

Ch'ädräk Cho Sranän

Big Moon Month

January 2024

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[trondek.ca](http://trondek.ca)



## Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Website Community Input



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We are inviting Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens to share your thoughts and suggestions by filling out the survey on what you would like to see on the website [www.trondek.ca](http://www.trondek.ca) which is currently being developed to meet the needs of citizens on and away from our traditional territory.

Please share your thoughts and suggestions by scanning the QR code above. We're here to support you if you're seeking assistance with this survey or wish to discuss it further. Please get in touch with Jenny Whitehouse, Senior Information Advisor, via email: [jenny.whitehouse@trondek.ca](mailto:jenny.whitehouse@trondek.ca).

## **YOUR CITIZEN REGISTRAR IS HERE TO HELP**

**Need a New ID Card?**

**Need to update your name or address?**

**Email: [citizenship.registrar@trondek.ca](mailto:citizenship.registrar@trondek.ca)**

**or by phone at (867) - 993—7100 ext. 101**

## **Council Meeting Dates**

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

Elders Council Meeting at 5:30pm in Älä́t Nēhējḗl (TH Hall)

**Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

TH Council Meeting at 5:30pm in Council Chambers

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Elders Council Meeting at 5:30pm in Älä́t Nēhējḗl (TH Hall)

**Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>**

TH Council Meeting at 5:30pm in Council Chambers

**Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Education and the Gordon Foundation host a Treaty Simulation for students and staff.**

In November 2023 the Gordon Foundation visited Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Territory for the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Treaty Simulation, organized in partnership with the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government and Robert Service School.

A Treaty Simulation is a hands-on learning experience to help participants understand the realities of negotiating or implementing part of a modern treaty. Simulations use fictional scenarios and see teams of participants being guided by experienced advisors as they present their positions and negotiate to reach an agreement.

The Treaty Simulation saw Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in staff, Land Guardians, and pupils from Robert Service School split into teams representing the governments of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the Yukon, and Canada. They then set about negotiating and agreeing a Yukon River Chinook Salmon Management and Rebuilding Plan, with Elders and local expert advisors on hand to offer advice and wisdom.

Thank you to everyone who made the Treaty Simulation a success! Learn more about how we run Treaty Simulations in partnership with communities, schools and treaty experts at **[UnderstandingTreaties.ca](https://UnderstandingTreaties.ca)**



# Education



**Workshops and Discussions took place in Äfät Nēhējēl (TH Hall) over the course of several days to replicate a real-life experience.**

# Indigenous Law Learning Opportunity

Held in Victoria, BC. March 4th - 8th, 2024

Limited Spaces Available

Open to 10 Elders & 10 Youth



All Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens who are interested please contact Kylie Van Every

[kylie.vanevery@trondek.ca](mailto:kylie.vanevery@trondek.ca)

867-993-7100 ext. 245

Scan the QR Code for Application Form  
Deadline to apply January 26th, 2024.





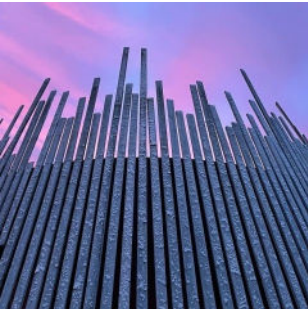
## Knowledge Keepers

New Year Reflections and Discussions

**Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre**  
Wednesday, January 10th at 2pm

Reflect and share stories as we begin a New Year. Join us for the next Knowledge Keepers session at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre on Wednesday, January 10th from 2pm to 4pm. For more information please contact [kylie.vanevery@trondek.ca](mailto:kylie.vanevery@trondek.ca) or call ext. 245

## **INTRO TO EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP**



Join us for a Intro to Embroidery Workshop on Friday, January 19th from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. No experience required. To reserve your seat, please contact the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre at 867 - 993 - 7100 ext.500 or email [cultural.centre@trondek.ca](mailto:cultural.centre@trondek.ca)



# **Congratulations to our Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Award Winners 2023**

1. This year's Elder of the Year is someone we have all seen smiling and laughing at camps, helping in the kitchen, volunteering wherever they are needed, and making sure every moment is documented with photographs. She leads by example with a positive, upbeat attitude, and we have all seen how her mere presence at an event can make people feel welcome and at ease. **Congratulations Jenny Christianson, and Mähsj to all of our Elders, who carry the wisdom of our ancestors and lead us forward.**



2. This year's Volunteer of the Year does not miss a beat—whether it is helping run elections, raffles, gatherings, fun runs, or celebrations, she is always there with a positive attitude, making everyone feel welcome with a big smile and a cheerful disposition. **Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Year, Louise Drugan!"**





# Citizens

3. We have some amazing youth in our midst. This year, the Youth of the Year award goes to some who one nominator said, 'sets a good example for our younger generation and worked hard for TH Farm.'

Another nominator wrote: 'He has excelled this year in exploring new opportunities and achievements. He successfully harvested a caribou and donated it to school programming to butcher and give out to Elders. He participated in and completed a military summer camp and is involved in Junior Rangers. He is respectful and has come a long way in the past year.'



**The Youth of the Year goes to Orion Fage !**



4. A supportive and caring youth worker and a leader among his peers. As one nominator put it. 'He has shown interest in our community, attends many important events, shows up for the Hän Singers, and even took time from his job to travel to Ottawa to learn more about our people.' Chances are you have seen this year's winner keeping the fire at some point, maybe even at the 25th Anniversary celebrations, where he stayed up all night to fulfill his role as a sacred fire keeper.

**Congratulations to our Role Model of the Year, Dillan Taylor!**

5. This year's Employee of the Year pulled off the amazing feat of organizing celebrations of the 25th Anniversary of the Signing of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Final Agreement, bringing a calm, positive, and extremely organized approach to a huge event with many moving parts. Her commitment to learning, her willingness to pitch in wherever needed, and her genuine passion for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in is evident in everything she does. She is often the good natured, laughing, calm in the center of a busy whirlwind of event planning, and we are lucky to have her in our fold. **It's the one and only Events Coordinator Kate Marks.**



6. There are so many superstar groups within our community and government. We are blessed to live in a place with dedicated volunteer firefighting groups, town beautification teams, education advocates, and local businesses who pitch in to make our community work. But none of this group work can happen if these groups do not eat! This year's Group of the Year keeps bellies full in this town: at the school through the Nutrition Program, at thrice-weekly community lunches, through Meals on Wheels, at meetings and celebrations, and of course, this very evening. Love and care go into everything they do, and we can taste it. **Congratulations to this year's Group of the Year: The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Kitchen Crew!"**

7. From her beginnings as a Cultural Center attendant to Director of Wellness, she has been passionately committed to the holistic wellness of the people and community and gives herself willingly and without hesitation. The importance and intensity of the work she has been doing for the past year—developing the department's team and creating policy and protocol stemming from her cultural traditions, and upbringing— while raising her first child, is difficult and exhausting, yet she greets each day with a smile and positive attitude, determined to do the best she can for our families and our future. **Please join me in congratulating Citizen of the Year, Allison Kormendy!**



## FIRST HUNT FEAST

Mähsj cho to all those who came out for the First Hunt Feast From the Jëje-in, Youth and Elders who participated in First Hunt to the amazing kitchen crew who pitched in to make the meal a success. We are all so proud of you.



# Nun Cho Ga consultations begin.



*Esther Bordet creating graphic documentation at the first Nun Cho Ga Discovery Workshop held on December 4th.*

On Monday, December 4, and Tuesday, December 5, 2023, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Yukon Government co-hosted two community meetings to consult with TH citizens and update members of the general public on the latest developments with Nun Cho Ga, the 36,000-year-old baby mammoth unearthed from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory on June 21, 2022.



**What happens next?** Nun Cho Ga has been kept frozen since her discovery and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in has submitted an application to the Canadian Conservation Institute (CCI) in Ottawa for conservation treatment (cleaning and vacuum freeze-drying). Upon acceptance/approval from CCI, Nun Cho Ga will be transported to Ottawa. When conservation treatment is completed, she will return home to the Yukon in her preserved and stabilized state. While in Ontario, and prior to the preservation process, Nun Cho Ga may also be transported to McMaster University in Hamilton, where CT scanning and tissue sampling for DNA analysis may occur. Discussions are underway between Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Yukon Government Palaeontology and researchers at McMaster University regarding this work. Research is currently underway at the University of Calgary by the Geological Survey of Canada on permafrost samples recovered from the discovery site. This includes ancient pollen analysis and environmental DNA (eDNA) to reconstruct vegetation and climate conditions during the time of Nun Cho Ga's life. We have much to learn from Nun Cho Ga, and planning for her future will be a collaborative process between Yukon Government, the scientific community, and other stakeholders, led by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and guided always by the principles of Tr'ëhudè.

**Nun Cho Ga is on the radio! Listen to an exclusive interview on CBC's The Current with Debbie Nagano and Grant Zazula. Available on [trondek.ca](http://trondek.ca)**

## Special January Events

### Elder's Birthday Bingo

Elder's Birthday Bingo will be held on Tuesday, January 26th at Älä́t Nēhējēl (TH Hall). Start time 1:00pm.

### Manicure with Babe.

We will have 5 spots open for any ladies that would like to have a manicure done on Thursday, January 18th from 9am to 4pm. First come, first serve. Please call Karen at 993-7100 ext.151 or email [karen.blake@trondek.ca](mailto:karen.blake@trondek.ca) to book your spot.

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### Quitpath

Ready to quit smoking or vaping? Connect with our Community health nurse for support in your smoke-free journey. Ask at the wellness centre or email [communityhealth@trondek.ca](mailto:communityhealth@trondek.ca)

For up-to-date programming please contact Wellness at 867-993-7100 ext. 164 or stop by and say hello at the Chief John Jonas Centre 8:30am—5pm. Monday to Friday.

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

### Yukon Permanent Art Collection

Artists at any stage of their careers from all communities are invited to apply.

Submission forms & guidelines:  
[yukon.ca/yukon-permanent-art-collection](http://yukon.ca/yukon-permanent-art-collection)

**Deadline: January 31, 2024**





## NOTICE TO CITIZENS

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# Youth Recreation Fund is now available



## Apply now

The Youth Recreation Fund is now available to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens. (Aged 19 and under) Apply today and pursue your passion! The application form is available via the link at [trondek.ca](http://trondek.ca). The fund is administered through K'äjít-In Zho. Please submit completed application and receipts to [lisa.anderson@trondek.ca](mailto:lisa.anderson@trondek.ca), or post Box 599 Dawson City, YT Y0B 1G0. If you have questions or require more information please contact the K'äjít-In Zho (Youth Centre) at 867-993-4201 or 867-993-6495.

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**SAVE THE DATE:** Friday, January 19th to Saturday, January 20th.  
**Youth Recreation Camp at Nänkäk Chèholay Land of Plenty**

From cooking clubs to board games.  
Scan the code and access our monthly youth  
programming hosted by the team at K'äjít-In Zho.





## Apply for the Moosehide Gathering Committee 2024

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in would like invite citizens aged 16 + to join the Moosehide Gathering Committee 2024.

Your input will be greatly appreciated as we prepare for this momentous and joyful gathering.

Members are required to attend the 1st meeting which will take place on January 11th, 2024, at 5pm and the 2nd meeting will take place on March 14th, 2024, at 5pm. The remaining sessions will be determined as the schedule progresses, but it is expected to be monthly as we approach the event date.

To apply please scan the QR code below, or email [events@trondek.ca](mailto:events@trondek.ca) for a link to the form.



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