IS SEEN AS THE BRIGHT FLASH ON THE LOWER RIGHT. PHOTO: NASA SOLAR DYNAMICS OBSERVATORY

SOLAR FLARE PLAYS HAVOC WITH LOCAL CELL PHONES

Cellphone coverage around the Klondike region suffered for several days earlier this month, with garbled reception and broken-up voice transmission. The culprit was apparently a powerful solar flare.

NASA recorded the flare during its solar observations. The flare was classified as an X3.3 flare. X-class denotes the most intense flares, while the number provides more information about its strength

Solar flares are powerful bursts of energy. Flares and solar eruptions can impact radio communications, electric power grids, navigation signals, and pose risks to spacecraft and astronauts.

NASA observes the Sun and space environment constantly with a fleet of spacecraft that study everything from the Sun's activity to the solar atmosphere, and to the particles and magnetic fields in the space surrounding Earth.

Sun Strokes
NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE YUKON

33 HOMES FOR YUKON FIRST NATIONS NEARING COMPLETION

Liard First Nation, Ross River Dena Council, and the White River First Nation have constructed 33 new homes and refurbished an additional four homes with funding from Indigenous Services Canada.

Approximately \$17 million in housing funding was allocated in past federal budgets.

In Liard First Nation, the funding supported site preparation, lot servicing, and the construction of a nine-unit complex to house Elders within the community. The First Nation also completed three tiny homes and renovated four homes.

Additionally, Liard First Nation prepared and serviced lots for the purchase of six modular homes. The work on the 18 homes and four renovations progressed despite the shortage of tradespeople and rising costs during COVID-19.

Ross River Dena Council built a duplex and two houses while acquiring five trailers, and White River First Nation built a duplex and four houses.

Since April 2016, and as of September 30, 2023, ISC has targeted investments totaling \$1.80 billion of \$3.93 billion in committed funds have been invested to support 4,631 housing projects in 611 First Nations communities.



NEW 4.7% FEDERAL BEER TAX HIKE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1ST

Last week the Canada Revenue Agency announced the government's updated excise duty rates for beer, wine, and spirits. The beer lobby is decrying the 4.7% inflation-indexed hike which it says represents the largest one-time federal alcohol tax hike on Canadians in the last forty years. Beer Canada says it comes at the worst possible time for the Canadian brewing and hospitality sectors.

Beer Canada is hoping the government will heed a motion passed unanimously (11-0) by the House of Commons Finance Committee to cap the increase at 2% for at a minimum another year.

YUKON AND CANADA AGREE ON FOREIGN CREDENTIAL RECOGNITION

Last week federal and territorial politicians gathered to announce a \$3.6 million Foreign Credential Recognition Project for internationally educated health care workers.

YG says the initiative aims to support the integration of internationally educated health professionals into the Yukon's labour force. "This will help strengthen the health and social service systems and fill crucial health care roles across the Yukon," YG said.

Insights from the four-year pilot project may also influence foreign credential recognition for occupations beyond the health care sector.

Objectives of the agreement include raising awareness of available support for internationally trained newcomers, reducing barriers to foreign credential recognition, streamlining regulatory processes and facilitating labour mobility across Canadian jurisdictions.

YG says this pilot initiative is one of the ways that it is addressing the current labour shortage in health care.

"Here in the Yukon, we have many internationally educated health professionals who are not currently working in health care, despite their qualifications and desire to provide care and serve their communities," said Premier and Minister of Economic Development Ranj Pillai. "Through this agreement, we will be better positioned to help those individuals reach their full potential in our labour force."

On a recent mission to India, Pillai signed a letter laying the groundwork for collaboration with a state government agency for recruitment of health care professionals by international governments and met with officials from the Government School of Nursing to promote opportunities for health care professionals in the Yukon.

CLARIFICATION



IN A PHOTO PUBLISHED 31 JANUARY 2024 WITH AN ARTICLE "CITY COUNCIL REFUSES TO REVISIT ALTERNATE REC CENTRE LOCATION" THE KLONDIKE SUN INCORRECTLY DEPICTED THE AREA OF POTENTIAL OPEN SPACE FOR A NEW REC CENTRE AS BEING TO THE EAST OF THE BIOMASS HEATING FACILITY. ONLY PART OF THAT PHOTO SHOWED THE ACTUAL AREA PROPOSED FOR FEASIBILITY WORK, AN AREA TO THE WEST AND SOUTH OF THE BIOMASS PLANT (SEE REVISED PHOTO ABOVE). THE AREA INCLUDES RCMP LAND THAT THEY REPORTEDLY INDICATED COULD POTENTIALLY BE PROVIDED FOR THE PROJECT. WE REGRET THE INACCURACY.



La séance du printemps 2024 de l'Assemblée législative du Yukon est convoquée le jeudi 7 mars 2024.

L'Assemblée siège du lundi au jeudi, de 13 h à 17 h 30.

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DAWSON SEEN



KIAC RECENTLY HELD AN ICE CARVING WORKSHOP IN THE GERTIES PARKING LOT. IF THIS WORK IS ANY INDICATION, WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO SOME AWESOME THAW-DI-GRAS ENTRIES. PHOTO BY STARK DALEY.



A WEST SIDE BAND PROVIDED THE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AT HUMANE SOCIETY DAWSON'S RECENT FUNDRAISER NIGHT AT GERTIES. PHOTO BY GABRIELA SGAGA.



The 2024 Spring Sitting of the Yukon Legislative Assembly will convene on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

The Assembly sits Monday to Thursday
1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
2071 Second Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon

The first hour of the proceedings is telecast the following day on Northwestel Cable.

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"IT'S RAINING!" AN AUDIENCE MEMBER PLAYS ALONG DURING THE SCREENING OF *THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW* AT GERTIES LAST WEEKEND. PHOTO BY GABRIELA SGAGA.



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JAN WELZL'S KLONDIKE LEGACY INSPIRES CZECH SISTER CITY FOR DAWSON

BY PATRIK PIKÁLEK



JAN 'ESKIMO' WELZL IN FRONT OF HIS CABIN IN DAWSON CITY

On the morning of Thursday, February 22, at 10 am, the Dawson City Council met in its chambers at an unusual hour for an extraordinary and memorable occasion: to hold a ceremony via an online platform with the Council of the City of Zábřeh in the Czech Republic to sign a Memorandum of Understanding of forming a Sister City partnership between both cities.

A sister city or a twin town relationship is a form of legal or social agreement between two geographically and politically distinct localities to promote cultural and commercial ties. While there are early examples of international links between municipalities akin to what are known as sister cities or twin

towns today dating back to the 9th century, the modern concept was first established and adopted worldwide during World War II.

What ties exist between such distanced cities, Zábřeh and Dawson? Zábřeh is the hometown of a renowned adventurer, Jan 'Eskymo' Welzl, who, at the end of the 19th century, travelled to Siberia, where he lived with an Inuit tribe. Later on, when trading furs, he was captured by US authorities in 1922 near Seattle and extradited to Europe. After selling his story to a Czech journalist, he used the money to purchase a ticket to Halifax and got himself hired to build a Canadian railway to the west. He eventually made it to Dawson, where he built himself a cabin on the corner of

5th Avenue and King Street, across the street from the catholic church of St. Mary's.

He lived in Dawson for the rest of his life, from 1929 to 1948, and is buried in the Dawson City public cemetery. He was a typical 'colourful 5 percent' character to fit in Dawson: a jolly man telling passersby his tall tales from his life in the Arctic while trying to invent and assemble the perpetual motion machine from scraps found around town.

A journalist in the Czech Republic published a book about his stories, 'Thirty Years in the Golden North,' which became a bestseller in the USA in the 1930s. Welzl's legacy grew even more legendary during a communist regime in Czechoslovakia. He gained a folk-



JAN 'ESKYMO' WELZL



ZÁBŘEH'S MAYOR FRANTIŠEK JOHN AND COUNCIL WITH PAINTING OF HISTORICAL ZÁBŘEH IN THE BACKGROUND



ZABREH MAYOR JOHN AND DAWSON CITY COUNCILLOR PIKALEK IN ZABREH'S MUSEUM



DAWSON CITY COUNCIL WITH THE SIGNED AGREEMENT

hero status and became a symbol of escaping government oppression by living a free life full of adventures in remoteness.

His legacy is somewhat known in Dawson, where Dawson City Museum has a folder about his life in Klondike, there is a recently built condo-building named Welzl's House on the corner of the location of his cabin, and the Visitor's Centre has various materials in English and Czech to hand out to visitors coming to celebrate Welzl's life. And it happened to many; they stayed, and Dawson became their newly found home. That historically led to an unusually high percentage (up to 2%) of Dawson's population claiming Czech heritage. You can find Welzl's grave in the public cemetery by looking for a big Czech flag and various memorabilia left by numerous pilgrims visiting his grave.

Zábřeh is an old city, with mentions dating

ZÁBŘEH IS THE HOMETOWN OF A RENOWNED ADVENTURER, JAN 'ESKYMO' WELZL,

to 1254. It is located in Moravia, an eastern region of Czechia. Its population is larger than Dawson's, with around 13,000 inhabitants. They fully live Welzl's legacy: visitors are welcomed by a statue of Welzl at the Zábřeh's train station, the city has a few festivals during the year celebrating his life, and in Zábřeh Museum, there is an entire floor dedicated to Welzl and his life – with a sizeable display devoted to his later days in Dawson City.

The general knowledge of Dawson and Klondike due to the popularity of Mr. Welzl was a natural motivation for Zábřeh's Mayor and council to get excited when they were approached with an offer to form a partnership with Dawson. And what can such a partnership bring to both cities? It depends: while numerous studies show benefits, boosts in tourism and general promotion of friendship and peace, it is mainly a platform to open opportunities. Both cities agreed to form committees reviewing potential partnership projects and promised to support them. The projects can range from museum partnerships, school exchanges or tourism initiatives. Just the simple signing of the agreement has already brought good promotion to both cities by various media reporting about the event in both countries.

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Klondike Poems & Stories

AT MINUS 60, DAWSON

BY MARCIA LEE LAYCOCK

I swath myself into
layers of wool & down,
felt & moose hide pulled over
feet and hands
I pad outside and listen.

ravens' cries penetrate
thin stillness with
incongruities, tropical voices
mocking the cold,
their every movement
audible, a pulsing whoosh
of wing-beaten air.

then,
the thwack thwack thwack
of axe-beaten wood
fibres crystallized
each piece explodes.

I enter the rhythm of winter
labor
at the woodpile
with a will only
to stay warm.

then,
silence forced open, pried apart
by screams of an engine
intrusive, roaring sound so
present I pause,
wait
wait
wait

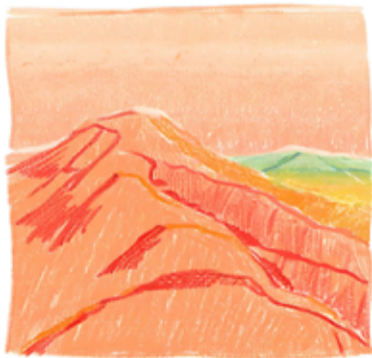
until it passes
just beyond sight –
but by its sound
I know it
Stewart's truck,
heading home.

I bend again
toss the chunks
toc toc
toc toc
one piled upon another
with the clack of a castanet
sound building into a beat
the urgency of wood and heat.

At the cabin
I turn,
pull my wool scarf down
breathe out
watch
as
life turns brittle,
freezes into shards of
ice with a sigh
like the river

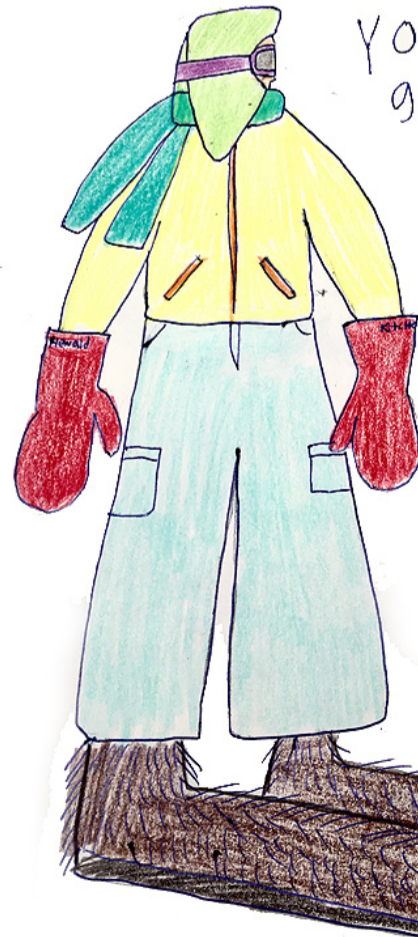
I step inside
and smile

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An A to Z Hän primer by Giulia Cecchi



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Mixed coloured mountains

YOUNG JIM



YOUNG JIM
going out
to get
HIS
DINNER
FOR
THREE

MEDITATION AND SERENITY: MY GROUNDING AND CONNECTING MANTRA

BY MAUREEN CALEY-VERDONK



Inspired Living

Before embarking on my workshops, I bring my thoughts into harmony and align my materials with intention. I connect with the participants in the same way, fostering a space of anticipation and joy.

This simple meditation was very helpful in keeping me grounded, energized and "in the moment" last week when I was presenting at the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society conference. There were some technical tribulations that threatened to overwhelm me but I took a deep breath, checked in with myself - hey self, how are you right now? - and drawing on years of meditation practice, I centered myself and let go of frustration and fear.

A sense of calm washed over me and instead of frantically trying to fix the technology, I chose to surrender control. After a few tense moments, the tech team managed to resolve the issue, and my presentation resumed. Looking back, I chose to embrace imperfection. In the absence of fear, my voice was steady and confident, my storytelling took centre stage

and as I spoke, I felt the audience became fully engaged. They listened, they laughed, they contributed their stories, they shared insights, and applauded at the close.

Afterwards I was greeted by a flurry of acknowledgements that this was "just what I was looking for" and amidst the accolades, I knew that it wasn't the technical expertise that had saved the day—it was my ability to remain calm and centered, even in the midst of chaos...one breath at a time.

From stage fright to insight

1. When we connect with deep emotions and accept them, it makes us think about whether our decisions are driven by fear or love.
2. By intentionally choosing to act out of love and compassion instead of giving in to fear, we tap into a stronger energy that helps us face challenges with more strength and effectiveness.
3. Essentially, the message is that love is the better solution for approaching problems.

Do you think living and working from a place of love and compassion instead of fear can help us harness our fears and embrace every part of our lives?

What do you love to do?



LISTEN TO MY POSITIVE MANTRA

In this meditation of expansion, I welcome new adventures and opportunities to serve others, while also carving out moments for personal exploration and satisfaction.

Before embarking on my workshops, I bring my thoughts into harmony and align my materials with intention. I connect with the participants in the same way, fostering a space of anticipation and joy.

With each exhale, I release any barriers that confine me, stepping beyond my comfort zone. In this expanded state, I am surrounded by beautiful bubbles of connection,

each one aglow with gratitude and possibility.

As I sit in stillness, I breathe in light, allowing it to fill every corner of my being.

From the depths of my heart, I expand this light, sending it outward to touch all those I know, have known, and those who wish to join me on this journey.

The solution is never at the level of the problem.

The solution is always love, which is beyond problems.

~Deepak Chopra



HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE AT EVERY AGE

(NC) The internet gives us access to an almost limitless amount of information and helps us communicate with friends and family

around the world. But it requires vigilance to stay safe. Here are some online safety tips for you and your family, from Telus Wise, a digital literacy program that has been sharing free online safety resources for the past decade.

YOUTH

With risks of cyberbullying, predators and scammers, young children should only be online with a supervising adult. Not to be replaced by conversations about digital citizenship and safety, a quick win for parents is to use parental controls to help prevent kids from accessing inappropriate sites.

Many experts also suggest limiting the amount of screen time your children have so they participate in more physical and social activities. Storing a device away or programming it to shut down after a set period of time can help.

You should also talk to your tweens and teens about the potential dangers they may face online,

including people who pretend to be someone they are not. Remind youth that they can say no and should talk to you if something happens online that makes them feel uncomfortable.

ADULTS

We need passwords for virtually everything online, from reading content on news websites to accessing our bank accounts. It can be tempting to reuse the same password across multiple accounts, but that leaves you vulnerable to hacking. Instead, enlist the help of password management applications that can securely generate and store passwords for you. Features such as two-factor authentication are a great additional level of security over and above a strong password.

Also be wary of "news" that friends or family share with you via social media or email. Stay cautious of headlines that sound outlandish. If you are unsure, check if the story is covered by a reputable news source you trust. You can also use fact-checking websites to confirm or debunk things you see online.

SENIORS

With Canadians aged 65 and older being the fastest growing group of internet users, it's important to be aware of scams that specifically target this age group.

One common ruse, known as the grandparent scam, involves someone calling, texting or emailing pretending to be a grandchild in distress, saying their car has broken down or they've been arrested and need money for bail. Others include messages asking grandparents to enter their bank card number and passwords on a fraudulent site.

These scams can be easier to spot if you know what you're looking for: the email address isn't from the company it claims to be, the message isn't addressed specifically to the recipient or there's a threat or urgency involved. Teach elders who aren't as tech savvy to be wary of suspicious messages, to never give out personal information unexpectedly and to contact the person or business directly by phone if in doubt. And never send money – once it's sent, it's hard to get back.

Find more information to keep your whole family safe online at [telus.com/wise](https://www.telus.com/wise).

– News Canada
Photo by Pete Linforth.

[BOOKENDS]

WHY SETTLE FOR AN ORDINARY DEATH?

BY DAN DAVIDSON

A PERFECT FINISH

BY CHRIS LUDE

Bowker, 294 pages, \$18.45



The subtitle kind of spells out the McGuffin (the gimmick) that drives the action in the book: “Why Settle for an Ordinary Death When You Can Have a Perfect Finish?”

Steven Ward Hamilton is not in great shape when we meet him on his motorcycle near Kluane Lake. He’d had a few issues with the rough road, but nothing like the woman towing the small trailer behind her Harley.

The way she went off the road and landed guaranteed that she wasn’t going to survive the experience. As a former ER nurse, she knew just how badly off she was, and her main purpose in what brief time was left to her was to pass the burden of her project on to Steve, once he has saved her from the bear that was looking to hurry her along.

Alamea Grace Mumford’s husband, Mark, had been killed immediately, but she said that was okay. He had brain cancer, so this was almost a perfect finish for him.

The project had been outlined for us in the Business Plan that was the prologue for this book. Since this is not a regular opening to a novel, it left me a bit puzzled when I read it. It outlines a plan for the creation of a business to offer an assisted suicide option for “American women over 70 to exit with grace and style rather than exposing their dignity to modern medicine and the whims of fate. For \$1 million, clients will experience two weeks of adventure in the Yukon wilderness. They will traverse the rapids and historic Miles Canyon, hike the Klondike trails, soar over the peaks of Kluane Range, and sing around the campfires at Tagish Lake.”

After all of that they may, if they chose, exit from an airplane over the same wilderness, and

come to a sudden and exciting end. Or they may change their minds and not take the drop.

All of this, and their farewells to family and friends, will have been recorded on video.

Alamea leaves all of this to Steve to carry on with, and he feels he has to do it.

Steve is a bit of mess, He’s recently lost his wife to cancer, and her first husband has stolen from him the two children that she brought into their marriage. Getting involved in Alamea’s project provides him with a purpose and so he carries on, meeting a number of rather strange individuals – mostly First Nations folk– who are only too happy to take advantage of this well meaning American Cheechako.

As I read on I kept feeling that people like Meriwa, Steve, and Akiko were really using Steve, buying into and developing Alamea’s project for their own ends, fleshing it out well beyond the vague outline in the prologue. I couldn’t shake the feeling that Steve was just too damaged in his own mind to be able to see

the scam for what it was.

And yet, by the end, things seem to work out for the best for all the characters including, Steve, so I was forced to revise my judgement.

Much of this book is set in and around Whitehorse, and Lude does a pretty fair job of making the settings feel real, even though some names have been changed to maintain the fiction.

Steve’s thoughts often provide a direct commentary on events and discussions, as if he was breaking the so-called fourth wall by turning and speaking directly to the reader in italics.

A story based on the idea of assisted suicides is a bit bizarre. The promotional material that Lude provided contained a QRcode that allowed access to a detailed list of features about the creation of the book, including a bibliography of material about assisted suicide and half a dozen other items. I don’t see the code anywhere on the PDF copy of the book that he sent me, but I did track down the website, so you can read all of that material here: <https://aperfectfinish.info/about-a-perfect-finish/>. It’s interesting.

Christopher Robert Lude is a writer and an entrepreneur with a background in investment banking, finance and accounting who has worked at Price Waterhouse, Bear Stearns and AIG in New York City, Cairo, Moscow, Budapest, Vienna, and London. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Manchester University and MBA from Dartmouth’s Tuck School of Business. He is a father of teenagers, avid motorcyclist, beekeeper, and chess coach, residing in Denver with his wife, Hanna Loberg. *A Perfect Finish* is his debut novel.

125 IN THE HOUSE!

BY PAUL ROBITAILLE



HAPPY CURLERS AFTER THE BANQUET. PHOTO BY JOHN HOWLAND



THE RURAL CURLERS MALCOLM DEWELL, BRIAN NAEF, BRITTANY RUDASHY, AND PAUL ROBITAILLE.

The Dawson City Curling Club hosted the 125th International Bonspiel February 22-24 at their curling hub on Fifth Avenue. This year's iteration had 16 mixed-teams involved, with a cohort of veteran curlers and new to the game players. Teams mostly hailed from Dawson City, and competed on excellent ice, with some amateur and semi-professional shot-making skills on display throughout the weekend.

In the end, it was The Rural Curlers (Brittany Rudashy, Brian Naef, Malcolm Dewell, and Paul Robitaille) who became the A Division champions with a 12-7 victory over Team Gonads, skipped by Wes "Torpederson" Peterson, who played with Fraser boys, Doug, Daniel and Joe. It was a back and forth battle of the undefeated teams, with some big shots and misses by both skips leading to high scoring ends. In the end, the Rural Curlers made a crucial take out, missing a possible jam in the back, to score 3 points in the 7th end to put the game out of reach. Following the game, both teams were applauded into the lounge, where they celebrated with adult beverages with the crowd that had gathered.

In the B Division, the ELKS (Dan Sokoloski, Laurie Sokoloski, Karen

Dubois and Eldo Enns) faced Curl Haggard (Andy Cunningham, Matt Sarty, Lana Welchman, Kyle Lockett) in a spirited affair. These familiar foes were commonly heard trash talking prior to, during and post game, as they had faced off earlier in the bonspiel. And while the ELKS won their first encounter of the weekend, and talked a big game in the lounge, Curl Haggard got the better of them on the ice in the final. The turning point came in the 4th end, when Curl Haggard scored 3 points to take the lead, and they never looked back.

The C Division saw the wily vets of the event, Connie's Angels (Bonnie Barber, Chuck Barber, Connie Riemer, and Kirby Meister) take home the cake, in a fun affair against Sweep Sensation (Dave Vanwerkhoven, Corbin Murdoch, Edna Vanwerkhoven, and Annie Ibbitson). Connie's Angels proved to be too wise and talented for Sweep Sensation, who fell well short in the end, and couldn't overcome the skills on display from Connie's Angels.

For most, the on-ice action came second to the off-ice activities. The club was rockin' all weekend, thanks to the masters of mayhem, volunteers Connie Riemer, Monna Sprokkreef, Louise Blanchard, as well as head

bartender Collette Bourbonnais, who kept spirits lively, provided great banter, and made sure all was in control in the lounge. Following the finals, players, friends and family, gathered for the banquet and prize giveaway. Attendees were treated to a Prime Rib dinner fit for a king, prepared by club volunteers (Heinz Naef, Jennifer Flynn, Brenda Steadman, Claudia Naef, Helen Dewell) and members of the Dawson City Community Chapel, under the lead of Bonnie and Chuck Barber. Proceeds from the meal went to support Klondike Kamp; an annual youth camp in Rock Creek. Prizes were then given away by division, as well as for a number of off-ice contests. These included a best dressed team prize, which went to Klondike Curl Power, who dressed like it was 1899, with homemade Victorian outfits and hats. The Rod Dewell Bonspieler Prize went to the liveliest participant, who embodied team spirit and festiveness over the weekend. The winner of this individual award went to Ricky Mawunganidze. The youngest participant; nine-year old, Arlo Penrose, took home Shot of the Weekend, which nabbed him a special prize. Draws were held for Klondike gold nuggets, a group photo was taken, and a celebratory air was in the club throughout the night. Much of the organization of on and off-ice activities were thanks to hours of volunteer time from Connie Riemer and other club members, who deserve a big thank you from all participants for their investment in making this event a success.

While the majority of the teams hailed from Dawson, one team was added on the first night of action. Team Onterrible was a group of friends (Kesh, Will and Sophie) from Ottawa, Ontario, who stumbled on the club after they received a hot tip from a bartender at a local establishment. The three came to kiss the toe and try their luck at Gerties, but ended up playing their first curling games, and first bonspiel at our commemorative event. While they didn't win a game, they definitely had a blast and left

town with a tale to share on their return South.

During the banquet, club president, Akio Saito, shared a few words on the significance of the milestone, urging players to "savour the moment", and that "very few clubs can boast what we have here". He spoke of members from the past, such as Jack Fraser, Jack Gruden, and Joe Castellarin, who, amongst many others, played a significant role in making this event happen for 125 consecutive years. According to Saito, examples such as hosting the event on the frozen Yukon River in 2001 and 2002, while construction of the current rink was underway, were highlights of doing what it takes to keep this event operating as one of the oldest running curling bonspiels in the world.

The Dawson City International Bonspiel happens every year in February. It is a Northern-Mixed bonspiel, which welcomes players of all skills to come to enjoy the sport in Dawson City. The Dawson City Curling Club is a non-profit, volunteer group, who hopes to continue this event and keep curling active in our community for years to come.

Dawson City Curling Club Board (Akio Saito, Connie Reimer, Bonnie Barber, Chuck Barber, Mark Castellarin, Paul Robitaille) wishes to send a special thanks to all our sponsors and supporters, our hardworking volunteers, and all the players who have made our club successful through the years and allowed us to host this commemorative event. We'd also like to say an enormous thank you to our volunteer ice makers (Chuck, Akio, Monna, Dick, Dave V, Beat, Doug, Mark, and others), bartenders, volunteer cooks, bakers, prize gatherers and merry makers who made the 125th extra special. We invite everyone to come curl with us in the future. If you have any questions about our club or how to get involved, come on by or contact us by email at curldawson@gmail.com

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Airport Needs Spark Debate at Meeting

BY WAYNE POTOROKA

Dawson City has a wish list as long as the 10 arms of town council combined. Included are a recreation centre, a bridge to span the Yukon river, a sewer system that appeases everyone and a new school.

Add one more to the number.

An up-to-date airport.

It has been apparent for some time that the Dawson City airport is unable to accommodate the traffic that air traffic controller, Helen Keedwell, sees each year, especially in the summer. Keedwell has probably lost count of the numerous times she has had to squeeze out every inch of available airplane parking legally allowed her by federal regulations only to find it wasn't enough. She sometimes steers them to the apron of the runway but that too poses problems.

"There they get stuck in the holes." All manner of vehicle has been enlisted to serve as an impromptu tow truck.

But, there is also something to be said about the traffic Helen doesn't see each year. The landing strip is made of gravel, and according to Helen, this discourages any of the jet engine flyers, many of which

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As he left Dawson Yukon Quest musher Peter Ledwidge looked to be in line for the Red Lantern Award, not a bad place for a rookie to be when a lot of more experienced mushers had had to scratch. We hope to have the full story of Peter's Quest next issue. PHOTO BY JENNIE HERSHAW

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belong to lucrative Alaskan charter companies, to land at the airport. If a jet engine sucks in even one small piece of gravel, that's one hooped engine and one big repair bill.

"Most jets won't come in without gravel packs (specially designed rigs to protect against gravel runways). But those are really expensive".

So expensive, in fact, that most jets avoid the airport altogether, effectively snuffing out any chance this town has to get it's hands on

Alaskan charter cash.

(Just so you know, I'm not talking about 747's or even 737's here either. There isn't a sane person alive that thinks we'll ever see one of those monsters land up here. I promise here and now, if I ever live to see a jet that size land in Dawson City I'll eat the paper this is written on.)

But Dawson City has hoped for things before only to have the wind torn out of its sails by a government snafu of one kind or another. Is Dawson City once again

getting into a flap over something no one will be able to deliver?

If the fifty plus people that showed up to a public meeting on the matter have any say in the matter, absolutely not.

The Director of Yukon Aviation and Marine, Marc Tremblay, and his team of Bill Blahitka and Peggy Godson, were in town last Tuesday night to address the community and fill everyone in on possible alternatives to the existing air-

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QUESTIONS: RECREATION@CITYOFDAWSON.CA

KLONDIKE OUTREACH JOB BOARD

ADMINISTRATION/OFFICE

Accounting Clerk
 Administrative Assistant
 Senior Financial Accountant
 Accounting Clerk Supervisor
 Executive Assistant/Administrative Assistant
 First Nation Court Worker
 Operation Team Leader
 Admitting & Discharge Medical Records Clerk
 Bookkeeper
 Finance Asst (AOC)

ANIMAL CARE

Vet Assistant

AUTOMOTIVE/HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Auto Service Technician
 Gas Station Attendant/Tire Technician

CAMP JOBS

Gold Mine Worker
 Camp Cook/Custodian

CUSTODIAN/JANITORIAL

Custodians/Janitors

DRIVER JOBS

Fuel Truck Drivers
 Pick-up and Delivery Drivers

EDUCATION

FT or PT Educator;
 Early Childhood Educator

FAMILY SERVICES

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
 Youth Programs Coordinator

MISCELLANEOUS

Freight Day Helper
 Security Guard
 Digital Imaging Technicians
 Birch Syrup Making Apprentice
 Birch Season General Helper
 Summer – Autumn General
 Forest/Farm Helper

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
 Plumber, Oil Burner Mechanic, Pipefitter

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

Park Interpreter: Feb 29th
 Employment Support Worker: Mar 1
 Employee Pathways Coordinator:
 Mar 5 @ 4 pm
 Administrative Assistant: Mar 29
 Carpenter: Mar 31
 Maintenance Worker III: Mar 31
 Heavy Equipment Mechanic: Apr 4
 Fire Crew Member: Apr 15
 Museum Interpreter (X2):
 Apr 21 @ 4pm

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

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 with Fran**

Saturday, March 9th
 Tr'inke Zho 11:00am
 Spaces limited



**DAWSON CITY
 SNOW BOWL**

RANDOM DOUBLES EVENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024 - 2PM - REGISTER IN ADVANCE AT UDISC.COM



THE CITY OF DAWSON

P.O. Box 308 (1336 Front Street), Dawson City, Yukon, Y0B 1G0
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CITY OF DAWSON | MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONTACT INFO

Council Meetings and COW Meetings are open to the public, aired on CFYT-FM 106.9 or tune into Channel 12.



Contact Mayor and Councillors

- Mayor Kendrick
bill.kendrick@cityofdawson.ca
- Councillor Somerville
alexander.somerville@cityofdawson.ca
- Councillor Pikálek
patrik.pikalek@cityofdawson.ca
- Councillor Lister
brennan.lister@cityofdawson.ca
- Councillor Spriggs
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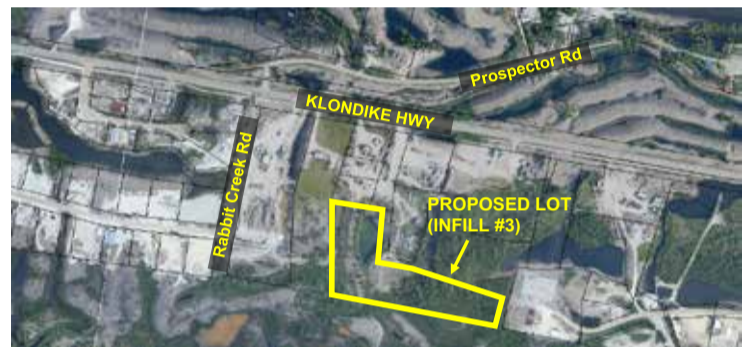
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Subdivision Application
(Subdivision Application #24-007)

Subject Property	Infill #3, near Callison Subdivision
Date and Time	19th March, 2024, 7:00pm
Location	Council Chambers, City Hall
Listen to Public Hearing	Radio CFYT 106.9 FM or cable channel #11



As per Bylaw, S.5.1.4, upon receiving an application for subdivision, Council must give public notice of the application. Therefore, the City of Dawson is now requesting input from the public regarding the Subdivision Application of Infill #3, near Callison Subdivision, that creates a new industrial lot to be released by Yukon Government through a tender process.

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

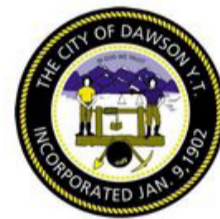
Asks that community members (Business and Private) remove snow from around their Garbage Bin areas so that the Waste Collection Crew can get to it.

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.

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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.