

The Teslin Post



Sharron Anderson Resigns from Town Council

After just over a year in office, Sharron Anderson has tendered her resignation as councillor. Sharron and Bob have sold their home and are moving just outside the village limits. Ms Anderson's inquisitiveness and her probing questions will be certainly missed at the council meetings. Frank Thomas, the village CAO, has indicated that Teslin will be moving quickly to fill the vacancy. In this case, quickly means mid to late January.

Village of
Teslin

Gateway to the Southern Lakes



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There has been an increase of wolf sightings in and around Teslin during the past few weeks. As TTC's Department of Lands and Resources point out in their posters: "We live in a wilderness setting and wildlife will always be a part of our lives" But please take the necessary precautions. Eg.: dogs you want to keep should be kept inside over night.

Sadly Sharron Anderson is stepping down. At the last village meeting, it became clear that money (or lack of it) is becoming a major problem for VOT. Hopefully, strong candidates capable of asking tough questions and assisting in making tough decisions will be stepping forward to fill her shoes.

The next edition of the Post will be our annual Christmas edition. It will be out mid December. So contributors be ready with your holiday greetings and your photos. A big thank you to Robert Wiseman for his wonderful photos of the Buddy Reading Program.

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

Regards,
 Mike Hodgson
 Editor



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK



The "Breast Cancer Awareness Walk" started with 12 adults and a handful of kids from the day-care. By the time they reached the school the group had swollen to over 35 adults ... many wearing the gaudiest pink clothing imaginable. The group laughed, joked and made small talk. However, below the surface everyone knew that at least two of our own are battling this deadly disease.

There were prizes for the pinkest costume. Dalyce Hout Brandon McGinty, and Robin Smarch out-pinked the competition.

A big thank you to Jade McGinty in helping Teslin become more aware of breast cancer.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER UPDATE OCTOBER



Projects

Mezzanine

The contractor is just putting the final touches on the exercise room and the mezzanine.

Roads

Some repairs have been made to the sawmill road and the airport sub.

Well

Aecom will be doing further testing on the well.

OCP & BYLAW

Our Third and final reading was completed at our council meeting Oct 25th. We are now under regulation of the new OCP and bylaw

OTOF

OUR TOWNS OUR FUTURE

Just a reminder that there will be a public meeting on the evening of Nov 9th at 7PM to discuss your concerns in the Village of Teslin. Kristyne and I attended a meeting in Whitehorse with other community municipalities with the minister to talk about community affairs.

Calendar

Upcoming Council Meetings

December 6, 2010

December 20, 2010

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 (Frank Thomas) well before the specific meeting.

Seniors & Elders Christmas Dinner

December 1, 2010

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Teslin RecPlex

Please Elders and Seniors Only

For further information contact:

Ben Schonewille 390-2680

MISSY KNOCKS 'EM DEAD



Noted Teslin actor, Melaina Sheldon, recently performed in Patti Flather's short play titled "Me and the Girls". The work is described as a comedic journey in search of the perfect bra. Missy plays five different characters and was apparently outstanding. The "women only" event was part of the Health Promotion Units focus on breast health awareness. During November the show visited many communities ... but not ours.

Go figure.





On November 11, some 30 individuals met at Teslin's cenotaph to honour those who fought for Canada. Speakers included Chief Peter Johnston, Mayor Clara Jules, and MLA Marion Horne. Wreaths were laid; poems were said; Oh Canada was sung; and all retired to the hall for soup, sandwiches, and conversation



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - 2010



Teslin's Christmas Bazaar was a roaring success again this year. About 150 locals visited the various tables spread throughout Teslin's RecPlex. The bake table was (as always) a hit; as was Hendrien's wonderful doilies; Sharron's hand held cross-bows; Martina's designer clothes at warehouse prices; Margaret's jams; and well most everything else. Ben Schonewille would like to thank the Village of Teslin; Nisutlin Trading Post; Flag hill Woodworks; Thomas Electric; Caveman Construction; all the cooks, bakers and volunteers

RAFFLE WINNERS

Sharron Anderson (giant Santa)
Tip Evans (turkey)
Juanita Kremer (turkey)
Martina Sidney (turkey)
Robert Wiseman (turkey)

Teslin Tlingit Heritage
Center

Christmas
Bazaar
December 2,
2010
11am to 7pm

Home Baking
Coffee
Tea
Refreshments
Door Prizes

If you would like to have a table
Please contact Roberta Jackson
At 390 - 2552 ext 390



Check out the October/November edition of Up Here Magazine. Teslin's own Minnie Clark has scored a first place in their annual photo contest in the "History & People" category. Wow! The (soon-to-be) world famous shot was snapped through the window of an abandoned vehicle at the South Canol pull-off. What a photo!

Congratulation Minnie!

Our man from Fox Street, Roscoe Wiseman, shipped out to Afghanistan on Remembrance Day. Roscoe is serving with Val Cartier's 5RGC and will be working with the Mobile Construction Troop. These are the guys that build, maintain and repair all existing structures including platoon camps and the Forward Operating Bases. Roscoe's lovely wife Candy and their young son will be staying in Teslin while he is overseas. Stay well Roscoe and know that Teslin is proud of you...



Teslin Exterior House Lighting Contest!



**Judging To Be Done
December 15, 2009
7:00 p.m.
By The Elders of the Community
Prizes Will Be Awarded**

Categories	Best Use Of Colour
	Most Original
	Judges Favourite
	Commercial
	Citizens Favourite (by vote)

A CARVING COMES HOME



Kenny, Leslie, and Rosemary Jackson proudly show off a totem pole carved by their late brother and uncle Les Jackson. Les carved the pole in 1972 and sold it to American tourists travelling down the Alaska Highway. The pole, before the sale, was photographed by the White family who were writing a book on Tlingit crafts. Then it disappeared for 38 years. The carving was found at a yard sale in Washington two months ago and recovered by a Teslin collector. Arrangements are now being made for its display at the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre.



V.O.T. 7th Annual Christmas Hayride/Bonfire

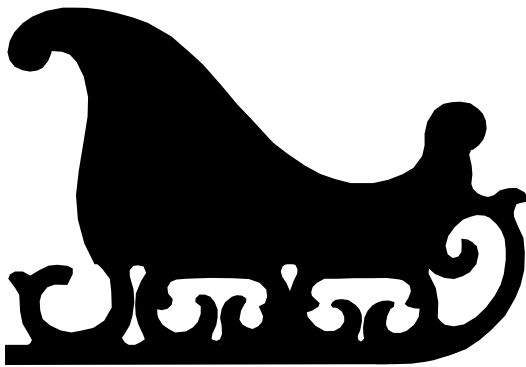
December 15th, 2010

Everyone is to meet at the Village Office at 7:00pm. We will do the sleigh ride through town, look at all the beautiful Christmas lights, then return to the Parking Lot for yummy hot chocolate/hot dogs around the bonfire.

Please bring with you your Christmas carol singing voices!!!

* We will have a group of Elders present to observe the Christmas lights in the community who will then judge the winners for the light contest.

For more information please contact the Village office



THE FOREMAN'S MONTHLY REPORT - OCTOBER



Landfill & Recycling

With the implementation of the transfer station we had no bear activity at the landfill this season.

- The new way that we have been collecting the recycling is working very well and we are finding much less waste in the bins each week.

-The new hours are working out very and we hope will allow the attendant more time too maintain the facility.

- We are still working on the plans and ironing out the details to purchase the new garbage collection truck for the village.

Lagoon and Force Main

- The lift stations and force main they have been receiving their regular maintenance and have been working very well.

Arena & Curling

- The mezzanine project is on the home stretch now and is looking very nice and should greatly improve the versatility of the facility. We are looking forward to its completion.

- We hope to have the hockey ice in by mid November but as of yet there has not been a date set for the curling ice to be installed.

Water Quality / Water Delivery

- We still send in three samples, twice a month to Environmental Health.

- We plan to start the long term pumping tests on the new well early in November and that will run for thirty days continuous with a sample taken once a week.

Other activities

- We spent a large amount of time this season repairing potholes, but with coming of winter we did not get a chance to do much more this season.

- The dock has been secured to the shore for the season, we will flag it so it can be seen during the winter months.

(Foreman's Report continued)

Road Repairs

- The planned repairs that have been completed for the season, we hope to see a noticeable improvement when the spring thaw happens. We are still working on the plans for more road repair for the 2011 construction season.

Animal Control

- I would just to remind residents that the dog catcher will be out making patrols and watching for dogs running at large. There is fines outlined in the animal control By-law for dogs running at large and other offences, if interested please contact the village office to retain a copy.

- I would also like to ask that if anyone is having an issue with dogs please do not hesitate to call the Village office and let us know; we can't help you with it if we are not aware.



LIGHTING UP MEMORIES

Village of Teslin Council Chambers

December 13 - 17

2:00 - 9:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity to take time out of your busy schedule and reflect on those who have passed on....

We ask that you place the name of loved ones and hang it on the tree and turn on a bulb in their honour. You can then take an ornament to hang on your tree at home.

Donations are accepted but not required - all donations are given to the "Closer to our Hearts" campaign supporting the Whitehorse General Hospital.

The council chambers will be designated as a place of quietness & solitude.



November 17, 2010

To All Teslin and surrounding area Residents,

The Village of Teslin would like to take this opportunity to make each and everyone aware of the upcoming events planned for this Christmas Season here in Teslin.

December 13-17 2010“Lighting up Memories 2-9 pm Council Chambers

-Take this opportunity to reflect on those who have passed on. Hang a card and turn a bulb on our beautiful Christmas tree located in the Council Chambers.

December 15, 2010 – Teslin Exterior Home Lighting Contest

**Judging to be done at 7:00 pm by the elder’s of the community
Prizes to be awarded.**

- Let’s take some time out of our busy schedules and decorate Teslin.

**December 15, 2010 – 7th Annual Christmas Hayride/ Bonfire
7:00 p.m.**

- Everyone is to meet at the Village Office at 7:00 p.m. We will do the sleigh ride through town, look at all the beautiful Christmas lights, then return for Hotdogs and Hot Chocolate

Bring your Christmas Carol singing voices

GEORGE JOHNSTON MUSEUM UPDATE

Sharron Chatterton

Mark Your Calendars!

Grand Opening of the Teslin Aeradio Range Building Exhibit.

JUNE 30th, 2011,

Expect a phalanx of government bigwigs, festive food, an aerial fly-over, ham radio operators and a sumptuous Dominion Day Silver Tea a full 24 hours earlier than usual! The old white log Aeradio Navigation Range building will be thrown open that day and some 'ner'-before-seen' community jewels will be on show. Then and only then will you get to see the hard work of assembling the Teslin 1940-55 story, rare photos from that period, locally donated artefacts and the wonders of the old "ZW" radio range itself. ("ZW" was and still is Teslin's Morse Code Identifier)

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To remind you of those bygone days, when Pearl and Florence were in their teens or twenties, here are a few details from the Teslin Times, September, 1945. Published by the RCAF staff and Department of Transport (DOT) communication and air-to-ground/ground-to-air operators at Teslin Airport, the Times kept everyone ahead of local news.

"In the Fall of 1945, there was a serious bushfire that burned out part of a bumper raspberry crop, the Teslin Tigers (airport team) trounced the 804 Whirlwinds (Alcan Highway Maintenance team) again and again and er ... again... (12-6, 23-19, 23-3 ...), and RCAF Teslin was growing quiet as military personnel were being de-mobbed. The Times "Dit Dit Dah Dab Dit Dit" column was confounded that the brand new "Acting Officer-in-Charge shows unlimited trends of conscientious effort, a rather strange characteristic after 2 years of existent conditions." A long Recreation column stuffed with phrases about "a quota of feminine inspiration", "masculine compliments", "soft curves and mellow tones", "melodious strains" and a morning 'vivified by guests' indicates the ZW guys were desperately glad to have some gals at a dance ! It informs us that RCMP Constable Goodey was going on leave, and that young Betty McCleery would be visiting Whitehorse. Returning to bush fires and raspberries, the Times records temperature highs of 78.5 F, winds of 33 miles per hour and 5 days of rain for August."

September 1945
Teslin Times



TESLIN SCHOOL UPDATE

Wow! December is just around the corner. School has been very busy. Staff and students are busy getting ready for the annual science fair, Community Reader's week, and the Christmas concert. Student report cards will also be sent home this week, so be expecting them.

During the week of November 8, 2010, a team of people from the Department of Education (Judy Arnold – Director of Student Achievement and System Accountability) and educators from schools around the Yukon were in Teslin conducting a school review. A school review looks at practices and programs the school is using and they provide reflections and recommendations to the school, the Department of Education and the public regarding efforts to improve student outcomes. The team was very impressed with our school. We were referred to as the "flagship school", we should be very proud!

Community Reader's: November 22-25, 2010

We are looking forward to having guest reader's in the school for Community Reader's Week. It is a wonderful opportunity for students' to get to know what roles and responsibilities community members have in and around Teslin. Components of the reading activity fall within the BC Performance Standards: Social Studies Curriculum Outcomes.

Science Fair: November 24, 2010 @ Teslin School

Students have been busy getting their science fair projects ready for the upcoming Science Fair. A number of students are busy gathering information on their projects, while others are busy getting their projects together. The students have really worked hard this year getting their projects put together. The projects are looking sharp.

School Wide Field Trip: November 26, 2010

Teslin School staff and students will be heading into Whitehorse. The bus will leave the school at 8:45 a.m. All events will occur at the Canada Games Centre. The bus will head home at 3:00 p.m. Please ensure your child(ren) have their permission slips and \$5.00 fee returned to the school ASAP.

Christmas Concert: December 16, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. Teslin School Gym

Students are busy working at getting their songs and skits together for the upcoming Christmas Concert. Come on out and help us celebrate the Christmas Cheer.

THE
BUDDY READING
PROGRAM
AT
TESLIN SCHOOL



Photographs by
Robert Wiseman

Highlights of the Village of Teslin Council Meeting

Meeting # 19-10 October 12 2010

Members Present: Mayor Clara Jules; Councillor Margaret Douville; Councillor Sharron Anderson
Councillor Stacey Hassard; and Councillor Lori Joe

Consideration of Items of Accounts Payable by Village

September Accounts Payable #88-19-10

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council approves the September Accounts Payable in the amount of **\$133,425.26** as presented. **~carried~**

New and Unfinished Business

Yukon Lotteries Donation Requests #89-19-10

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council approves all donation requests received and the amounts are as follows:

Teslin Recreation Society - **\$1100.00**

Seniors Group - **\$700.00**

Teslin School - **\$2100.00**

James Smarch - Teslin Youth Volleyball Team - **\$1300.00**

Teslin Minor Hockey Association - **\$2100.00**

~carried~

Janitorial Contract

#90-19-10

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council amends tender for To The T Janitorial contract to read price of **\$8246.76**. **~carried~**

CDF Project - Brush Clearing within Village Boundaries



TESLIN'S BROWNIES



Brownie leader Melissa Väljä and Brownies Emilie Baker and Cassie Johnston give the brownie salute at their weekly meeting.

Teslin now has its very own Brownies! They meet every Monday evening, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the school library. If you are a Teslin girl in grades 1, 2 or 3 and like games, crafts, exploring, nature activities and much more ... well Brownies is for you! There is a registration fee of \$85 which helps to pay for crafts, snacks, and the like. Parents can give Melissa a call (390-2144) for more information on this fun winter programme or drop her an email at: melissa.valja@gmail.com.

or check out the website at:

<http://www.girlguides.ca/brownies>

On December 6, Brownies in Teslin will be officially recognized. That evening our girls will be hosting the District Commissioner, the Area Commissioner, as well as moms and dads in a small celebration.

Time to Join and Get in on the Fun!

Village Update

Highlights of the Village of Teslin Council Meeting Meeting # 20-10 October 26, 2010

Mayor and all councillors present

Public Present: Sharon Sterritt, Rob Anderson, Dennis Darling, Cpl. Sean Pike

Hearing of Delegations and Individuals

TVFD - Rob Anderson **#93-20-10**

Moved by Councillor Hassard; Seconded by Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council will donate use of the RecPlex for an EMS Christmas Dinner tentatively set for December 8th. **~carried~**

3.2 RCMP Report

Cpl. Pike requested that everyone should start thinking about the idea of creating a Safe House in Teslin.

Consideration of Items of Correspondence

School request for road closure. **#95-20-10**

Moved by Councillor Hassard; Seconded by Councillor Anderson

BE IT RESOLVED that Village Council will close George Johnston Drive at the bottom of the school hill for the winter. **~carried~**

Introduction and Consideration of By-laws

Third & Final Reading Official Community Plan By-law #10-175 **#96-20-10**

Read a THIRD and FINAL time by Councillor Hassard; Seconded by Councillor Douville **~carried~**

Third & Final Reading of the Official Community Plan Bylaw # 10-175.

Third and Final Reading Zoning By-law # 10-178. **#97-20-10**

Read this third time by Councillor Hassard; Seconded by Councillor Douville **~carried~**

New and Unfinished Business

Roads Contract - YTG

Water Contract - AECOM

Trans Canada Trail

TTC/VOT Joint Meeting Date

Closing Shot



Teslin Tlingit Cubs

195?

I can spot Eddy Jules, John Peters Sr., and Carl Smarch?

Who else?

Photographer: Unknown