Jëjik Sranän
Moose Month

SEPTEMBER 2026

Jë jik nëk-’ąy. I see a moose

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, September 8:
Elders Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Äłät Nëhëjël

Wednesday, September 9:
TH Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Council Chambers

Wednesday, September 23:
TH Council Meeting @ 5:30pm in Town Hall Conference Room, Best Western Gold Rush Inn, Whitehorse

Tuesday, September 29:
Youth Council Meeting @ 5:00pm in K'äjìt-in Zho

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

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For all TH Tenants:

Reminder to turn on your bleeders
Sept 1 - May 31
If you are unsure how to do this, please contact the Tenant Relation Office or email work order request to workorder@trondek.ca.

Photo taken by Communications Assistant, Maegan Lutz

Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Council would like to send a huge congratulations to this year's crop of summer students who came to work and learn with us.

At Tr'inke Zho, Alexandria Nagano, Alyssa Bower-Peterson, Hannah Hawkins, Tyson Van Every-Lynn, and Divyne Taylor-Chudy worked as Student Early Childhood Educators. Shailey Carlick supported Employment & Training as a Student Education Assistant, and Melia Gammie worked with the Lands & Resources team as a Community Planning Assistant.

Within Heritage, Sofiya Popadynec served as a Student Cultural Programs Assistant at Dänojà' Zho, while Jada Silver supported the language team as a Student Hän Language Assistant. In Governance & Executive Operations, Trinity Vittrekwa worked as a Student Receptionist, Isis Van Bibber as a Student Kitchen Assistant, Joe Popadynec as a Youth Farm Labourer at the TH Farm, and Maegan Lutz as a Youth Communications & Language Assistant.

Each student made meaningful contributions to the work of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in while gaining valuable skills, experience, and confidence along the way.

Council would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the supervisors and jëje-in who welcomed these students into their workplaces and invested time in mentoring, coaching, and sharing their knowledge. Their support helped create a positive and rewarding learning experience, and it is greatly appreciated.

We wish our young students every success as they head back to school, continue their studies, or move on to new opportunities. We look forward to working with you again soon!

Mähsį cho to all the volunteers, sponsors, supporters and attendees that made the 2026 Gathering a success
2026 Moosehide GATHERING

Boatloads of Dedication: How the Kitchen Team Delivered at Moosehide 2026

The Kitchen and Events teams are proud to share that the feasts at Moosehide Gathering 2026 were a tremendous success. We sincerely hope everyone who joined us enjoyed the meals and hospitality that helped bring people together throughout the event.

Behind the scenes, our jëje-in delivered a truly phenomenal effort. Faced with the unique challenge of preparing meals at TH Hall and transporting food by boat, rather than cooking on-site in Moosehide Village, the team demonstrated remarkable dedication, flexibility, and teamwork. When our Chef was unexpectedly medevac'd out after the second of four days, the team stepped up without hesitation, adapting quickly to ensure every feast was served safely, on time, and to the high standard attendees deserved.

Long hours, changing circumstances, and logistical hurdles never dampened the team's commitment. Their professionalism, and resilience made it possible to deliver one of the most important components of the Gathering: sharing food, community, and connection.

A heartfelt thank you to every member of the kitchen crew for their hard work and commitment. Your efforts helped make Moosehide Gathering 2026 a memorable one!

-Ross Cockburn, Kitchen Coordinator

CITIZEN CONSULTATION

Settlement Land Use Act

We invite Citizens to join jëje-in from our Implementation and Natural Resources Departments and provide consultation on the latest draft of the Settlement Land Use Act.

September 10, 2026
October 22, 2026

12:00 pm

Ałät Nëhëjël (TH Hall)

For more information
land.resources.manager @trondek.ca

SEEKING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

LAND AND RESOURCES ACT COMMITTEE

The Implementation Department is seeking two Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens for the **Lands and Resources Act Committee.**

- Meeting will be held monthly, though occasionally additional meetings are required.
- Citizens members will be paid in accordance with the finance policy.

For more information or to apply please email:
kylie.vanevery@trondek.ca

Consultation on the Settlement Land Use Act (an Act to Replace the Lands and Resources Act) on September 10, 2026.

The Implementation and Natural Resources Departments are excited to share that the consultation draft of the new **Settlement Land Use Act (Ninànkäk hǫzǫ wëk'ätr'ènòcha Act)** was passed at the Spring 2026 General Assembly! The next step is Citizen consultation, which will take place this fall, with the first session happening in Dawson City at the Äłät Nëhëjël (TH Hall) **Thursday September 10, 2026.** To make this event as accessible as possible, jëje-in will be hosting an Open House from **1:00 - 5:00 pm** for Citizens to drop in, learn about the Settlement Land Use Act consultation draft, and provide your feedback. This will be followed by an evening dinner and discussion engagement session from 5:00 - 7:00 pm that will have a focus on allocations and land use planning.

Following the September 10 session, we will be hosting further events as follows:

Wednesday, September 16 (ZOOM ONLY) from 5:30 - 7:30 pm (follow TH's social media channels or contact TH below for sign in details)

Thursday, September 24 in Whitehorse, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the TH Whitehorse Office

Thursday, October 22 in Dawson City, from 1:00 - 5:00 pm for an open house, and 5:30 - 7:30 pm for an evening dinner and discussion, all at Äłät Nëhëjël (TH Hall).

This consultation is an important opportunity for Citizens to help shape the future of Settlement Land management and use.

Want to know what's in the consultation draft? You should be receiving a plain-language booklet in the mail (or in your email) this month. This booklet summarizes the Settlement Land Use Act consultation draft, main takeaways, and provides opportunities for your own notes as you read. It also includes a QR code on the back that will take you to a more detailed plain language summary and the consultation draft itself, if you have further questions or want to learn more.

As always, please contact Alice McCulley at Natural.Resources.Director@Trondek.ca or Katie Fraser at Katie.Fraser@Trondek.ca if you have any questions or would like more information.

Do you currently hold an Expression of Interest in Settlement Land? Citizens who currently hold an Expression of Interest for a Settlement Land grant will also receive a letter from the Department of Natural Resources requesting confirmation of their interest and any additional information required. This will help ensure records are up to date and support the processing of applications moving forward.

CITIZEN CONSULTATION

Yuhke Hwëdëk
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in's Community Energy Plan (CEP)

Help shape the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Community Energy Plan. Your input will help ensure the First Nation can participate meaningfully in Yukon's energy landscape.

Consultation Dates

Whitehorse:
September 15, 2026
1:00 PM | Whitehorse Office

Dawson:
September 17, 2026
5:00 PM | Äłät Nëhëjël

CONTACT US
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Economic Development Project Officer
ECD.Project.officer@trondek.ca

Clinton Creek Mine Remediation Site Tour

Learn more about the upcoming remediation work at the abandoned mine site.

- **Wednesday, September 17, 2026**
- **8:45 am - 5:00 pm**
- **Meet at Äłät Nëhëjël (TH Hall)**

Registration required. Space is limited.
Registration priority given to TH Citizens.

Travel to and from the mine site, and lunch are provided.

For more information or to register, please contact:
Bill.Kendrick@trondek.ca (867) 993-4762

Fall 2026
Elders on Campus

TR'ODËK HÄTR'UNOHTÄN ZHO
YUKON U DAWSON CAMPUS

Tuesday, September 1	Welcoming Ceremony **1:00 - 3:00 pm**
Friday, September 4	Drop-in Sewing & Beading **1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Tuesday, September 8	Drop-in Sewing & Beading **1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Friday, September 11	Jam Making **1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Monday, September 14	Moosehide Monday **1:00 - 5:00 pm (registration required)**
Tuesday, September 15	Drop-in Sewing & Beading **1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Monday, September 21	Stories on the Land (location TBD) **10:00 am - 5:00 pm (registration required)**
Tuesday, September 22	Drop-in Sewing / Orange Shirt Beading **1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Friday, September 25	Drop-in Sewing / Orange Shirt Beading **1:00 - 4:00 pm**
Tuesday, September 29	Orange Shirt Beading & Discussion **1:00 - 4:00 pm**

Yukon University

National School Food Program and local partners support kitchen upgrades at Robert Service School

Students at Robert Service School in Dawson will soon benefit from improvements to the school's kitchen, thanks to a partnership between Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, the Government of Canada, the Government of Yukon and local industry partners. The upgraded kitchen will help strengthen school food programs and create a more welcoming space where students can access healthy meals, learn about food and connect with their community.

The project was initiated by Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in and brings together support from all levels of government, along with contributions from Favron Enterprises Ltd. and Schmidt Mining Corp., to invest in the wellbeing of Dawson's youth.

As part of Phase 1, the Government of Canada is providing $435,460 this fiscal year through the National School Food Program to support the first stage of the kitchen upgrades. This builds on an additional $100,000 provided in 2025–26 for planning and design work. For Phase 2, local mining companies Favron Enterprises Ltd. and Schmidt Mining Corp. will each contribute $350,000 in the 2027–28 fiscal year. Combined with the federal funding, these contributions will cover the full cost of the kitchen improvements.

Once complete, the kitchen will be better equipped to support the needs of students and school food programs. It will also create opportunities to share culture, traditional foods and community knowledge, while providing a space for learning, connection and gathering.

"We are thrilled that the Robert Service School kitchen is finally getting the upgrades and renovations it needs to provide our young learners with nutritious meals and a supportive environment. Time and again, we've seen how students thrive when they have access to healthy food at school. We are deeply grateful to the Favron and Schmidt families for their generous investment in the health and future of our community."

– Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Deputy Chief Erin McQuaig

Career & Entrepreneurship Fair

Ätät Nëhëjël | TH Hall

September 22 & 23

Day 1: Career Fair | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Explore career opportunities and connect with professionals from a wide range of industries. Learn about different career paths, required training, and employment opportunities.
Open to everyone.

Day 2: Entrepreneurship Fair | 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Meet local entrepreneurs and organizations that support small business development. Learn how to start, grow, and finance your own business.

Both Days

- Open to youth, job seekers, career changers, and aspiring entrepreneurs
- Opportunity to network, ask questions, and discover future opportunities
- Snacks and lunch provided
- Explore careers, connect with employers, and learn how to turn your business ideas into reality at the 2026 Dawson City Career & Entrepreneurship Fair.

To become an exhibitor or for more information contact:

education@trondek.ca

Yukon

Elders Fall Camp 2026

This August, we had a wonderful few days at our Elders Fall Camp. The camp gave Elders an opportunity to spend time together, relax, and enjoy being out on the land.
The days were filled with simple pleasures: visiting around the campfire, sharing laughs and stories, enjoying good food, and taking time to rest. Some participants spent time berry picking, while others enjoyed afternoon naps, card games, and quiet conversations with friends.

One highlight was coming together for meals and activities such as Indian Bingo, which brought lots of smiles and laughter. Most importantly, the camp gave Elders a chance to connect, recharge, and enjoy each other's company in a peaceful setting.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the camp such an enjoyable experience. We look forward to gathering again in the future.

Upcoming Event

The next Elders Bingo will be held on **September 24** at the **Elders Complex**. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m., with bingo starting shortly after 1:00 p.m. There will be **grocery prizes** to be won, and everyone is welcome to come out for an afternoon of food, fun, and visiting.

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Save the Date

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Every Child Matters

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Keep an eye out for the upcoming schedule of events.

Tr'ondëk-Klondike World Heritage Site: Sharing Our Story with the World

The Tr'ondëk-Klondike World Heritage Site affirms that our Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in story is an important contribution to the history and culture of the world.

The designation is a great example of what our community can accomplish if we work together. The TH Heritage Department led all four governments, and many local people and organizations in working together to nominate Tr'ondëk-Klondike for World Heritage Site status.

Tr'ondëk-Klondike shows how Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in creativity and determination allowed us to respond to rapid and dramatic change, and kept our culture alive. The story highlights our response and adaptation to upheaval in our homeland between 1874-1908. During this time, a wave of newcomers arrived here, looking for gold and other resources. The Canadian government asserted growing colonial power over people and land. Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in were increasingly displaced and marginalized in our own land. Together the 8 sites that make up Tr'ondëk-Klondike are one of the best examples in the whole world of an indigenous people's response to colonialism.

The story told by the Tr'ondëk-Klondike World Heritage Site counteracts the erasure of Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in in the story of our homeland. It is a move a way from timid and whitewashed history, to tell a story that is more honest and balanced. Recognizing, and describing colonial history helps people identify and counter colonialism today.

Being a World Heritage Site also has the potential to moderately increase tourism in Dawson. Generally, people who visit a World Heritage Site are looking for a more meaningful experience. They want to learn about indigenous history culture and perspective. Changing or increasing tourism in Dawson could mean opportunities for new tourism business. It could also mean current businesses have new opportunities.

World Heritage Site status can also help us get funding to better protect our heritage sites, improve facilities for citizens at our sites and to tell our stories.

Being a World Heritage Site does not necessarily mean big changes or new rules to follow. Our heritage sites will continue to be protected. It is up to the community to decide how we want to celebrate and promote being a World Heritage Site.

Do you have ideas or questions about the Tr'ondëk-Klondike World Heritage Site?

Anna Claxton, TKWH Site Coordinator
867 993 4830 or tkwhs.coordinator@trondek.ca

Nits'ä̀ t nidäzhùr hè ä̀ 'tr'ënëtl'ù' (One Stitch At A Time: A TH Podcast) is excited to announce the first recording dates for our inaugural season!

Whitehorse: October 26-28, 2026
Dawson City: November 2-4, 2026
(More details coming soon)

We're looking for Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Citizens who would like to share stories, experiences, memories, songs, advice, and perspectives as part of this exciting new podcast.

Our podcast's Hän name, Nits'ä̀ t nidäzhùr hè ä̀ 'tr'ënëtl'ù', loosely translates to "we sew a blanket of our voices." Together, we'll create a space that connects citizens around the world through shared experiences and storytelling.

Interested in participating? Contact:
Claire Neilson
claire.neilson@trondek.ca

Living elsewhere in Canada? We are exploring potential recording sessions in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, and other major centres if there is enough interest. Reach out with your location and availability.

2026 Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in General Assembly

October 3 - 4

8:00am - 5:00pm

Open to all Citizens in-person and virtually via Zoom