



Łay Sranän

May (Dog month)

May 2025



Äh'à sränà honlay.

It is spring outside.

DÄNOJÀ ZHO CULTURAL CENTRE

EXHIBITION OPENING



DÄNOJÀ WĒTIHCHĒN: LONG-AGO POTLATCH EXHIBIT

MAY 20, 2025

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Exhibition closing date: August 29

Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre is open to the public
May 20 - September 12, 2025,
10:00 am - 4:00 pm daily

Council Meetings

Citizens can attend in-person or via Zoom.

Please go to trondek.ca or our FB page for the Zoom links.

Wednesday, May 7

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

Tuesday, May 13

Elders Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm at Ätät Nèhèjèl

Wednesday, May 21

TH Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm in Town Hall Conference Room, Best Western Gold Rush Inn

Monday, May 26

TH Youth Council Meeting @ 5:00 pm at K'äjìt-in Zho

Thursday, May 29

Special Elders Council Meeting @ 5:30 pm at Ätät Nèhèjèl

For Council meeting enquiries and to ask about virtual attendance via Zoom please email council.support@trondek.ca

Aboriginal Head Start

2025 GRADUATION







Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre
Saturday, May 24
2:00 pm



SPRING INTO HEALTH!

Talk to your General Practitioner about:

-  Immunizations against measles
-  Spring COVID-19 booster dose for Elders over 65
-  The FIT test (colon cancer screening)
-  Pap test (cervical cancer screening)

Contact the Dawson Medical Clinic to check immunization status or to make an appointment.

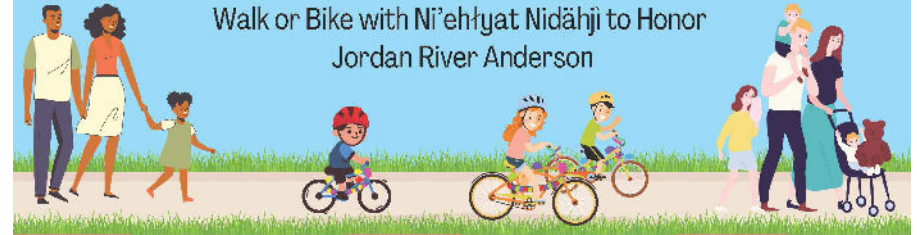
(867) 993-4300



Bear Witness Day

Saturday, May 10

Walk or Bike with Ni'ehlyat Nidähji to Honor Jordan River Anderson



11:00am - 2:00pm

Front Street Picnic Area

Bike Decorating • Procession • BBQ • Teddy Bear Picnic

Prize Draw: Child & Youth Bikes, Helmets, Wagons

Questions? Contact Tiffany @ 867-993-4109

TOMBSTONE TUESDAYS

with TH Education

Starting Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Youth are welcome to attend, but children 10 and under will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Our bus has limited space, so it will be on a first come first serve basis. We will have more details to come as far as pickup location and time.

we look forward to seeing you!

For more information, please email celc@trondek.ca

Stronger Together: Language, Story and Conservation

On April 15 and 16, Citizens, Elders, knowledge holders, and guests from across the Yukon arrived at Nänkäk Ch'èhòlq̓ (Land of Plenty) to discuss Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas. There were representatives from several First Nations and organizations who walk a similar path. We were all gathered to talk about what it means to care for the land in a good way.

For two days, the room was full of voices, laughter, hard questions, and quiet moments. The Traditional Knowledge Circle sat alongside representatives from the “How We Walk” group, the Yukon River Intertribal Watershed Council and Yukon University. There were representatives from Vuntut Gwitchin, Nacho Nyäk Dun, Carcross Tagish, and Ta’an Kwächä First Nations. TH staff and Citizens brought forward stories and teachings that have been carried over the years. It was a space for sharing.

Language and stories were held at the forefront of the gathering. Many different languages were spoken, and stories were shared about the land, the rivers, our ancestors and animals. There was dialogue about conservation not just in terms of policy but also in a discussion of what it looks like to truly live the shared responsibilities for the land, for each other and for future generations. The conversations were recorded by Darcy McDiarmid with help from Chantal Rousseau. Darcy painted the themes of the weekend with vivid colour onto a large birch canvas.

There were moments of laughter, tears, introspection, and the kind of silence that comes when everyone is listening with their whole selves. This was a jam packed two days, but no one seemed tired. Instead, we left feeling lighter, hopeful and inspired. Reconnected to something older than any of us and ready to keep walking this path together.

We would like to say a huge mähsj cho to TH Citizens who took the time to participate, Elders and Knowledge Holders from across the territory who traveled to share their knowledge and experiences with us. Mähsj cho to Ali Anderson for the caribou donation, it was greatly appreciated and enjoyed! Mähsj cho to the Heritage, Natural Resources and Education Departments for your participation and help throughout the organizing, set up and implementation of the camp.

Keep an eye out for future events regarding conservation and Indigenous protected areas.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at:
Implementation Department
Anna Claxton, anna.claxton@trondek.ca
Donna Michon, donna.michon@trondek.ca



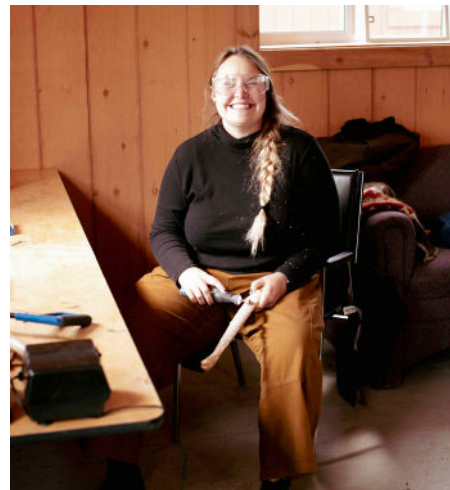
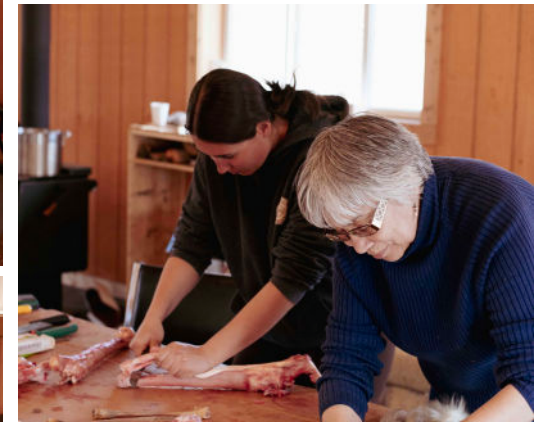
Ga(h) nĕk-'ay! I see a rabbit!



The Easter Party on April 17 at K'äjit-in Zho was a packed house! The evening consisted of an Easter themed scavenger hunt, games, and a ham dinner. Fun was had by all!



Sneak a Peek at Spring Camp:



The Heritage Department's Spring Camp was very successful, with around 100 participants attending on Saturday and many more Friday and Sunday. The weekend included processing caribou legs, jerky making, regalia making and Denezhu bingo! More photos to come...



A Gathering to Cherish: Highlights from Our Elders Event



The Elders gathering held at the TH Whitehorse office on April 23 was a warm and meaningful event. The room was filled with laughter, memories, and connections that touched all our hearts. Eight attendees graced us with their presence—Corina Butterworth, Judy and Chester Kelly, Gerald Isaac, Patricia Simcox, Lyle and Diana Leas, and Donna Darbyshire—alongside staff members Paul Butterworth and Janice Brown.

One of the highlights was exploring the CYFN archive binders, where the group reminisced and worked together to identify Citizens from past events in the 1970s and 1990s. Gerald and Chester plan to return in the coming weeks to continue their journey through the archives, while special arrangements have been made for Marie (Alice) Johns to review the binders in the comfort of her home due to mobility difficulties. Once completed, the binders will be returned to their caretaker, Donna Darbyshire.

The gathering ended with an enthusiastic consensus to host a monthly Elders gathering moving forward a testament to the joy and connection these events bring. A heartfelt note from the group: they missed Lynda's bannock but are sending warm wishes and hope she feels better soon.

We look forward to continuing this tradition of celebrating the wisdom and stories of our cherished Elders.



A DOG-GONE MYSTERY



**HAVE YOU
SEEN THIS
BROOCH
BEFORE?**

Workers digging a trench to lay cable at Moosehide found this metal brooch back in August of 2005. The brooch depicts two terriers of the same shape, off set slightly. One is white, the other is black. There are the remains of a pin on the back. Is this your long lost personal item? If so, the Heritage Department would love to hear its story from you. Email the Heritage Collections Steward at dylan.meyerhoffer@trondek.ca.

ŁAY SRANÄN (DOG MONTH)

In Hän, the month of May is known as Łay Sranän (Dog month) because of all the puppies being born this time of year!



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JOHN FLYNN COLLECTION, TR'ONDEK HWECH'IN ARCHIVES
BLACK AND WHITE DIGITAL IMAGE OF FIVE PEOPLE AND A LARGE TEAM OF DOGS.

Honouring Self Circles

May, 2025

May 11: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, Walk Therapy: We will pick the route together, and end at the Front Street gazebo for a fire, hotdog roast, hot chocolate, water and a closing circle around the fire.

May 25: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Traditional Talking Circle at CJJC

Light refreshments provided.

Rides available, please call (867) 993-3337

For more information, email community.outreach@trondek.ca

Community Health Talk

Wednesday, May 21

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

At the CJC

Light snacks provided.

Monday Games Night

Mondays

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

At the CJC

Craft Night

Thursdays

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

At the CJC

The final Community Luncheon of the season will be on Friday, May 23

ELDERS SPRING CAMP

MAY 6 - MAY 10

Tuesday, May 6: Arrive and get settled, opening prayer and supper, visiting and catching up in the evening

Wednesday, May 7: Dry meat making, Hän language lesson, Hoop and Spear game and craft making, story telling in the evening

****Families welcome to join from 12:00 - 4:00 pm**

Thursday, May 8: Dry meat making, medicine harvesting, sweat lodge in the afternoon, and Boyd Benjamin and Kevin Barr will be playing music in the evening


Friday, May 9: Dry meat making, wellness talk in the morning, mini drum making in the afternoon

Saturday, May 10: Farewells and closing prayer in the morning and return home

Daily rides available, ride schedule TBD

To register, call (867) 993-7100 ext. 164





**NINJU
RUNNING CLUB**

**APRIL 29 - JUNE 3
TUESDAYS, 3:30 - 5:00 PM
GRADES 4-7**

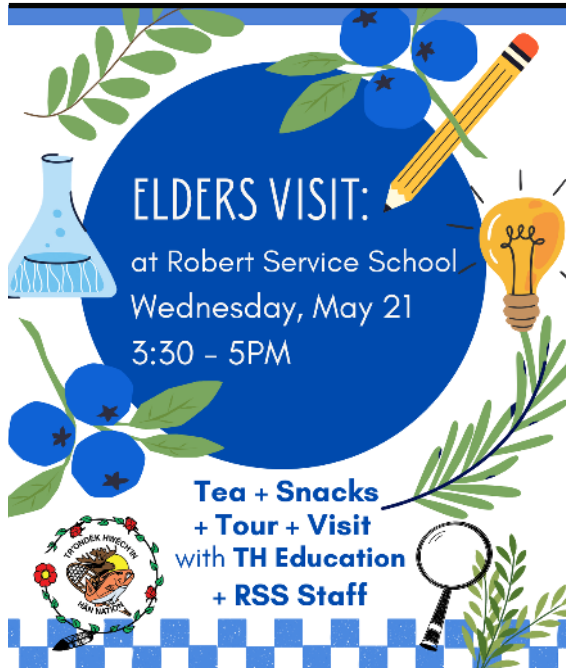
JOIN TR'ONDEK HWECH'IN HERITAGE AND DAWSON CITY RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR SOME FANTASTIC RUNNING ADVENTURES! ENJOY THE FREEDOM OF THE OUTDOORS WHILE EXPLORING DAWSON'S BEAUTIFUL STREETS AND TRAILS. FREE TO JOIN, BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. MEET/PICK UP @ RSS.

RECREATION@CITYOFDAWSON.CA 993-7400 EXT.299

Join the Ninju Running Club!
April 29 - June 3
Tuesday, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Grades 4 - 7

Join TH Heritage and Dawson City Recreation Department for some fantastic running adventures!
Enjoy the freedom of the outdoors while exploring Dawson's beautiful streets and trails.
Free to join, but registration is required.
Meet/pick up @ RSS

For more information,
E recreation@cityofdawson.ca
P: (867) 993-7400 ext. 299



ELDERS VISIT:
at Robert Service School
Wednesday, May 21
3:30 - 5PM

There will be an Elders Visit at the Robert Service School!
Wednesday, May 21
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Join for tea and snacks,
Tour and visit the school with TH Education and RSS Staff!

**Tea + Snacks
+ Tour + Visit
with TH Education
+ RSS Staff**



Red Dress Day

May 5, 2025

10:00 - 10:15 am: Red Handprinting at K'ajit-in Zho (Youth House)

10:30 am: Opening Ceremony, starting of Sacred Fire, opening prayer and smudge, opening Remarks and lighting Candles at DZCC

10:30 - 11:15 am: Walk begins at DZCC

11:15 am: Closing ceremony, closing remarks, closing prayer and tobacco to sacred fire at Ātāt Nēhējēl (TH Community Hall)

12:00 pm: Luncheon at Ātāt Nēhējēl (TH Community Hall)

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Beaded Red Dress Earrings Workshop at CJC

HÄNSINGERS



**Rehearsals every Monday
5:30 pm at K'äjit-in Zho (Youth House)**



Mothers Day Baskets!



**For sale at the
Hammerstone Gift Shop**

Thursday, May 8: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday, May 9: 11:00 am - 6:00 pm