

Ch'ädräk Tsul Sranän

Small Moon Month

**December**

**2023**



Juk drin nĕkhwè huzù'

May the day be good for you

Access our job board and all the events, all in one place,  
on our new website [trondek.ca](http://trondek.ca)



The Dänojà' Zho Cultural Centre  
Gift Shop is open over  
winter.

Monday to Thursday  
10am—5pm (Closed for lunch)

Fridays  
2pm - 7pm

These hours are subject to change.  
Please check our FB page for  
Christmas hours & updates.

*Grouse fan by Dolores Scheffen*

December

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# Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Awards

Celebrate your Elders,  
Family, Friends and  
Colleagues and  
nominate your special  
someone(s)



Cast your votes by  
Wednesday, November 29th  
by NOON

SCAN ME



**LAST DAY TO VOTE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH BY NOON**

## **ELDERS RETREAT** **November 29th to December 3rd**

Join the Wellness Department at Nänkäk Chèholay/Land of Plenty for our Elders Retreat. There are a few cabins available those who want to stay overnight. There will be rides available for those who want to do day trips.

To sign up please contact Karen Blake or Natasha Negreiff at 993-7100 ext. 151 or email [Elders.Support@trondek.ca](mailto:Elders.Support@trondek.ca)

### **Council Meeting Dates**

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

TH Council Meeting at 5:30pm in Äläät Nèhèjèl

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Elders Council Meeting at 5:30pm in Äläät Nèhèjèl

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

TH Council Meeting at 5:30pm in Äläät Nèhèjèl

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Youth Council Meeting at 4:00pm in K'ajit-In Zho





Participate in the community vision for

# NUN CHO GA

**DECEMBER 4TH - 5TH**

**ÄLÄT NĒHĒJĒL  
(TH HALL)**

**WHAT IS THE BEST  
WAY TO CARE FOR  
NUN CHO GA?**



In a groundbreaking discovery that captivated the world, a mummified baby woolly mammoth named Nun Cho Ga (Hän for 'big baby animal') was unearthed within Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory. This remarkable find, heralded as the most complete mummified mammoth in North America, holds immense significance for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and their cultural heritage.

Recognizing the importance of this discovery and future findings, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in established a committee composed of esteemed Elders: John Flynn, Kris Janus, Clara Van Bibber, Victor Henry, and Patti Sidney, appointed by the Elders Council to guide the community in managing these treasures with our own laws and traditions. Through visionary sessions rooted in storytelling, the committee aims to shape the approach to working with external governments and research groups while maintaining control over all aspects of these discoveries.

**Open to TH Citizens only. Join us on Monday, December 4th in Ātāt Nēhējēl from 2pm to 6pm for our first workshop discovery session where together we discuss and plan on how to best care for Nun Cho Ga.**

Explore ideas on the topics of stewardship, protocols, education and research. Hear from Elders, paleontologists and conservation experts. They will guide you through the information gathered and process of protecting Nun Cho Ga so far. We will we develop a vision together and define a plan for the future preservation of Nun Cho Ga. Dinner will be included at 6pm to end the evening.

If you cannot attend in person, there is the option to sign up for virtual attendance. Scan the QR code to your left to register or go to [trondek.ca](http://trondek.ca) or our FB page for more information.

This event is be followed by community presentations, open to everyone on Tuesday, December 5th in Ātāt Nēhējēl from 5pm onwards. Dinner will be provided.



# Events



# OPEN OFFICE

MONDAY, DEC 13TH, 1:00 - 4:00PM  
IN THE MAIN TH GOVERNMENT BUILDING,  
FRONT STREET

STARRING

*Ho Ho  
Housing*

**Message from Housing and Facilities Manager Kim Sharp:**

*The Housing and Infrastructure Department would love to see you! Please come and say hello and meet our growing team during the Christmas Open House – the maintenance crew, facilities crew, tenant relations officer and more will all be there to answer your questions and hear your feedback on how we can better serve you.*

*We will have a draw for a festive dinner on us,  
Looking forward to seeing you there!*







# A Year in Review 2023



# Wellness

## Wellness Program Descriptions

For more info on programs, call 993-7100 ext. 164 or email as below.

### **EXTENDED DROP-IN HOURS.**

Don't forget that the CJC is open Mondays & Thursdays until 8:30pm. Participate in activities or just hang out. Meals provided.

### **CHIEF JOHN JONAS CENTRE HOLIDAY HOURS.**

CJC will be closed: December 25 and 26, January 1

Open December 27, 28, 29 from 11am – 2pm for lunch, activities, or drop-in. Call 993-7100 ext.164 for rides!

### **New Years Eve Party – Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, TBD**

We're looking for volunteers to help plan an amazing celebration to ring in the new year! We're looking for bakers, cooks, youth & adult activity leaders, event support, set-up and tear-down crews. Keep an eye out for event and volunteer information! Contact [ana.welchman@trondek.ca](mailto:ana.welchman@trondek.ca).

### **Beading & Crafting**

*Mondays from 5-8pm @ CJC*

Join Babe & Margaret Titus at the CJC for good company, snacks, and a chance to work on your own sewing/beading/crocheting/knitting projects. There will be experienced knitters on hand, able to assist with projects. Contact: [Elders.Support@trondek.ca](mailto:Elders.Support@trondek.ca) or call Karen 993-7100 ext. 151.

### **Community Luncheons**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at noon at Ätät Nöhäjäl (TH Hall)  
Need to take away? Don't forget you potlach kits to save on waste!

### **Elders Wellness Group**

*Monday, December 11th, 1:30-3:30* at the CJC.

Join this Elders group to supports all areas of wellness.

Contact [Elders.Support@trondek.ca](mailto:Elders.Support@trondek.ca) or 993-7100 ext. 151.

## **Elders Retreat**

*November 29th–December 3rd @ Nänkäk Chèholay/Land of Plenty*  
For Elders 50 and over. Cabins available for those who would like to camp. Rides available for those who want to do day trips. Please contact Karen or Natasha for more information at 993-7100 ext. 151 or email: [elders.support@trondek.ca](mailto:elders.support@trondek.ca).

## **Meals on Wheels**

*Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.* No Meals on Wheels December 25th-29<sup>th</sup>. Meals on Wheels programs provides Citizens access to nutritious meals. Going to be away? Don't forget to let us know! Referral required. Contact: [Community.Health@trondek.ca](mailto:Community.Health@trondek.ca).

## **Men's Program**

*December 7th & 21st from 1:00pm to 4:00pm @ Jeje Zho/Men's Shelter*  
Contact [Elders.Support@trondek.ca](mailto:Elders.Support@trondek.ca) or 993-7100 ext. 151.

## **Singalong! @ CJC**

*Tuesdays from 2pm- 3pm*

Join Health Programs & Services Manager, Lana Welchman for a fun hour of classic songs and holiday carols at the CJC. Ideal for Elders & families. Sing along or just listen & enjoy.

## **Snack 'n Stitch**

*Thursdays, December 7th & 21st. 5:30pm–8:30pm @ CJC*

Join the Fibre Club! Bring projects you're working on –crocheting, knitting, beading – to the CJC for a fun evening of snacking and stitching.

## **Elders Holiday Programs**

December 1st **Last Minute Bazaar @ Äfät Nèhëjël (TH Hall)**

December 14th at 1pm **Cookie Decorating**



# Community Support Numbers

Mens Shelter 867-993-7100 ext 225

Womens Shelter: 867-993-5086

Victim Services: 867-993-5831

Chief John Jonas Centre: 867-993-7100 ext 164

McDonald Lodge: 867-993-5345

Dawson City Community Hospital : 867-993-4444

Dawson Medical Clinic: 867-993-5744

Dawson Health Centre: 867-993-4300

RCMP: 867-993-5555

Mental Wellness Substance Use Services: 867-993-4300

Alcoholics Anonymous: 867-993-3734

In an emergency, always call 911



## Seeking Traditional Healers

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Wellness are seeking Traditional Healers to come visit our Traditional Territory. We would like to host an event at Nänkäk Chèholay in the New Year for local and visiting healers.

We ask citizens who know of any Traditional Healers that may be interested in visiting and sharing their knowledge and practices to contact [allison.kormendy@trondek.ca](mailto:allison.kormendy@trondek.ca) or [ebonie.lutz@trondek.ca](mailto:ebonie.lutz@trondek.ca). Or drop in at the Chief John Jonas Centre and we can take their/your details in-person. Contact Number: 867-993-7100 ext. 164.





Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in

# First Hunt Celebration Feast



Come honour the Youth who took part and enjoy the Feast.  
Everyone is welcome.

Thursday, December 7th at 5:00pm

Älät Nëhëjël (TH Hall)

For more information pls. contact Sharon Vittrekwa, our Cultural  
Education Coordinator at 993-7100. Ext 185.

\*The drum sign on wall is by Andy Isaac and caribou outline paintings on the wall are by Jackie Olson



**On Thursday, November 9th, a group gathered to unveil a new art piece by Darcy McDiarmid at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, along with an animation in collaboration with artist Chantal Rousseau.** These pieces were commissioned to commemorate the Land Research Confluence, held at the Äät Nēhējēl (TH Community Hall) on August 3rd, 2023.

This event was co-organized, co-hosted, and co-supported by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the Canadian Forest Service, Wildlife Conservation Society, Yukon University, and the University of Alberta, and motivated by the organizers' commitment to Truth and Reconciliation in partnership. Co-organizers of the Land Resources Confluence, Aidan Sheppard & Emma Tom Tom, said the following:

“From the beginning, we sought to acknowledge and uphold the Truth we have heard from community for decades and to this day; that research in Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory has often been undertaken with a lack of respect and reciprocity. The consequence being that much of the research is created without community priorities, values, and futures in mind. This has caused real harm in community and distrust for researchers and institutions.

Motivated by the need for researchers to be present, listen, learn, and share with community, we gathered as equals to nurture dialogue and relationships between researchers and community, to help ensure that community is informed on the research happening in their home, that community priorities and values might be reflected in future research, and that reciprocal benefits can be acknowledged and realized through collaboration.

This new art piece embodies our partnership. It will be donated to the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Natural Resources Department where it will be put on display along with an artist statement.

Mähsi cho.”



GATHER TOGETHER FOR

# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH  
5:00PM RSS GYM

EVERYONE WELCOME,  
TR'ONDĒK HWĒCH'IN AWARDS  
LIVE MUSIC,  
A VISIT FROM SANTA  
AND MORE.



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