

Dëtthät Jorn Cho Sranän

High Flying Hawk Month

April

2024



Sranän hòlay!

It's Spring time!

Access our job board and all the events, all in one place,
on our new website trondek.ca



**Tr'ondëk Hwech'in Trust
Citizen Information Sessions
Citizens' Dinner***

Thursday, April 4, 2024 • 6:00 p.m.

Downtown Hotel Conference Room

*Chief Isaac Incorporated will also be presenting
a report during this session.

Citizens' Luncheon

Friday, April 5, 2024 • 12:00 p.m.

Downtown Hotel Conference Room

RFP Bidding Opportunities Closing in April 2024

Tr'ondëk Hwech'in has new bidding opportunities for qualified contractors closing in April:

- **Closing April 8:** Financial Administration Enhancements Initiative
- **Closing April 8:** On Call Emergency After Hours Property Management
- **Closing April 22:** Moosehide Gathering AV Service
- **Closing April 22:** Moosehide Gathering Photography

Council Meetings

Wednesday, April 3

Special TH Council Meeting 12:00pm in Council Chambers

Saturday, April 6

Spring 2024 General Assembly 9:00am in in Älä́t Nḗhḗjḗl

Wednesday, April 10

TH Council Meeting 5:30pm in Council Chambers

Tuesday, April 16

Elders Council Meeting 5:30pm in Älä́t Nḗhḗjḗl

Wednesday, April 24

TH Council Meeting 5:30pm in Council Chambers

Monday, April 29

Youth Council Meeting 4:00pm in K'ä́jít-in Zho

Citizen Engagement

Wednesday, April 3

Emergency Preparedness Workshop with Fire Chief Mike Masserey at Älä́t Nḗhḗjḗl 10am—Noon

Wednesday, April 3

THCDC Annual Community Update
Downtown Conference Room 12:00 — 2:00pm

Monday, April 15

Citizen Engagement Session with Newmont 5:30pm
at Älä́t Nḗhḗjḗl

Thursday, April 18

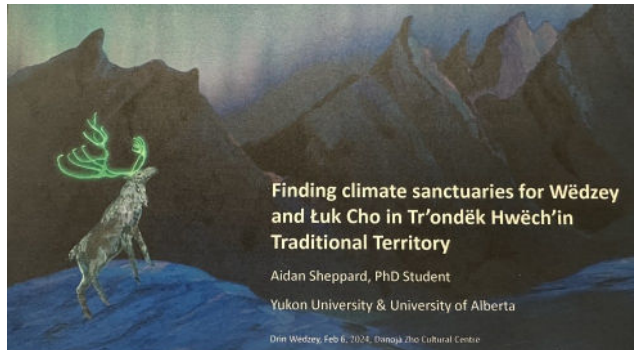
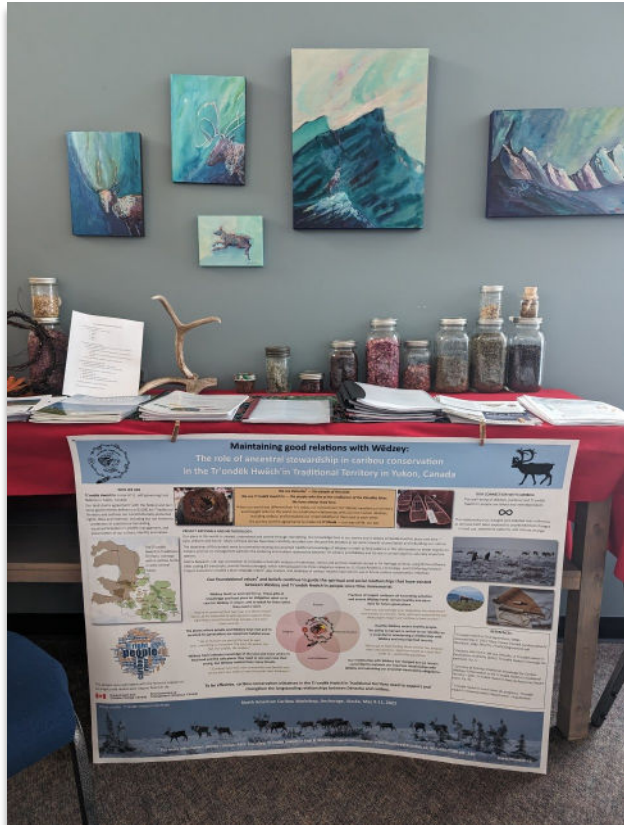
Moosehide Gathering Committee Meeting 5:00pm
in Älä́t Nḗhḗjḗl

How are the Caribou doing?

On Feb 6, members of our Natural Resources department together with Elders, PhD students and biologists from Yukon Government came together for Caribou Day at the Dānojà' Zho Cultural Centre.

The evening began with Elders Tea and discussions on maintaining good relations with Wëdzey followed by storytelling with Darcy McDiarmid, and a preview of a short film project.

Researchers in the field provided updates on environmental impacts and an overview on Caribou Management including herd size, growth, migration patterns, and harvesting on our Traditional Territory.



Natural Resources



Alice McCulley, Director of Natural Resources presents an update on the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Plan.

The Caribou that roam Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory



Porcupine Herd
approx. 218,000



Hart River
Herd
approx. 2662



Fortymile Herd
approx. 35,000



Clear Creek
Herd
approx. 792

SPRING CAMP

April 19–21 • Nänkäk Chèholay

All TH Elders, Citizens, and youth are welcome



Marten skinning and tanning • Salmon skin tanning • Caribou leg skinning and tanning
• Sewing and crafts • Traditional cooking & storytelling • Archery • Games and more
• Registration forms available at trondek.ca/springcamp2024 • For more information
contact Sharon Vittrekwa at (867) 336-4877 • **Registration deadline April 12.**



Sharon Vittrekwa delivering a teaching workshop on how to carefully and respectfully Butcher a Moose at the Jëje Zho on February 29.



Stop by the Gift Shop

We have new inventory. The Dănojà' Zho Cultural Centre is open Monday to Friday 10am—12pm and 1:30 —4pm.

Elders, Citizens and TH Staff are welcome to stop by and enjoy our tea table.

Photo: New Size 9 Moccasins by Dalores Scheffen

Silver Berry Tree / Bush

Wolf berries

Dänjök

By Tr'önin tsul (Erika Scheffen)

Two years ago I started picking silver berries with My Auntie Laura Sutherst. Together we would go to secret places in Whitehorse. Including in one of the neighbors yard (They weren't home this time...). Last summer, they were home (The neighbors house we snuck into the previous year). So my auntie went to knock on the door to ask if we could pick them and she agreed. My Auntie explained to her what they are for.

The silver berry looks silver, they have a seed in them that was used along time ago as a bead. I picked these berries on the traditional territory of Kwanlin and Ta'an. Dänöjä', I am sure the Southern Tutchone people would use this item as a trade item because we definitely don't have this kind of tree/ bush in Tr'ondëk territory.

Last summer when I picked with my auntie, we drove back to Dawson in her deadly Volks Wagon vintage hippy van. We went down to mooschide. She was excited to process her seeds and worked on it on and off for 3-4 days. I didn't get a chance to work on mine while I was down in Mooschide.

I took some of my silver berries and all the juice and water from my Auntie cleaning her silver berries. And I dug a hole and planted the silver berries down in Mooschide. I am hoping to have a silver berry tree/ bush grow beside mine and my moms cabin.

It took my Auntie 3-4 days to clean off the silver berries to get the to the beautiful seed in the center. and then use a 3 pt glover needle top poke a whole through the seed. Then she used snare wire to put the seed on. I thought it was kind of funny because it took me 3 hours to clean and process 57 inches long of the seed last night. And it took her days. My fingers are a bit sore from pushing the seed down the needle. I enjoyed my learning process! And now I feel so rich with seeds around my neck.



A packed Äläť Nöhäjäl welcomes Ethan on February 3rd.

Ethan McCandless from Cedars Treatment Centres visited our Territory and shared his journey in overcoming addictions and finding his path to recovery. We thank Ethan for sharing his story and for taking the time to connect and encourage others to share theirs.

Community Outreach Programs.

If you would like a qualified professional to talk to, help is always available. Our outreach workers will connect TH families to free counselling services. Counselling appointments can be done over the phone or virtually.

Citizens who need access to a phone or the internet for their appointments can book a private room at the CJC at least 24 hours in advance of their appointment. Contact the Wellness Reception to book a room
867-993-7100 ext. 164.

Wellness



Ethan McCandless preparing moose meat at the K'äjit-in Zho

“I wanted to say thank you to Charmaine and the Wellness Department at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation for inviting me up to your community. I felt welcomed, supported, and loved by everyone. I am so grateful for my experience and feel honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to work and play with everyone I met. I hope I brought something to the community to assist in building more supports for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation and the community moving forward. My heart and soul are full.” - Ethan McCandless

Wellness Special Events

For more information about events hosted by the Wellness team.
Call Wellness Reception at 867-993-7100 ext.164
wellness.reception@trondek.ca

Outing on the Land

Wednesday, April 17 & 24

for fishing, harvesting/berry picking, picnicking, etc.

(weather permitting) Leaving CJC at 10am and back by 4:30pm.

Snack and Stitch

Thursdays, April 11 and April 25

6pm—8:30pm

This is an informal gathering where you can work on your projects: sewing, beading, crochet, and knitting. Some supplies available and knowledgeable folks to assist with projects.

Dinner is provided.

Nutrition and Wellness with Jackie Clancy

Thursdays, April 11 (Elders) and April 18 (Adults/Elders)

10am to Noon

What one small nutritional/dietary change can you make today?

1. Enzyme nutrient nutrition
2. Digestive health
3. Diet chart and plan/goals

We will make sourdough Bannock and crackers

Nurturing the Circle

Tuesday, April 23—Thursday, April 25

9am—5pm at SOVA. Light breakfast and lunch provided.

Join Diane Smith and Joe Migwams as we move through grief, trauma, and loss together.

Note: This is a 3-day event. Please register with Wellness to confirm attendance

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels programs provide citizens access to nutritious meals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

A physician referral may be required.

Contact: CommunityHealth@trondek.ca

Elder's Birthday Bingo

April 30, 1pm—4pm Äläť Nēhējēl (TH Hall)

Bingo games with prizes. Light Refreshments & Cake.

Quitpath

Looking to kick the habit of vaping or smoking? Come join the Community Health Nurse at Äläť Nēhējēl (TH Hall) and receive all the support you need on your smoke-free journey!

Contact: CommunityHealth@trondek.ca



Emergency Preparedness Workshop

with Fire Chief Mike Masserey

Be Ready and Resilient:
Spring Flooding

Wednesday, April 3
Äläť Nēhējēl
10am - Noon

Sränä Di Gras Family Fun Day



Youth and Families

We want to send out a huge mähsj cho to everyone who helped make this day possible: TH Education, TH Nutrition Program, Tr'inkè Zho/Aboriginal Headstart, TH Farm, The City of Dawson, BYTE, CBYF, and Moose Mountain. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Photos taken by the talented Andrea Magee



2024 Harvest Survey Submit by April 11, 2024*



You will receive a **\$20 Gas Card** for Mackenzie Petroleum for submitting your survey and chance to win one of the following prizes:



- 1st Prize - Skookum Parka**
- 2nd Prize - Chainsaw**
- 3rd Prize - Snowshoes**



The draw will occur on April 12, 2024 at 4pm.
Mähsj cho and good luck to everyone who enters!

**One survey per household*



Go to **trondek.ca** to fill in the survey. You can fill in the survey online or download the form and submit by mail.

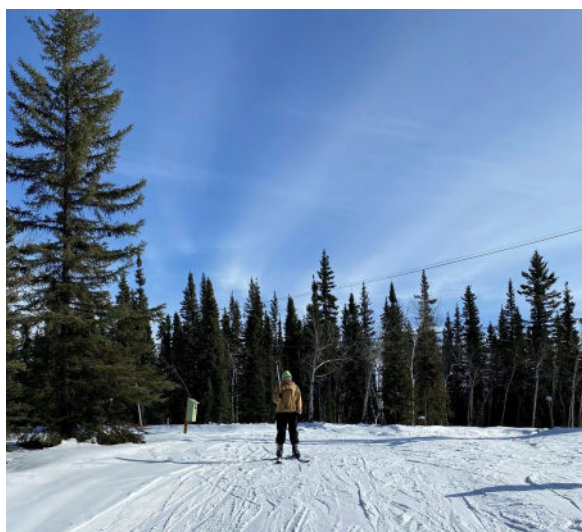


Congratulations to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Wolf Pack on their silver medal in the Jamboree "B" Division at the Yukon Native Hockey Tournament! We're so proud of you!

Get your Ski on!

Moose Mountain
will be open
Saturday April 6 &
Sunday April 7 and we
will be there.

Contact the
K'äjit-in Zho team
for more information.



Youth & Families



Moose Tufting with Nancy Hager on February 29

Keep your eyes peeled for more Arts and Craft Workshops hosted by the Ni'ehlyat Nidähji' team.

***Save the date* Aboriginal Headstart Events**

Open to AHS Families and Elders.

Sledding Party

Saturday, April 13 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Regalia Sewing at Spring Camp at Nänkäq Chëholay

Saturday, April 20 from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Hän Singing Practice

Join the Hän Singers every Tuesday at 5:15pm
at the K'äjìt-in Zho



CALL FOR
VENDORS



TR'ONDEK HWECH'IN
Health Fair

May 12, 2024 Nänkäk Chëholay



Health Fair is seeking vendors and partners!

Are you a knowledge keeper, instructor, vendor, or practitioner interested in being at the 2024 Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Health Fair? The 2024 Health Fair is scheduled for Sunday, May 12th, at Nänkäk Chëholay.

To celebrate Mothers Day, the theme is "Nurture & Care for Every Generation"

We are seeking a variety health care providers and service organizations to actively engage with citizens as vendors at the Health Fair.

We are also looking to offer culturally oriented activities and workshops such as (but not limited to) beading & sewing, hide tanning, medicine making, dancing, archery, etc. We are seeking knowledge keepers to lead these activities.

Have questions or ideas? Contact Natasha, Community Health Rep, at community.health@trondek.ca

May Events



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in **YOUTH** **LEADERSHIP** **TRAINING**

Youth 15-30,

Are you interested in increasing your knowledge and skillset in leadership, specifically within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in?

Join Us at Nänkak Chëholay (R22) for a
3-day Leadership Training
Tentative Dates: Between May 6-8, 2024

Sign up or to find out more information or to register,
please contact Natalja Blanchard at:
867-993-7100 x 212 / Cell: 867-993-4285
natalja.blanchard@trondek.ca



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in General Assembly

Saturday, April 6*, 2024 • 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. •
Ätät Néhëjël (TH Hall) • Zoom attendance available



- Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and a feast will follow Assembly proceedings at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- For virtual attendance, scan the QR code on this poster. Please use your first and last name to sign in.
- For childcare and local rides, contact events@trondek.ca or (867) 993 -3175.



*Please note: proceedings of our General Assembly may continue through Sunday April 7. An updated agenda will be available closer to the date of the event. Mähsj' cho for your patience.



**The Zoom link will also be available
on trondek.ca and our FB page.**