

Ch'ëts'ik Sranän

Frosty Month

February 2025



Juk drin nëkhwè

May the day be  
good to you

## Porcupine Caribou Knowledge Hub

**Sunday, February 9–Monday, February 10 • 9:00 am–4:00 pm • Ätät Nēhējēl**

The Porcupine Caribou Knowledge Hub brings together Indigenous and Western knowledge to address the impacts of climate change on the Porcupine Caribou herd, its summer habitat, and the surrounding wildlife. Citizens are invited to come hear updated and contribute knowledge.

## Porcupine Caribou Management Board Meeting

**Tuesday, February 11 • 9:00 am–4:00 pm • Ätät Nēhējēl**

This is a public meeting to exchange information about the current status of the Porcupine Caribou herd and harvesting activities.

To download a copy of the Harvest Management Plan for the Porcupine Caribou Herd in Canada or for more information about the Annual Harvest Meeting, please visit <https://pcmb.ca/> or call the Board's Executive Director, Deana Lemke, at (867) 334-3400.

## Ni'ehlyat Nidähji' Framework Update and Feedback Luncheon

**Thursday, February 13 • 12:00–1:00 pm • Ätät Nēhējēl**

Hear and offer guidance on the latest plans and developments for Ni'ehlyat Nidähji' (Our Families, Our Future). Lunch will be provided.

## Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas Info Sessions

**Friday, February 14 • Monday, February 17 • Wednesday, February 19  
12:00–1:00 pm • Ätät Nēhējēl**

Come for lunch and series of short films of established Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) from across Canada by other First Nations in partnership with governments.

## Rental Housing Policy Citizen Workshop

**Saturday, February 15 • 9:30 am–4:30 pm • Ätät Nēhējēl/Zoom  
Saturday, March 15 • Time TBA • Ätät Nēhējēl/Zoom**

You are invited to review and offer feedback on our proposed Rental Housing Policy. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

## Dawson Sewage Lagoon Community Information Sessions

**Monday, February 24 & Tuesday, February 25 • Times & venue TBA**

Hear about plans for a new sewage lagoon in Dawson. The Monday session is for TH Citizens only; Tuesday is open to the general public.

## Drin Jëjik (Moose Day)

**Thursday, February 27 • 5:00 pm (Elders' Tea 3:30 pm) • DZCC**

The Dawson District Renewable Resources Council, Yukon Government and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Fish and Wildlife staff invite you to Drin Jëjik, a gathering for sharing stories and information about moose. Everyone is welcome to come hear population status updates and culturally informed research, as well as participate in discussions around stewarding our harvest and hunter education. There will also be space for general moose-related discussions, storytelling, and more. There will be an Elders' tea at 3:30 pm and a public session starting at 5:00 pm. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

## Council Meetings

Citizens can attend in-person or via Zoom. Please go to [www.trondek.ca](http://www.trondek.ca) or our Facebook page for the Zoom links.

**Wednesday, February 5**

TH Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm in Council Chambers, Room 201A

**Tuesday, February 11**

TH Council Meeting @ 1:30 pm in Council Chambers, Room 201A

**Tuesday, February 11**

Elders Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm in Ätät Nēhējēl

**Monday, February 24**

Youth Council Meeting @ 5:00 pm in Council Chambers, Room 201A

*For council meeting enquiries and to ask about virtual attendance via Zoom please email [council.support@trondek.ca](mailto:council.support@trondek.ca)*





## Ninjū Snowshoe Club

Interested in the art, culture, and sport of snowshoeing? We want to hear from you! We are planning a snowshoe club and are looking for Citizens who want to share and gain knowledge. To get involved, connect with Allie Winton at [Allie.Winton@trondek.ca](mailto:Allie.Winton@trondek.ca) or drop by the Heritage office.

## Trapline Check Sundays

**Beginning February 9 • Meet at TH Hall • 10:00 am**

Citizens and families are welcome to join us as we head out to our traplines to check our harvest. We will travel via snow machine and be out for a full 7.5 hour day on the land. Participants should have their own snow machine and be prepared for back country travel. This includes packing gear, appropriate clothing, emergency supplies and food (a suggested packing list is available upon request; we will provide some snacks and light equipment.) Our team can supply a limited number of participants with snow machine rides to the trapline area. Sign up with Sharon Vittrekwa, Cultural Education Coordinator at [sharon.vittrekwa@trondek.ca](mailto:sharon.vittrekwa@trondek.ca) or call (867) 336-4877.

## Valentine's Day Baskets and Extended Hours at Dänojà Zho Gift Shop!

Valentine's Day gift baskets will be available at the Dänojà Zho Gift Shop starting Tuesday, February 11. The gift shop is always open Monday–Friday from 11:00 am–4:00 pm, but will have special extended hours on Friday, February 14. open 11:00 am–6:00 pm. Drop by and see us!

## Shëdhinja, Shëhondëk / Sit with Me, Tell Me a Story: Myth and Medium Returns!

**February 18–20 • Times, dates, and venues TBA**

TH Heritage is bringing back our much-loved biennial festival of Dënezhu storytelling and culture, formerly known as Myth and Medium. This celebration has been on hold for a few years and we are excited to discuss how we can support the art of storytelling, infused with our traditions and knowledge (including the new Hän name - Shëdhinja, Shëhondëk). We will be holding several events over the week that will help us prepare for a full-scale festival in the future, including storytelling circles, film screenings, and maybe even a game of snowshoe baseball! Check local noticeboards, the TH Facebook page, or [www.trondek.ca](http://www.trondek.ca) for event dates and times. To offer your ideas and input, please connect with Allie Winton at [Allie.Winton@trondek.ca](mailto:Allie.Winton@trondek.ca) or drop by the Heritage office.

## Another Citizen Success Story!

We are pleased to welcome Zack Yeager back to the Heritage Department as the Heritage Officer Trainee.

Many of you met Zack in the summer and fall of 2024, when he worked in a job-shadowing position with the Heritage Officer and was indispensable during camps, fieldwork, and cultural programming. A Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizen and member of the Close family, Zack has lived in Dawson City for the past five years and has previously worked at the TH Farm and with the Natural Resources Department.

Zack was voted "Volunteer of the Year" in the 2024 Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Awards and is currently enrolled in the Land Guardian program.

Over the next year, Zack will be



developing all the skills necessary to step into the Heritage Officer position, so please connect with Zack if you have knowledge to share or want to know more about the work he is doing. Nëkhwenëk-'ay sho ihtay Zack! (We are happy to see you Zack!)



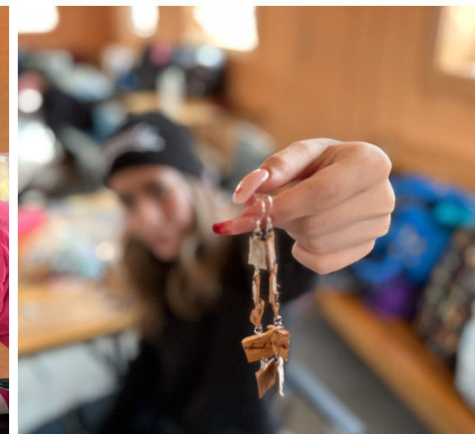


# January photos



## Youth Fun at Nänkäk Chèholay

K'äjít-in Zho held its first Winter Recreation Camp from January 18–20. It was a great success, led by Youth Program Coordinator, Dillan Taylor. Fifteen youth joined in at Nänkäk Chèholay for birch-bark earring-making, Arctic winter games, hand games, and more. Mähšj'to all that pulled together to make this a wonderful camp for our youth.





**Stargazing and Mukluks**

Our adult learning team was busy in January, hosting a Constellation Camp at Nänkäk Chèholay and a mukluk- and mitt-making workshop through the Elders on Campus program at Tr'odèk Hätr'unohtän Zho (Yukon University's Dawson Campus).



**Rides To and From the Youth Centre**

Did you know that the team at K'äjìt-In Zho has our capacity to offer rides to and from our facility? Youth wanting a ride to or from the centre are encouraged to call K'äjìt-In Zho at (867) 993 6495, and one of our certified Class 4 drivers will make arrangements to pick them up or drop them off\*.

\*Rides subject to staff availability.

# ELDERS ON CAMPUS

TR'ODÈK HÄTR'UNOHTÄN ZHO • DAWSON CAMPUS

CH'ÈTS'IK SRANÄN

FEBRUARY

**TUESDAY FEB 4** DROP-IN BEADING & SEWING

**THURSDAY FEB 6** TALKING TREATIES

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**TUESDAY FEB 11** DROP-IN BEADING & SEWING

**THURSDAY FEB 13** TOGETHER TODAY FOR OUR CHILDREN TOMORROW

A DISCUSSION AND CELEBRATION OF THE HISTORICAL DOCUMENT CREATED THROUGH GREAT DEDICATION, DETERMINATION AND WILL OF A GROUP OF YUKON FIRST NATIONS TO NEGOTIATE THEIR MODERN-DAY TREATIES AND SELF-GOVERNANCE.

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**TUESDAY FEB 18** DROP-IN BEADING & SEWING

**THURSDAY FEB 20** ELDERS OPEN HOUSE

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**TUESDAY FEB 25** DROP-IN BEADING & SEWING

**All programming is 1-3 pm in the campus Learning Hub.**

**All are welcome!**

For more information, please email:  
[katie.english@trondek.ca](mailto:katie.english@trondek.ca)

# Chief Isaac Group of Companies

## Meet the Board of Directors



### Lori Simcox

Lori is a TH Citizen and has a Bachelor of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University and an MBA from Royal Roads University. She is a Certified Management Consultant (CMC) with the Canadian Association of Management Consultants. Lori has led several consulting projects and works in several sectors for the Economic Development department of the Tseil-Waututh First Nation (TWN).

She currently operates SPAL General Constructors Inc as CEO, a company 100% owned by TWN. She has been a leader in Indigenous engagement and procurement, negotiating local involvement and successfully securing multi-million dollar contracts throughout British Columbia with over 30 prime industry leaders. Lori sits on the Board of Northern Vision Development LP, on behalf of the TH Trust, is a Lieutenant Governor in Council appointee to the board of Destination British Columbia and is Treasurer of Indigenous Tourism Businesses Columbia.



### TJ Schmalz

TJ is Chief People & Legal Officer of Prospera, a large credit union based in Surrey, BC. He sits on the Boards of BC Credit Union Pensions and Benefits Trust and Engineers & Geoscientists of BC as a government appointee and he was recently chair of Chartered Professionals in Human Resources Canada and the North American Human Resources Association.

TJ is a Fellow Chartered Professional in HR; holds the Institute of Corporate Directors designation and both a Bachelors of Common Law and Civil Law from McGill University.



### Joe Fraser

Joe is a TH Citizen, born and raised in the Traditional Territory. He brings over 20 years experience in leadership and management in Civil Construction, Mining, Oil and Gas Infrastructure, and Hydroelectric projects across Western Canada.

Joe's experience includes the Diavik Diamond Mine infrastructure build, Mayo B, Toba Inlet, and Site C Hydro Electric Projects. Most notably, he started his career, right here in TH Traditional Territory on the family placer claim on Hunker Creek.

**He is known for his vigilance in safety and quality, and for managing large fast-paced, multi-tasking teams of up to 100 or more personnel. He has continuously been rewarded for his**

**collaborative leadership style as he moved his way up through the ranks.**

**Although his work has taken him all over Western Canada through his career, he continued to live in Dawson City with his wife and three children.**



### Rod Snow

Rod is a long-time Yukoner and former partner of DLA Piper (previously Davis & Company) who retired in 2016 after 37 years of practicing law in BC and Yukon. He is the only northern lawyer to serve as national President of the Canadian Bar Association. In recognition of this and his contribution to the profession, he was appointed Queen's Counsel by the Attorney General of BC in 2012.

Rod graduated with a BA and LLB from Dalhousie University in Halifax and an LLM from the University of Washington, Seattle. Before he retired, Rod was Managing Partner of his firm's Yukon office and practiced as a corporate and commercial lawyer.

He is past Chair of Yukon University Foundation and a member of the board of Dana Naye Ventures, Yukon Energy Corporation, and Tse Zul Development Corporation and previously was a member of the board of Vancouver Port Corporation.



### Neil Fletcher (Acting Chair)

Neil has been on the Board since 2020 and also sits on the Board of the Tr'ochëk Limited Partnership (the TH Trust's property company).

He founded and ran a marketing and communications consultancy in London, UK and held senior management positions at Rolls-Royce, Sky TV and the UK Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

Neil holds a BA in Modern Languages from Sheffield University and lives in a remote cabin, 70km downriver from Dawson.

### Gordon Campbell

Gordon is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA), has a degree in Political Science with a focus on Community Economic Development. He presently works with the BC Assembly of First Nations in their Centre of Excellence for Economic Development.

Gordon also is the sole Director and President of Inish Financial Management Ltd, a Yukon corporation that offers advocacy and advisory services to Governments and businesses, specializing in fiscal reporting and audit ready financials.

For nearly three decades, he has been part of the Yukon's landscape, firstly as a Chef and Restaurateur, and then later immersing himself in Yukon First Nation communities. Gordon was previously a Director of Finance with Northern Vision Development, CEO of a

Yukon First Nations Development Corporation and Director of Finance for the Kwanlin Dün First Nation in Whitehorse.



# CALLING ALL FIRST NATIONS ARTISTS

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