

# Teslin Post

## *Clara Jules acclaimed to Town Council*



Former Mayor Clara Jules was the only contender for the council seat recently vacated by Jim Clark.

Jim, and his wife Minnie, have relocated outside the community boundaries.

Clara was acclaimed on January 8, 2009 and was sworn at the next council meeting. Ms Jules has previously served as both councillor and mayor. Welcome back Clara!

### **Teslin Health Centre**

#### Morning Walk-in Clinic

Monday-Friday

8:30-11:30 am

#### Afternoon Walk-in Clinic

Tuesday thru Thursday

3:30-4:30 p.m.

By Appointment:

#### Well Woman & Pregnant Women

Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

#### Well Baby/Well Child

Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

#### Blood work

Tuesday & Thursday

8:30-11:30 am

#### Serious Illness or Emergencies only:

The on-call nurse can be reached 24 hours a day by calling 390-4444



Village of  
**Teslin**

*Gateway to the Southern Lakes*



Council Highlights  
January 12, 2009

Mayor Robin Smarch, Councillors Stacey Hassard, Councillor Margaret Douville, Sandy Smarch, and Clara Jules all present.

- 1. Clara Jules sworn in as councillor
- 2. Motions under New Business

9.1 Transfer Station Options for consideration  
# 04-01-09

Moved by Councillor Hassard;  
Seconded by Councillor Douville;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Village Council wishes to explore the practicality of the bins and determine volumes so are requesting that we rent for a couple of months to determine how this will work.

**~carried~**

9.2 Summary of Water Wells in Yukon Communities  
contract hydrologist to determine other options to twinning the existing well.

9.3 Lawn Maintenance Contracts  
# 05-01-09

Moved by Councillor Hassard;  
Seconded by Councillor Douville;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Village Council wishes to enter into another 3 year agreement for the maintenance of lawns and ditches around town.

**~carried~**

9.4 AYC Nominations for Awards

9.5 Snow Removal - Councillor Jules  
contractor to take snow on Sidney Street and move it to the opposite side of the road to reduce flooding potential for homes along that street when the snow melts.

**Calendar**

**Upcoming Council Meetings**  
February 9, 2009  
February 23, 2009

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the council chambers at the village office. Spectators are always welcome and the floor is open for questions at the end of the meeting.

Those wishing to make a formal presentation to the village council should speak with the village CAO (Wes Wirth) well before the specific meeting.

WELCOME TO THE DIGITAL EDITION OF THE TESLIN POST

This is a bit of an experiment. It is an attempt by VOT to highlight what is happening in our community ... and to do it online. If people like it — maybe we can do this monthly. For the time being, I will be the collator. The collator, by the way, is quite different from being the editor. An editor usually has a handle on spelling and basic grammar ... which I don't. Also an editor doesn't use three dots all the time ...

which I do. A collator pulls things together and gives them some order. So as the collator, I need photos of Teslin events; questions for the mayor; letters to the Post; and any ideas for future issues. I'm thinking of updates from TTC, the school, RCMP, fire department, maybe guest editorials and the like. Snappy stuff to keep Teslin 'in-the-know'. Kind of like our personalized "Macleans" magazine. Items can be dropped off at the village office c/o Teslin Post. Pictures (and suggestions) can be emailed directly to me at: [mhodgson@northwestel.net](mailto:mhodgson@northwestel.net).

Regards, Mike Hodgson ... Collator



CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER UPDATE

**Projects**

1. Marina  
The breakwater feasibility study should be completed shortly and the council will have to discuss on how the village wishes to move forward.
2. EMO  
The Emergency Generator Project is unfolding into joining the Recreation Complex water project with the generator project and housing everything in one building. This will create a larger building than originally anticipated. This project is well underway and will be completed in due course.



**Community Infrastructure**

1. An asset management system continues to evolve. The village now has proper work orders to track this information.
2. The parking lot and access to the community centre will, because of the new generator/water system project, need to be reconfigured.
3. A formal agreement has been signed, regarding the old community hall, outlining the responsibility of the Yukon Government.
4. Tender has been awarded on the improvements to the municipal centre. The project will start at the end of February.
5. Work continues on a design for the Sawmill Road park. The design will be presented to council for approval.
6. Yukon Electrical and Thomas Electric have been advised to provide power to the Teslin Landfill site.
7. Teslin is exploring some composting options for the community and a report will be provided.
8. YTG has installed monitoring wells at the landfill site (promised in 2002)...this will meet a requirement for landfill closure in the future and for dealing with our YESAA application for a new permit for the operation of the landfill into the new year.
9. YESSA process is underway in relation to our application for a new landfill permit.
10. The village has received the arsenic report for the Teslin water supply. The engineer would like to meet with council to explain the report and options for mitigation.
11. Teslin will be hosting the January meeting of YRRT.
12. We will be starting our official community plan review. Part of the process will be a review of land, zoning and the like. The village would like to incorporate a recreation plan as a component of this community plan.



**ASK THE MAYOR: A MONTHLY FEATURE**

Do you have a question you want the mayor to answer? Like ... um ... how come Teslin doesn't have a library anymore? ... or why did VOT build a large ugly shed in front of the community hall? ... or what's your favourite colour? Well ... fire your question into the Post ... and Robin will respond in the next edition. Two questions per edition.

Memo from the Desk of Wes Wirth

To: Citizens of Teslin and Surrounding Area

Date: January 19, 2009

LANDFILL

At the suggestion of a local citizen, we now have available landfill user cards. These cards have a value of \$20.00 and can be purchased at the Village Office. Patrons using the Landfill can present their card to the attendant who will punch the card based on the charge for your load.

When your card is used up, come and buy another one. Give us your old card and we'll put your name in for a monthly draw.

You will note that our transfer station commences this week so residential garbage cannot have wood or metal in it. Our landfill attendant can assist you with the proper disposal for the various types of refuse.

We are presently working on a composting program for the community and hope to have this operating by the late spring or summer.

SNOW REMOVAL

We would ask that you do not move snow from your driveway into the street. Snow in your driveway needs to be removed at your expense. If your driveway is not safe to back out of, you will need to shovel or hire a contractor to remove snow for you. This is not a municipal responsibility.

If your house has a tendency to flood, we suggest you hire a contractor to remove the snow in the spring each year until appropriate repairs can be made to your property to reduce flooding potential.



RECREATION UPDATE WITH NATASCHAA CHATTERTON

Teslin is an exciting community with many opportunities for activities to come together to



learn and share. Youth have the option of four afternoons of programs with many weekend possibilities. Events include archery, Tlingit dance, curling, bible club, after school sports, free skate, guitar hero competitions, movie nights, ski

trips and of course the much loved HOCKEY! Efforts are now being made to include youth in the organization, planning and implementation of events. Our youth are full of amazing ideas that combined with their high energy, creativity and level of excitement promises to give way to new horizons of possibilities. Adult programming also holds the potential to create a healthy community based on active living and participation. Current ongoing programs include circuit training, yoga, noon free skate, badminton nights, moccasin workshops, sewing and open microphone music events.

The great thing about living in a small community is that the options are what ever we can dream of. If you have ideas and want to see them happen...I am here to support you. If you are nervous about trying something new...let's talk, perhaps we can find away to make that new experience less frightening. The more we can challenge ourselves in life to expand our view of what we are comfortable with the greater our potential for growth, contentment and joy. I continually look forward to the new and varied experiences gained through Teslin living.

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CANDIDATES FOR TTC CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF  
MEET AT THE LONG HOUSE



The Teslin Landfill Site is open, Wednesday through Sunday, from noon till 7:30 p.m.  
 The Recycling Station is open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

Are you recycling? We can all play a role in keeping plastics, metal and glass out of our environment. Pick up a blue box from the village office. Home pickup is every Wednesday!



What can you recycle? For one thing, all those plastics that have the recycling triangle. As well as clean cans, glass, paper, cardboard.



If you are not sure ... contact Shawna (390-2530) at the village office.

Aluminum Cans <i>beer, pop &amp; juice</i>		5¢ a can
Domestic Beer, Cider, & Hard Lemonade Bottles		10¢ a bottle
Imported Beer & Coolers Hard Liquor & Wine		10¢ a small bottle (200-499 ml) 25¢ a large bottle (500 ml & over)
Non Alcohol Beverage Containers:		
Glass Bottles		
Non-alcoholic Plastic Bottles		5¢ for each small one (1 litre or smaller)
Tin Juice Cans		25¢ for each large one (over 1 litre)
Tetrapaks & Cartons		

Closing Shots  
Winter Days in Teslin  
By  
Minnie Clark

