

Ch'ëts'ik Sranän

Frosty Month

February 2026



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I see a rabbit

Message from the Housing Department

The Housing Department would like to remind tenants and community members to please only flush toilet paper and biodegradable waste down toilets and drains. Recently, the City of Dawson has found non-biodegradable items such as floor cleaning products, feminine hygiene products, shop towels, and wet wipes in the sewer system. These items have caused blockages and made it more difficult to complete repairs, including the work to thaw frozen lines last month.

We kindly ask everyone to be mindful of what goes down the drain to help protect our community's water and sewer system. Thank you to our tenants for your patience and understanding during the recent emergency, and for doing your part to keep our infrastructure working safely and smoothly.

Legal Aid

The Legal Aid Lawyer will be in Dawson at the Administration Building on February 16th, 2026 to meet with clients and Circuit Court will be held on February 17th, 2026 upstairs in the Dawson Museum at 10am.

Hear from Wildstone - Quarterly Update

Go to trondek.ca to read about the completion of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Elders Complex, and current updates on the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Heritage Complex, the Dawson Recreation Centre, and the Dawson Multi-Unit Residential Building. Information is also included on the upcoming Introductory Carpentry Training Program in Dawson City, delivered in partnership with Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and Yukon University, supporting local Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Youth and their interest and participation in the trades.

Upcoming Council Meetings

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

Tuesday, February 10:

Elders Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Äfät Nēhējël

Tuesday, February 17:

Special Elders Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Äfät Nēhējël

Wednesday, February 18:

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

Tuesday, February 24:

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

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



Gift Shop Hours

Dānojà Zho Cultural Centre

**Monday-Friday
10am-4pm**

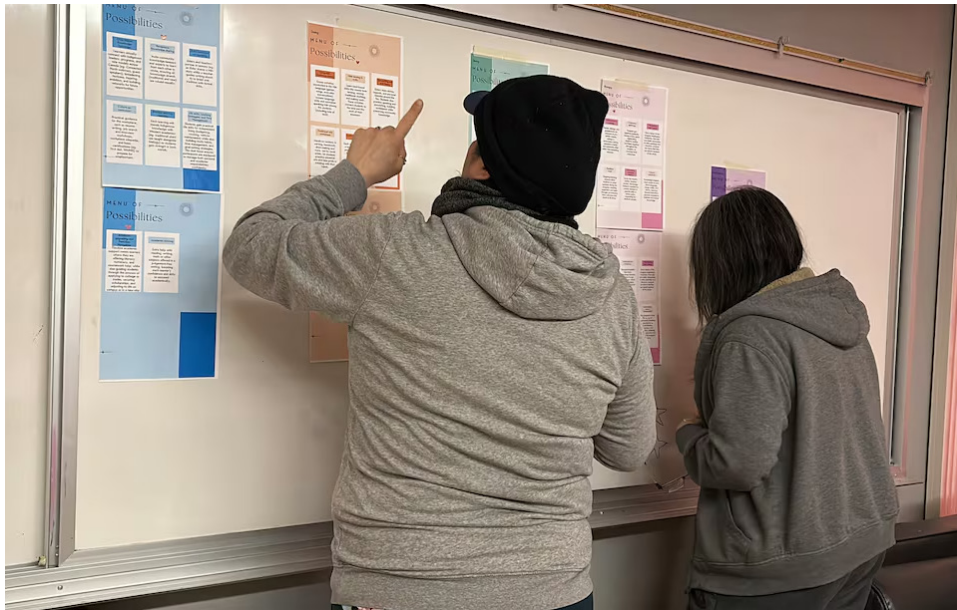
If you have any questions
please contact us at
giftshop.supervisor@trondek.ca
or 993-7100 ext 500



Students in charge: Yukon University launches bridging program

Program aims to support Indigenous students in post-secondary courses tailored to individual needs

Isabella Calissi • CBC News • Posted: Jan 29, 2026 9:06 AM MST



Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation (THFN) has partnered with Yukon University to create the school's first bridging program.

The program is meant to support students in achieving their post-secondary goals by offering flexible class schedules, grading options, and offering a variety of programs. Sue Parsons, courses and programs manager at the university, said the program is supposed to flip how school usually works. Instead of the programs being developed and students fitting into the model. Students are instead defining what they want the content and the curriculum to look like for them.

"They can define the hours in which they want the program to run," she said. "They can define how they decide to credential themselves and how they will assess their personal success in the program."

Melissa Atkinson, the First Nation's adult learning and employment manager, said the program has been in the works for the last 18 months. Originally it was only going to be an academic pathway, but the program expanded to look at what kind of skills people wanted to develop.

"It was sort of born out of a long history of conversations around what challenges students were facing and how we could help to address [and] get out in front of those challenges," she said.

Atkinson adds she is not aware of another program in Canada that has this much flexibility, and is, "pretty well solely designed by the students." Leanne Dickson is one of the seven bridging program students starting the 12-month program in January 2026. (Isabella Calissi/CBC) "I feel like I'm in the right spot right now and I'm here to work on myself, find myself, and go from there," said Leanne Dickson. She's one of the seven students attending the program over the next 12 months.

Kim Joseph, another student, does seasonal work as an environmental monitor. She said she's been "out of the loop" for a while, and this program will help her get back on her feet. Joseph said she's also excited to take on any traditional learning being offered, like how to make snowshoes.

"I've always wanted to do a lot of traditional learnings, but all these years I spent working and stuff like that," she said. "A lot of us, we wanted to do that, but we're working and it happens at times. So now I'm just going to take the opportunity because you know, you can."

Another student, Christine Blanchard Fraser, says the program will help her get into the school's pathways course, where she plans to study geology and earth sciences.

"So it's not going to be as hard and we'll do it as a team," said Blanchard Fraser.

"I know a lot of people, including myself, didn't have a good experience with school and it's not really tailored to the student. So I think this is a really good opportunity to show people that we are here for you. We want you to do as well as you can and we're behind you all the way to get where you want to be."


Jordan Taylor, the bridging program coordinator, said students will be doing "self-reflecting" activities over the coming weeks, to figure out where they want to go based on their current interests. To start it off, students were asked at the program launch party to place stickers on the "menu of possibilities," featuring types of courses available to them.

Taylor and her team will then help figure out what kind of programming they can offer, and "use that to individually nudge people into where they want to go in life, whether it be an academic goal, personal or employment."

It's Elder Appreciation Week at Hätr'unohtän Zho / RSS!

To sign up for the lunches with classes, or for a Moosehide Winter, please contact:

Nathan Dewell // nathan.dewell@trondek.ca or (867) 993-3114 / Katie English // katie.english@trondek.ca or (867) 993 4275



ELDER Appreciation Week FEBRUARY 9 - 13 @ RSS

YOU ARE INVITED

Mon Feb 9 MOOSE STEW
HOST: GRADE 1

Tues Feb 10 CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
HOST: GRADE 2 & 3

Wed Feb 11 MOOSE MEAT & RICE
HOST: GRADE 7

**Thur Feb 12 ANGIE'S BDAY!
MOOSE & BARLEY SOUP**
IN THE HOME EC ROOM.
NO SIGN UP REQUIRED.

Fri Feb 13 MOOSE BURGER SOUP
HOST: GRADE 5

**MON - FRI:
LUNCHES: 12 PM**

JOIN A CLASS FOR LUNCH & VISITING.
(+ BANNOCK, TEA, COFFEE)

SPACE IS LIMITED, PLEASE SIGN UP:
NATHAN.DEWELL@TRONDEK.CA / 993 3114
TARA.RUDNICKAS@TRONDEK.CA / 993 4730

**WEDNESDAY:
SCHOOL TOUR & VISIT
WITH TH EDUCATION STAFF**


3:30 - 5PM

**SATURDAY:
MOOSEHIDE
WINTER**

INSPIRED BY ELDERS' STORIES OF
CHRISTMAS AT MOOSEHIDE WE'LL
SPEND A DAY THERE WITH FOOD,
FIDDLE, DANCE, CRAFT, SLEDDING
AND MORE.OPEN TO ALL AGES!
SNOWMOBILE RIDES AVAILABLE.

PLEASE REGISTER:
NATHAN.DEWELL@TRONDEK.CA/993 3114
KATIE.ENGLISH@TRONDEK.CA / 993 4275

12- 4PM




Beaded Valentine Wristlets




Limited Seats
February 13th 1pm-4pm
DZCC
Call 1-867-993-7100 ext500
Email giftshop.supervisor@trondek.ca



TR'ONDĚK HWĚCH'IN CITIZEN

DROP IN ENGAGEMENT YUKON RIVER PERSONHOOD

FEB 19 3PM TO 6PM

Join TH Implementation for Chu Kon' Dĕk - Fire Along the River,
an afternoon of storytelling and sharing on the
Yukon River Personhood initiative.

DRAFT DECLARATION OF YUKON RIVER RIGHTS FOR DISCUSSION

◆ STORYTELLING AND PRESENTATION AT 3:30 & 5:30 ◆
◆ BRING RIVER & SALMON PHOTOS ◆ LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ◆ DOOR PRIZES

**Come hear about the Yukon River Personhood Initiative, share
stories of life along the river, and tell us your thoughts on the draft
declaration of rights for Chu Kon' Dĕk/Yukon River.**

Zoom link available for presentation times. Contact:
Paul Butterworth: Denezhuways.advisor@trondek.ca (867) 993-3576
Anna Claxton: anna.claxton@trondek.ca 867-993-4830

Thank-you for respecting that this event is for TH Citizens only.



PARKA MAKING

with Dolores Scheffen, Deena Titus, and Jackie Clancy

DATE February 12, 2026

TIME 5:30-9PM

LOCATION Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief Jones Jones Centre - 1233 Second Ave

Participants are to provide their own sewing tools. A detailed list will be provided when registering.

**Limited space available.
Registration required:**

To register or for more information, please contact:
Deena Titus at deena.titus@yukonu.ca

K'äjit-in Zho P_{rogramminng}

February 2026

TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3. K'äjit-in Zho Fitness Program 4:00-5:30PM (meet at K.Z) -X Country Skiing (meet at K.Z) 3:30-5:00PM	4. -Pottery 2:30-5:00PM (KIAC classroom) -Sewing Club (K.Z) 5:00-8:00PM - Ribbon Hoodie making (K.Z) 5-8:00PM	5. -X Country Skiing (meet at K.Z) 3:30-5:00PM - K'äjit-In Zho Léik'átrénocha (K.Z) 4:00-6:30 pm -Universal Yum box (K.Z) 3:30-4:00PM	6. -Rock Band Practice 4:00-5:30PM (RSS Music Room) -Open Gym 6:00-8:00PM (RSS) -Girls Group (K.Z) 6:00-8:00PM	7. -Movie Night 6:00-8:00PM -Choose Your own Winter Adventure (K.Z) All Day
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Programming is subject to change! Follow us on social media for updates.



Yukon



Men's Group

"Where dad jokes meet deep thoughts"

Jëje Zho
(men's house)

Men's Group with Dez Rioux
open to all community
members who
identify as men

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Dinner and beverages included
Call for rides: 867-993-6874



First Nations Child
and Family Services
and Jordan's Principle
Settlement

Workshop

Type: Information session as well as one-on-one support for application submission.

Join Claims Helpers for a free group workshop to help people understand the Claim Form process.

Date: February 9th, 2026

Time: 9 AM - 5 PM (available through lunch hour)

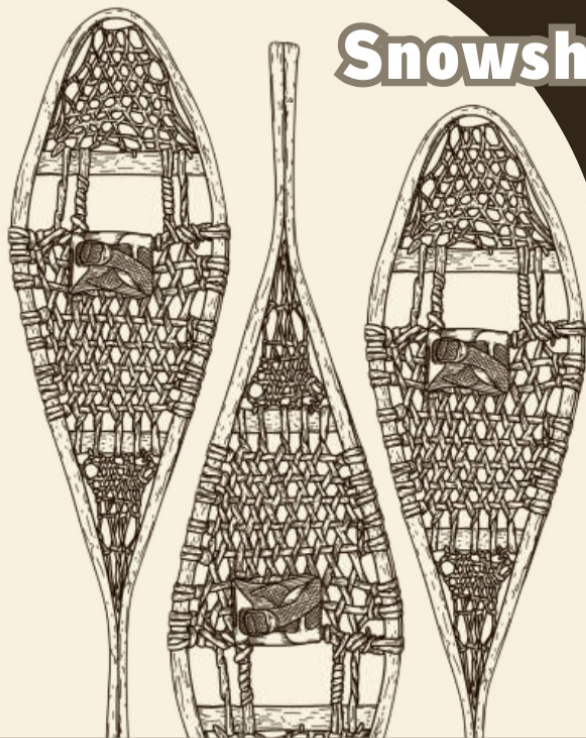
Location: Chief John Jonas Center - 123 Second Ave Dawson, YT

The Claims Helpers will also be available to provide free private support with completing Claims Forms.

Details: Claims helper 's will be available to assist claimants with submitting claims and answer any questions surrounding the different types of claims. An Elder Knowledge Keeper will also be present for support. Please remember to bring a valid Government Issued ID, such as driver's license, passport, status card, etc.

To learn more about the Settlement, visit www.FNChildClaims.ca.

Contact the Administrator at 1-833-852-0755 for information or to be connected with a Claims Helper.



Snowshoe Making Workshop

with Bella and William Charlie

Yukon SOVA 3D Workshop
February 9 - 12
1:00 - 6:00 pm

We invite Elders to join
the Bridging Program for
a hands on workshop.
Come watch, learn and
share stories!



For more information please contact Katie.English@trondek.ca

Dänojà' Zho Cultural Centre February Programming

Call: 867-993-7100 ext.500

Email: giftshop.supervisor@trondek.ca

Friday, February 13

Make Beaded Valentine Wristlets,

1pm - 4pm.

Thursday, Feb 19

Lip Scrub Workshop: Make some natural scented lip scrubs.

1pm - 4pm

Friday, February 27

Foot Scrub Workshop: Make some natural scented foot scrubs.

1pm - 4pm

Heritage Programming

Contact: heritage@trondek.ca

February 10

Heritage Snowshoe to Tr'ochëk, 3:30 pm, departing from K'äjìt-'in Zho

February 17

The Victors Snowshoe Baseball Game, 3:30pm, Crocus Bluff Field

February 24

Hän Salmon Girl Pin Workshop

10 am – 4 pm, at Yukon U

Every Tuesday begins Feb 24

Snowshoe Club, 3:30 pm, leaving from K'äjìt-'in Zho

