

Ch'ädräk Tsul Sranän

Small moon month

December 2025

Photo Credit: Miriam Belman

Drin tsul zhìt shò àhlay



Merry Christmas,
you all be happy

Information Session Canada Revenue Agency Benefits, Credits and Taxes

Date: December 11, 2025
Time: 9:00AM – 4:00PM (Lunch Break 12:30PM – 1:00PM)
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)

The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizenship Committee is seeking members

The Citizenship Committee is currently seeking 1 Elder and 1 Citizen-at-large for 2 year terms. Monthly scheduled meetings are held in the evenings on 3rd Tuesday of the Month, maximum two (2) hours. All members will sign an Oath of Confidentiality, become familiar with our TH Constitution and Umbrella Final Agreement (Chapter 3 Enrollment). If you are interested in becoming a committee member, scan the QR code or go to trondek.ca. Email completed applications to citizenship.registrar@trondek.ca. Will be posted for three (3) weeks, according to the Tr'ondëk Hwech'in Boards & Committees Policy June 2023.



Final date to submit your application will be on December 17, 2025.

Council Meetings

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

Wednesday, December 3:

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

Tuesday, December 9:

Elders Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Ätät Nēhējël

Monday, December 15 :

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

Wednesday, December 17:

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

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

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Nekhwet'ənòh-'ay gha shò tr'inlay.
(We are happy to see you).

Doors open at 4:30pm. Let's celebrate our TH Award Winners and the holiday season together. Everyone welcome, including Santa.

13 December
AT 5:00 PM
Robert Service School



**Jì nìndhän? What do you want?
Nëlay gay nihthän I want dry meat!**

The participants of the Bush Craft Skills camp at Nänkak Ch'eholay were exceptionally busy over the weekend of November 7. Despite icy conditions, many community members came out to work hard and learn some new skills out on the land. Over the weekend, participants processed over 300lbs of moose meat into sausage and dried meat! Much of this will be sent out to our post-secondary students in their care packages, hopefully bringing them a little taste of home!

When participants weren't processing meat, they were learning survival skills with Simon Nagano, or spending time with Deena and Allison from Gu Nahtsey to learn more about plant medicines for winter wellness and first aid. In Angie's words: "We had a good time, we work as a team, we did lots in a few days." Mähsi to everyone for their contributions to a great weekend!



(Photos by Jenny Christianson and Katie English)



**Seeking TH Citizens for the
TH Farm Advisory Committee**



- Seeking (5) Citizens-at-large to help guide current operations and future planning through a citizen-led approach that is culturally grounded and community driven.
- Three-year term. Meetings will be held 4 times a year or more often if required.
- Committee members will be paid in accordance with the Finance Policy.



Scan the QR code or download an application at trondek.ca/committees
Email completed applications by Tuesday, December 9, 2025 to development.partnership.manager@trondek.ca

Deputy Chief and Citizen Melanie Bennett representing Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in in New Zealand

YFNED and the CCOE delivered an incredible presentation this week on the world stage at WIPCE (World Indigenous People's Conference on Education) in New Zealand. Over 100 delegates from around the globe, gathered to hear the story of how the CCOE, YFNED, and FNSB, are transforming education in the territory so that our Indigenous kids can thrive. The house was packed, the questions were flowing, the conversations and connections post-presentation were meaningful. Afterwards, they offered a public Dene Hand Games demo that was also a hit!



A full report of the trip will be presented at the YFNED conference in February. Well done team! #WIPCE2025



Chu kon' dëk/Yukon River Declaration of Rights – What does it mean?

The Chu kon' dëk (Yukon River) Personhood Declaration is a way to guide how people interact with the river. The declaration recognizes Chu kon' dëk (Yukon River) as a spiritual being with rights and relationships. It is based on the story of Tsà' Wëzhè, also known as the Traveller, or Beaver Man. Tsà' Wëzhè created Chu kon' dëk, established relationships between humans and their non-human relatives, and made the world safe for people to live.

The Chu kon' dëk (Yukon River) Personhood Declaration is our commitment to revitalize the relationship with the river established for us by Tsà' Wëzhè. It affirms the need to uphold our responsibilities to the river, so that the river can fulfill its role in the world. In the colonial system, this means that the river should be considered to be a "person". By recognizing the river's rights as if it were a person under colonial law, we can help everyone see Chu kon' dëk not as a resource for human use, but as a living entity with its own rights and relationships. It is a way to help ensure the river is protected, cared for, and represented in decisions that affect its health and wellbeing. Several places around the world and one river in Canada have succeeded in establishing bodies of water as "people" under colonial law. We can follow their lead, and we can also make sure our declaration reflects Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in values, culture and language.

The Implementation, Natural Resources and Heritage Departments have prepared a draft of declaration of personhood for Chu kon' dëk. We would like to hear from TH citizens to give input to help shape it. Some things we'd like to hear your ideas about are:

- What do you think about recognizing Chu kon' dëk as a person?*
- As stewards of the Chu kon' dëk what rights do we need to uphold on the river's behalf?*
- What makes a healthy river (sound, look, smell, other)?*
- What does being a good steward of the Chu kon' dëk mean to you?*
- What type of protection do you want for the Chu kon' dëk?*
- What does being a good steward of the Chu kon' dëk mean to you?*

If you would like to talk more about this project, or get involved in shaping the declaration and how we will uphold it in the future please contact:

Anna Claxton, Implementation Department Special Projects Coordinator at anna.claxton@trondek.ca or 993 4830.



Elders on Campus

TR'ODĚK HÄTR'UNOHTÄN ZHO • DAWSON CAMPUS

Ch'ädrek Tsul Sranän - December

MON, DEC 1 12-1PM CAMPUS LUNCHEON
1-3PM DROP-IN SEWING AND BEADING:

HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

FRI, DEC 5 1-4PM PORCUPINE QUILL ORNAMENTS

WITH FAYE CHAMBERLAIN
 REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MON, DEC 8 1-3PM DROP-IN SEWING AND BEADING:

HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

FRI, DEC 12 1-3PM WILLOW WREATH-MAKING

WITH SUE PARSONS
 REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MON, DEC 15 1-3PM DROP-IN SEWING AND BEADING:

HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

Join us in the campus Learning Hub for good chats, snacks, coffee, and tea!

Everybody is welcome.

Info & registration: please email katie.english@trondek.ca



K'äjìt-in Zho Programming

Please note the K'äjìt-in Zho will be closed from Sunday, Dec 21 till Tuesday, Jan 6. During that period our team will be supporting operations at Chief John Jonas Centre.

December 2025

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2. K'äjìt-In Zho Fitness Program 4:00-5:00 PM (meet at K.Z) - K'äjìt-In Zho Łék'átrénócha (K.Z) 5:00-7:30 pm	3. -Pottery 2:30-5:00PM (KIAC classroom) -Sewing Club (K.Z) 5:00-8:00PM -Felt Christmas ornaments with Deena Titus (K.Z) 5:00-8:00	4. -Crafting Night with Ni'ehyat Nidahj (K.Z) 4:00-6:00pm -Elder's Bannock & Tea 2:30-4:00PM	5. -Rock Band Practice 4:00-5:30pm (RSS Music Room) -Open Gym 6:00-8:00PM (RSS)	6. -Christmas Movie Night (K.Z) 6:00-8:00PM -Cookie Decorating (K.Z) All Day -Choose Your own Winter Adventure (K.Z) All Day
9. K'äjìt-In Zho Fitness Program 4:00-5:00 PM (meet at K.Z) -X Country Skiing (meet at K.Z) 3:30-5:00pm	10. -Pottery 2:30-5:00PM (KIAC classroom) -Sewing Club (K.Z) 5:00-8:00PM -Felt Christmas ornaments with Deena Titus (K.Z) 5:00-8:00	11. -Elder's Bannock & Tea 2:30-4:00PM -Ginger Bread House Decorating (K.Z) 3:30-6:30	12. -Rock Band Practice 4:00-5:30pm (RSS Music Room) -Open Gym 6:00-8:00PM (RSS)	13. -Christmas Movie Night (K.Z) 6:00-8:00PM -Cookie Decorating (K.Z) All Day -Choose Your own Winter Adventure (K.Z) All Day
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23. Closed for the Holiday's. For programming and support, please see us at Chief John Jonas Center! Merry Christmas	24. Closed for the Holiday's. For programming and support, please see us at Chief John Jonas Center! Merry Christmas	25. Closed for the Holiday's. For programming and support, please see us at Chief John Jonas Center! Merry Christmas	26. Closed for the Holiday's. For programming and support, please see us at Chief John Jonas Center! Merry Christmas	27. Closed for the Holiday's. For programming and support, please see us at Chief John Jonas Center! Merry Christmas
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Programming is subject to change! Follow us on social media for updates.



Ni'ehlyat Nidähji' & Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Education invite **DAWSON CITY RESIDENTS** to be a part of our

SEASON OF GIVING GIVEAWAY

REGISTRATION REQUIRED by DEC 10, 2025

How to Register?
 Email: tiffany.thomas@trondek.ca
 OR at one of the following locations

ROBERT SERVICE SCHOOL	CHIEF JOHN JONAS CENTRE
JËJE ZHO	CPNP
TH ADMINISTRATION	DAWSON WOMEN'S SHELTER

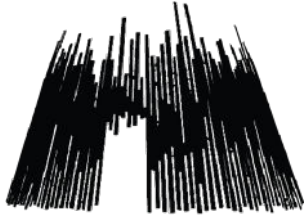
GROCERY GIFTCARDS WILL BE GIVEN OUT ON DECEMBER 17 FROM 12-2PM
 Äläät Nêhëjël (TH Hall) Parking Lot

Come sit with us around a fire and enjoy a hot dog and a cup of hot chocolate!

One gift card per household

Questions? Call (867) 993-2912 or (867) 993-4109

Food Banks Canada | Banques alimentaires Canada



DÄNOJÄ ZHO
cultural centre

Ornament Making

Thursday, December 11
 2pm - 4pm
 Hähkè Steve Taylor Building
 Room 211
 Everyone welcome!

YUKON U
Holiday Open House
 &
SOVA
Student Exhibition

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE TR'ODËK HÄTR'UNOHTÄN ZHO CAMPUS FOR A FESTIVE EVENING OF CELEBRATION: MUSIC, FOOD, GAMES, ARTWORK, AND MORE!

THURSDAY, DEC 4
 5:30-7:30 PM

TR'ODËK HÄTR'UNOHTÄN ZHO
 DAWSON CAMPUS
 982 THIRD AVE

Community Outreach Vehicle

Every Friday in December

5, 12, 19, 26

5:00pm - 11:00pm

Every Saturday in December

6, 13, 20, 27

2:00pm - 11:00pm

December 31 -

New Year's Eve

5:00pm - 2:30am



CALL OR TEXT 867-993-3697



Mobile support with supplies including mental health First Aid, harm reduction kits, food, drinks, hygiene products, necessities and referral services. Provided by the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Outreach and Jéje Zho. We will make stops at Front St. gazebo, CIBC bank stairs and the Downtown Hotel parking lot, but feel free to call or text us and we'll come to you. Let's take good care of each other!

Elders Dinner & Conversation AT JÉJE ZHO



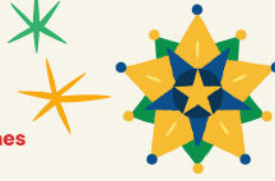
Wednesday, December 3 • 6PM - 8PM

**We will be making
Christmas Ornaments**

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Ätät Nëhëjël / TH Hall
Saturday, Dec 6
11am - 4pm

Find some treasures for your special someones
All available tables are booked!





Creating a brighter future

CITIZEN BENEFIT FUND

The Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizen Benefit Fund (CBF), established by Chief Isaac Group of Companies, provides benefits to Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in citizens. It's funded by partners and is distributed quarterly, with a focus on youth engagement, elders' support, and community-based initiatives. The fund also supports educational pursuits and organizations that support or are run by TH citizens.



867-993-5384



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in
Citizen Benefit Fund
Box 1110,
Dawson City, Yukon,
Y0B 1G0



citizenfund@chiefisaac.ca

To receive more information or apply at:

Deadline for next funding is January 6, 2026



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Dawson City's Festive Events

Holiday Season 2025

November 28 – **Festive Paint Night** (19+)

Double Denim Tattoo, 7:00pm, \$100, Book Beforehand

November 29 – **KIAC Art & Craft Fair**

KIAC Ballroom & ODD Gallery, 10:00am – 4:00pm

December 3 – **Celebration of Lights**

Minto Park, 5:00pm

December 3 – 18 – **Community Christmas Lights Contest**

Throughout Dawson City

December 3 – 18 – **12 Days of Christmas Scavenger Hunt**

Throughout Dawson City, Ballots Available at CityofDawson.ca

December 5 – **Christmas Open House & Snapshot Social**

Dawson City Museum, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

December 6 – **Family Pancake Breakfast with Santa**

Dawson City Fire Hall, 9:30am – 11:30am

December 6 – **Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Christmas Bazaar**

TH Hall, 11:00am – 4:00pm (Moosehide Gathering Fundraiser)

December 6 – **Coffee House & Open Mic**

KIAC Ballroom, 7:00pm, By Donation (Fundraiser)

December 7 – **Pet Pictures with Santa**

Visitor Information Centre, 12:00pm – 3:00pm, \$15 (Humane Society Fundraiser)

December 8 – 18 – **Gingerbread House Contest**

Art and Margaret Fry Recreation Centre, Submit: 8 – 14, Vote: 15 – 18

December 12 – **Drawliday's Exhibition Opening**

ODD Gallery, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

December 13 – **Annual Dawson City Boat Parade**

Throughout Dawson City, 6:00pm

December 21 – **Dawson City Ice Bowl**

Crocus Bluff Disc Golf Course, 2:00pm, By Donation (Food Bank Fundraiser)

December 31 – **New Year's Eve Glow Skate**

Art and Margaret Fry Recreation Centre, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

December 31 – **New Year's Eve Fireworks**

Waterfront Park, 8:30pm



www.DawsonCity.ca/Events