

The Teslin Post

Mike Drake No Longer CAO

Mayor Clara Jules accepted the resignation of CAO Mike Drake on January 7, 2010. Mr. Drake had been Teslin's chief administrative officer since this past October. The gentleman has apparently left for personal reasons.

Kristyne Geddes has assumed his duties in an acting capacity until a replacement is hired. Ms Geddes states that Wes Wirth (Operations and Programs Manager with Community Services) and Laura Prentice (Community Affairs Advisor) have offered their support with daily office operation. They will also assist with the search for a new administrator.

Kristyne states that the hiring process will not be fast tracked. She will be providing council with options for the recruitment process.

It was noted that Dawson City lost its CAO and hired a replacement on contract. Scott Widmeyer, from Lake Laberge, receives \$800.00 per day, plus expenses, as Dawson's "fill-in" administrator.

One of the consequences of Mike's departure is that Teslin's Official Community Plan will not be presented this month. Brad Stoneman states that the community meeting will now occur on February 9, 2010



Mike Drake has resigned after three months on the job.

Village of
Teslin

Gateway to the Southern Lakes



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The village got an email from Susan Joyes at "Municipal World" complimenting the VOT on the "Teslin Post". It's always nice to get compliments without having to fish for them. Which I usually have to do...

The big news of the month was Mike Drake's sudden departure. Will this hurt the village? Well ... at this point we are in a wait and see situation. Teslin urgently needs an administrator with a strong understanding of municipal affairs who is capable of managing an office, a village council and a Mayor. Thank goodness Kristyne Geddes can step into the breach in an acting capacity. She will have her work cut out for her.

Thank you to Kevin Cameron, Carla Pshebylo, Derek Baker and Bonar Cooley for some excellent photos.

Any suggestions, ideas, photos, or comments are always welcome. Really welcome. Drop off a note at the Village office or email me at:

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Regards,

Mike Hodgson

Editor





It's A Done Deal!

On January 13 2010, Jay Dobson officially became Teslin's newest Post Mistress. Congratulations Jay!

The beginning of February usually means the seasonal flu makes an appearance in Teslin....Oh boy!

Question:

Have YOU had your seasonal flu shot yet?

Notice to Snowmobilers

The village of Teslin requests that all snowmobilers keep off the sewage lagoon. The ice is thin and the contents are gross. For further information contact Shawna at the Village office



WHAT'S NEW AT THE TESLIN HEALTH CENTRE

Julie Tipping has been working at the Teslin Health Centre for the past 3 months doing her mentorship. Thursday she graduated from Hazel's mentorship. She will be working in other health centres throughout the Yukon; hopefully we'll see her back in Teslin again.

Hazel now has a nursing student, Dominika Wanczyk who arrived on January 14th and will be with us for the next 2 months. Dominika is greenhorn studying to be a registered nurse in Calgary. This is her final clinical placement before she writes her nursing exam.

Barb Pollack is a relief nurse who will be working in Teslin over the next few months. Barb works relief between Teslin and Carcross health centre.

The job posting for the other nurse position is posted now and we hope to have a second nurse hired soon.

Carla Pshebylo is here too and you will occasionally see our two relief clerks, Claudia Huber and Kendra Sallis.

We've started a computer program that helps us track when people are due for blood work or medication reviews for certain chronic diseases. One of those diseases is high blood pressure. The verdict: Our town is stroke and heart attack primed. There are too many adults in Teslin with high blood pressure. We are presently working on strategies to deal with the high numbers (pun intended). Meanwhile, throw out your salt shaker and get walking.



Julie and Dominika at the Health Centre.



Our Teslin seniors competed in a carpet bowling and shuffle board tournament at the Canada Games Centre in Whitehorse this month. No first place finish this time ... but loads of fun was had by all.

Hey!

Our Minor Hockey Association is hosting a Pee Wee tournament in Teslin this February 26, 27, & 28.

As always, there is much work involved in planning ...but with more people it should run smoothly. Come on out and volunteer your time...

Phone Shawna at the village office for further information.



Congratulations to the Teslin Roughriders!

At the Haines Junction Atom Hockey Tournament, on January 23 -24, our team captured the silver medal. Coach Rob Anderson stated, "The Teslin Atoms played their hearts out and had an excellent weekend. We should all be proud!" Believe it ... Teslin is very proud!

Snow Clearing

The era of pushing snow out of your driveway and onto the street is now over. This is a new century. Given the amount of snow over the past several years--the roads quickly become more narrow than the stipulated requirement. So, snow cleared from private driveways and walkways must be kept in your yards rather than be pushed onto public streets. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Kristyne Geddes (390-2530) at the village office.



Roscoe Wiseman is back in Teslin for a short visit with his parents. He, and his beautiful wife Candy, are introducing six week old Caleb to the frozen north. Roscoe is currently serving with 4-Wing and is stationed in Cold Lake Alberta. He expects that a tour of duty in Haiti may be in his future. Roscoe is currently on paternity leave.



Are you recycling? Teslin's blue box pick-up is every Wednesday. Do your bit for the community and for the environment.

Teslin Campus News

January 2010

Almost one twelfth of the New Year is already used up .. lived .. history!!!

Our winter semester is three weeks running and mid terms are looming.

We are pleased to report that we have some dedicated students this semester who are determined to finish their courses. To study full time takes courage, determination and a lot of hard work. We are proud of our students and wish them the very best so they can accomplish their goal.

The Teslin campus is continuing to offer community courses as well. Please check our website or the board at the post office. This is the remaining link between Jay Dobson to the College.

Jay's expertise and warm laughter are greatly missed here ... but at least not lost to Teslin. We wish her the very best in her new role as Post Master of Teslin.

As most of you might have noticed, Minnie Clark is working at the college part time now. She is no stranger to the community and brings a different perspective to the mix. This will definitely shape our community's course offerings. We look forward to her input during the coming year and welcome her warmly.

Please come and join us for the next "World of Travel" event on Tuesday, February 2nd at the School Home Economics Room for a presentation about Quebec. There will be good food and a chance to catch up.

Stop by for tea,

Birgit Martens for Teslin Campus

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Alex McKenna is proud of her son Ethan LaVallee who, during the weekends, is a Teslinder who plays for the Wolverines out of Whitehorse.

On December 13th Ethan (who is the fifth hockey player from the left standing in the back) and his team mates were filmed for Hockey Night in Canada. According to Ms McKenna, Ethan gets to say "The Canadians are in Toronto to take on the Leafs". That is pretty impressive. You can see the whole clip by clicking on www.cbc.ca/video/#/Sport and typing in the ID # 1370141236. Or you can wait to see Ethan on Hockey Night in Canada. Go Leafs.

Ethan was also part of the silver medal winning Teslin Roughriders of the Atom tournament in Haines Junction. Quite a guy!

Are you staying in shape
this winter?



Skiing Instruction at the Teslin school

Every Tuesday an instructor named Vryn visits Teslin to teach cross country skiing. The first class is for the pre-school and kindergarten. The second is grades one, two, and three. The classes are an hour in duration and will be happening well into February.

According to School Principal Dennis Darling, he and Nataschaa Chatterton are working to find larger boots and skis for the older students.

Dennis reports that this is a wonderful programme and participation is high.

Village Update

**December 14, 2009
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Highlights
Meeting # 23-09**

Members Present: Mayor Clara Jules, Councillors Margaret Douville, Lori Joe, Stacey Hassard, Sharron Anderson

Hearing of Delegations and Individuals

3.1 Bonar Cooley Re: Old Community Hall

Consideration of Items of Correspondence

7.1 Letter from Minister Lang Re: Issues identified during 2009 Premier's Community Tour

7.2 Letter from Rec Society Re: Appointment of Rec Representative

183-22-09

Moved by Councillor; S. Anderson Seconded by Councillor; M. Douville

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council appoints Clara Jules as the Village of Teslin's representative on the recreation board.

~carried~

Consideration of Items of Accounts Payable by Village

8.1 November Accounts Payable

184-22-09

Moved by Councillor; M. Douville Seconded by Councillor; L. Joe

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council adopt the November Accounts payable as presented.

~carried~

Scheduled meetings and other important dates for Council

13.2 Public Hearing Date to be set for OCP

185-22-09

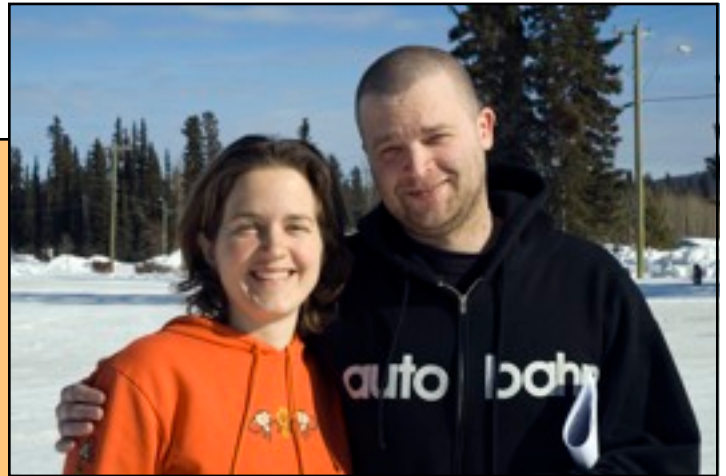
Moved by Councillor; S. Anderson Seconded by Councillor; M. Douville

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council agrees to hold a Public Hearing on January 18, 2009 to provide opportunity for Public feedback on the proposed Official Community Plan and

Zoning Bylaw

~carried~

RECREATION UPDATE WITH NATASCHAA CHATTERTON (AND KEVIN CAMERON)



Hello Titans of Teslin,

For those of us who did not know Nataschaa has been away finishing her Master's Degree so congratulations on her achievement and she will be back soon to pick up my slack!

Despite Nataschaa's absence and the natural holiday hangover, Teslin recreation has continued to plug along, especially for youth. The cross country ski lessons at the school have been going strong as well as the after school activities program. The youth centre, normally closed down during the winter, has been reopened in the ice rink lobby. Together with the free skate days there is a safe and fun place to go 6 days a week!

Volunteer parents put on two weekends of sliding parties at the microwave tower this month and were as popular as ever. We look forward to working with volunteers to help put on more in the months to come.

As we all know hockey season is in high gear with two tournaments in January and two more in February, one of which is being hosted in our community! I am sure the Hockey Association would love to hear your eager offers to come and help out over the weekend. Contact Doug or Rob.

Our Seniors also participated in the Carpet Bowling and Shuffle Board Tournament this month decked out in their snazzy new uniforms. Competition was brutal this year and although our Teslin Rollers didn't improve on last year's 2nd place finish they did manage to accomplish something special. Despite being cut out of the prize money the Senior's Association generously donated \$100 to help out the people of Haiti. Their selfless act got the ball rolling (pun intended) and the tournament participants raised nearly \$500 in total. Good job folks!

The recreation department is looking forward to the coming months to help put on some first class programming. As always we would love to hear from any, and all, citizens on how we can improve so get in touch with us.

Best wishes and all that jazz. . .

21 December 2009
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Highlights
Meeting #24-09

Members Present: Mayor Clara Jules, Councillors Margaret Douville, Sharron Anderson, Stacey Hassard, Lori Joe

Reports from Village Administration, Standing or Special Committees of Council

- 5.1 Public Works Report for November 2009
- 5.2 Recreation Report for November / December 2009
- 5.3 November 2009 Financials

189-23-09

Moved by Councillor; M. Douville Seconded by Councillor; S. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council adopt the November 2009 Financial Statements as presented.

-carried-

Introduction and Consideration of By-laws

- 9.1 3rd Reading Service Rates Bylaw #09-174

190-23-09

Moved by Councillor; S. Anderson Seconded by Councillor; L. Joe

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council has given third reading to Bylaw #09-174 and adopt the Bylaw.

-carried-

New and Unfinished Business

- 10.1 2010 Provisional Budget
- 10.2 Transfer of \$150,000 from Reserve Account

192-23-09

Moved by Councillor; S. Hassard Seconded by Councillor; S. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council approves the transfer of \$150,000.00 from Account # 1072-132 to the General Operating Account # 1072-124.

-carried-

- 10.3 Tangible Capital Asset Policy & Application

193-23-09

Moved by Councillor; M. Douville Seconded by Councillor; S. Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council adopts the Tangible Capital Asset Policy as presented and approves the Gas Tax Application to contract a Qualified Consulting firm to set up the Village of Teslin's, Tangible Capital Asset Reporting.

-carried-

Closing Shot



To Maintain the Right....