

Jëjik Sranän

Moose Month

September 2025



Juk drin nëkhwè

**May the day be
good to you**

Attention Newsletter readers!

Like these fine ladies, you too could be experiencing the ease of TH e-communications! Switching your mailing preference to paperless, means that you will stay up to date faster and never miss a thing.



Council Meetings

Citizens can attend in-person or via Zoom. Please go to trondek.ca or our FB page for the Zoom links.

Wednesday, September 3

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

Tuesday, September 9

Elders Council Meeting at 5:30pm at Ätät Nēhējēl

Wednesday, September 17

TH Council Meeting at 5:30pm in Whitehorse at the

Best Western Gold Rush Inn

Saturday, September 27 & 28

Fall General Assembly at Ätät Nēhējēl

Monday, September 29

Youth Council Meeting at 5:00pm at K'äjit-In Zho

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



The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government is excited to move forward with the formation of a TH Farm Advisory Committee, and we value your input. We have received strong support for establishing a Citizen-led committee to help direct the farm's future. This committee will represent the voices of Youth, Elders, Educators, Cultural Practitioners, and Wellness Representatives to ensure that the farm remains focused on the needs of the community.

Scan the code or go to trondek.ca to submit your feedback and enter the draw to win a Bonanza Market Gift Card.

Last day to enter is
Friday, September 5





Submit your feedback for a chance to win!



Help guide
the future of
TH Farm

Learn how to build a Log Cabin



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and IPAC (Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas) is providing an opportunity for TH citizens to participate in a log cabin building workshop. The plan is to have the finished cabin on the traditional territory for citizens and staff to experience outings that contribute to stewardship and reconnection to culture.

Log Cabin Level 1 will be tentatively offered October 16-22, 2025. The level 1 will be an Introduction to dovetail construction with theory modules. More straight forward than the timber frame, it doesn't require too many specialised tools and the style reflects our history on the land.

The Log Cabin Level 2 course will be offered at a later date to complete the construction. Date still to be determined.

To register or find out more information please contact Natalja Blanchard at post.secondary.coordinator@trondek.ca or call 867-993-4285

Upcoming Camps

Fall Harvest Camp

Friday, September 19 – Monday, September 22 • Cache Creek

First Hunt Camp

Saturday, October 18 – Tuesday, October 21 • Cache Creek

Contact our Cultural Education Advisor, Sharon Vittrekwa, at (867) 993-4877 for more information.



Elders Visit to School

Elders are invited to visit Robert Service School on Wednesday, September 17th from 3:30pm to 5pm. Take a tour with TH Education and RSS Staff. There will be tea, snacks and conversation. We hope you can join us and share your teachings.



Did you know we can mail Hän-language learning materials to TH Citizens around the world?

Hëtr'oho'ay! (We are learning!)

TH Citizens (or parents or guardians of TH Citizens) living outside of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory can reach out to us and have Hän learning materials mailed to them. Email Lynette.Peterson@trondek.ca or Kyrie.Nagano@trondek.ca or call/text (867) 993-2954 or (867) 993-4537 to be added to our list.

Citizens or parents/guardians of Citizens living on TH Traditional Territory can also access these materials. Just drop by the Tr'inke Zho or use the above contacts to arrange for pick-up. For more information contact Lynette.Peterson@trondek.ca or Kyrie.Nagano@trondek.ca. Or text/call 867-993-2954 or 867-993-4537.



Back to School

Staff at Robert Service School (RSS) started the new school year with an In-Service Day at Nänkäk Chéholay – Land of Plenty. Mähsi cho to Deputy Chief Erin McQuaig and Councillor Kyrie Nagano (Education Portfolio holder) for opening the morning with a welcome and prayer.

Highlights included sitting by the fire to share information about field trips, listening to the river during the lunch break, and time for discussing mentorship and staff collaboration at RSS.

For the next two days, staff met in the school and geared up for learning through team meetings and information sessions. Professional Development organized by the Yukon Government Department of Education took place on Thursday. Staff attended sessions virtually, including a keynote presentation on decolonization by Dr. Dustin Louis, professor of Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia.

Activities for the two In-Service days were collaboratively prepared by RSS Admin; Principal, Vice-Principal and Hätr'unohtän Zho Manager. Co-creating professional development opportunities is one important way the two governments are making decisions together about education on Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory.

Wishing everyone a wonderful school year! Tth'eycha hugë' ay - I am still learning.

Career Mentorship Program - Summer Students

This year we had eight Yukon First Nation (including six Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens) Summer Students working at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Government in positions in Education, Wellness, Housing and Infrastructure, Human Resources, and Heritage Departments.

Shout out to Chase Johnson-Silverfox and Joe Popadynech at Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Farm, Alexandria Nagano and Deidra Carr at Trinke Zho, Sofiya Popadynech at Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre, Grayson Graf at Moosehide Village, Kaya Fage with the Adult Learning and Employment Team, and Jada Silver in Occupational Health & Safety. Each student brought great energy and enthusiasm to their placements and gained valuable experience. These placements offered students a chance to explore career paths, build confidence, and develop workplace skills. Mähsi cho to all our summer students for your hard work and enthusiasm, and to the Supervisors and jëje-in for welcoming and mentoring them. Your support helps shape the future of our youth.

Ready 2 Work Program

This summer, the Ready 2 Work program was a collaborative effort between the Education Department's Adult Learning and Employment team, Education K-12, Ni'ehylat Nidahji' (Our Families, Our Future), and the K'ajit-in Zho Youth House team. This summer initiative offers workshops designed to help youth build employability skills, gain hands-on experience, and explore potential career paths. The goal was to boost confidence and prepare participants for meaningful employment opportunities. During orientation, participants learned practical skills such as how to obtain a Social Insurance Number, open a bank account, understand the purpose of a resume, recognize the value of volunteering, and meet employer expectations in the workplace. Sgt. Mitch joined the session to introduce youth to the components of a boat and its safety equipment—including PFDs and buoyant heaving lines—before taking them out on the Yukon River the next day for an in-depth session on river reading and safety.

Highlights from Programming:

Journey of Plant Medicine

Fran Morberg-Green led youth in foraging local medicinal plants, including Arnica flowers—known for their healing properties. In Part 2, participants created a salve to take home.

Guiding Circles Career Exploration

Youth engaged in workbook activities from Guiding Circles: An Indigenous Guide to Finding Career Paths, reflecting on personal interests and connections to help shape future goals.

BYTE Workshops

BYTE – Empowering Youth Society delivered five impactful sessions: Equity & Allyship, Power 2 Prevent, Leadership, Healthy Minds, and Healthy Relationships.

Facility Tours & Career Crawl

In collaboration with Wellness, Housing and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, youth toured the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Farm, Moosehide Village, and the Salmon Sonar. The Career Crawl introduced participants to jëje-in from Heritage, Education, Governance and Executive Operations, Justice, Human Resources, and more—offering a glimpse into diverse career paths within TH Government.

Seminars & Skill Building

Youth attended sessions on Budgeting for Youth with Alex Somerville (TH Finance), Careers in Health Care with Jamie Thomas (YSPOR), and Reconciliation and Land Acknowledgement with Natalja Blanchard (TH Education) and Annie Ibbitson (TH Human Resources).

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Honouring a community leader



We are so deeply grateful for Seargent John “Mitch” Mitchell’s enormous contributions to our learning and mentorship programs over the years. His sudden passing leaves a hole in our community, but like all good leaders, Mitch left good leaders behind to step up and pass on knowledge to all those who want to learn. We will work hard to honour Mitch’s legacy by carefully building the next generation of teachers and mentors in the Yukon and beyond.

A celebration of life, hosted by the Canadian Rangers and the Dawson Royal Canadian Legion, will take place on September 13 at Mitch’s gun range in West Dawson. All are welcome.



Summer Fun with the TH K-12 Education Team

This summer was a busy one for the TH K-12 Education Team with the creation of new programming and the return of some classics! Here's a quick rundown of all the things we made happen in the past couple of months.

Alastair and Nathan put their new packraft instructor training to good use this summer with the creation of an Introduction to Packrafting program which was open to youth in grade 5-8. We had a total of 9 participants, who progressed through the stages of being on the water. They started in the safety of the swimming pool, moved on to tailing ponds, the Yukon River and the Klondike River. Our group wrapped up with a day trip from the Dempster Corner to the Rock Creek landing on the Klondike and finished with a tasty dinner! Thanks to all who helped and participated!

TH Education partnered with the Natural Resources Department and offered a hiking/packrafting trip through Auston Pass and onto the Blackstone River where they looked at grayling population and health as well as water quality. Mica Michon and Orrin Procee came along for the adventure as well as staff from both Education and Natural Resources. Make sure to ask them about the excitement on their last night on the Blackstone River!



A big highlight of the summer was our trip to Midway Lake Festival outside Fort McPherson. The trip was put on for Elders and Youth and it did not disappoint! We had a great turnout of about 22 participants who went and danced the weekend away with friends and family up North! We are hoping to be able to do this event again, so keep your eyes open, ears peeled and slippers at the ready for next summer!

Our team also partnered up with Yukon Parks to bring back Tombstone Tuesday, where we provided rides up the Dempster Highway and had weekly visits with the Parks staff and interpreters. We hiked, saw the sights, harvested plants and medicine, visited important places and got to know the area better. It was a well received program that allowed families, visitors and citizens to get out onto the land and see the Traditional Territory! A big Mähsi to Yukon Parks for their help this summer, hope to see you all again next year!



Citizen Consultation

On the proposed Biomass District Energy System



2025 September 4th
Doors open at 5:00pm
At Älä́t Nēhējēl (TH Hall)

Open to all Citizens.
Hosted by TH Housing
and Infrastructure.

We invite Citizens to a consultation session to learn more about the Proposed Biomass District Energy System. This new district heating system will heat a number of TH facilities and will use wood chips or pellets instead of fossil fuels (stove oil). We hope to gain your thoughts and feedbacks on the project as we implement the next stages.



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Trust Citizens' Information Session



Thursday, September 25 2025
6:00 pm
Älä́t Nēhējēl (TH Hall)

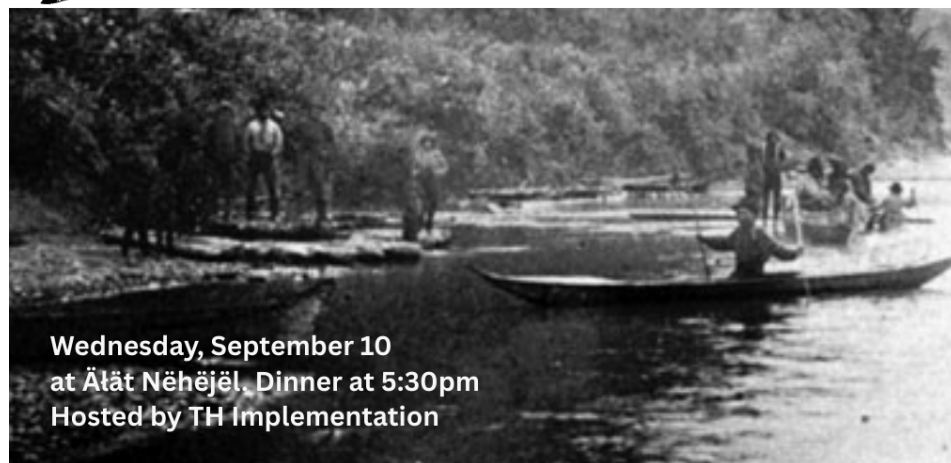
Chief Isaac Group of
Companies and TH
Community Development
Corporation will also be
presenting their updates.

Elder Rides are available
Call: 993-3367



A night of Storytelling

We welcome TH Citizens to an evening of good food, discussion and storytelling.
Come listen to stories and share your own about the Yukon River



Wednesday, September 10
at Älä́t Nēhējēl. Dinner at 5:30pm
Hosted by TH Implementation



Have questions about your taxes?

Canada Revenue Agency - Benefits, Credits and Taxes

Date : September 18 ,2025

Time : 9 AM - 4:30 PM (Lunch Break : 12:30 pm 1:00 pm)

Location Chief John Jonas Centre, Dawson City

Canada Revenue Agency will be in your community to provide assistance with the following:

- Printing and accessing income tax slips (to file a return)
- Printing notice of assessment (NOA's)
- Update information (address, contact number, direct deposit etc.)
- Questions about benefits and credits (GST, CCB, DTC & many more)
- Help you understand a letter you received from the CRA

(Please bring your Social Insurance Number and 1 piece of photo ID)

Free tax help for small businesses

Liaison Officer seminars for small business owners and self-employed individuals

Date : September 18 ,2025

Time : 9 AM - 1PM

Location: Chief John Jonas Centre, Dawson City

If you have tax-related questions, here is your chance to get them answered. Our seminars are held by CRA professions and will help you learn about:

- Business tax deductions
- Common tax errors
- Helpful tools and services offered by the CRA
- General bookkeeping concepts and best practices

Northwestel Planned Outage Notification

Please be aware that there will be a planned outage for Northwestel on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, between 12:01 am to 1:00 am YT, lasting approximately 15 minutes. During this outage, there will be no access to call 911. If an emergency occurs, citizens should drive to the nearest RCMP or hospital for help.




**Request for Proposals
Animated Film**

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in is inviting proposals from Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in artists, filmmakers, and contractors to provide film making services for the purpose of animating a traditional TH story in Dawson City, Yukon. The project is planned to be completed by March 31, 2026. This competition is open only to TH proponents.

Proposals must be received by 4:00pm on Wednesday, September 10th, 2025 in order to be considered.

Prospective proponents can obtain electronic copies of the tender documents by sending an e-mail to: procurement@trondek.ca

Top of the World Highway Elders' bus trip

**Tuesday September 16
9am-3pm**

lunch provided

With TH Heritage and YG
Historic Sites staff.

Come discuss the new
interpretive plans for the
Top of the World Highway!

We want your feedback.

To sign up, contact:

Lydia at TH Heritage
(867) 993-7100 ext. 199

