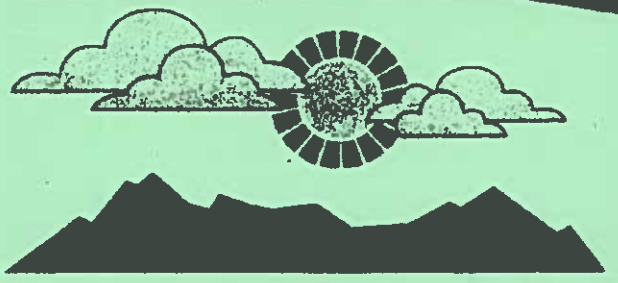


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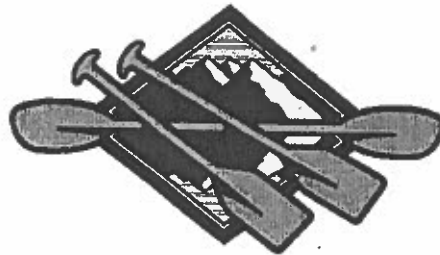
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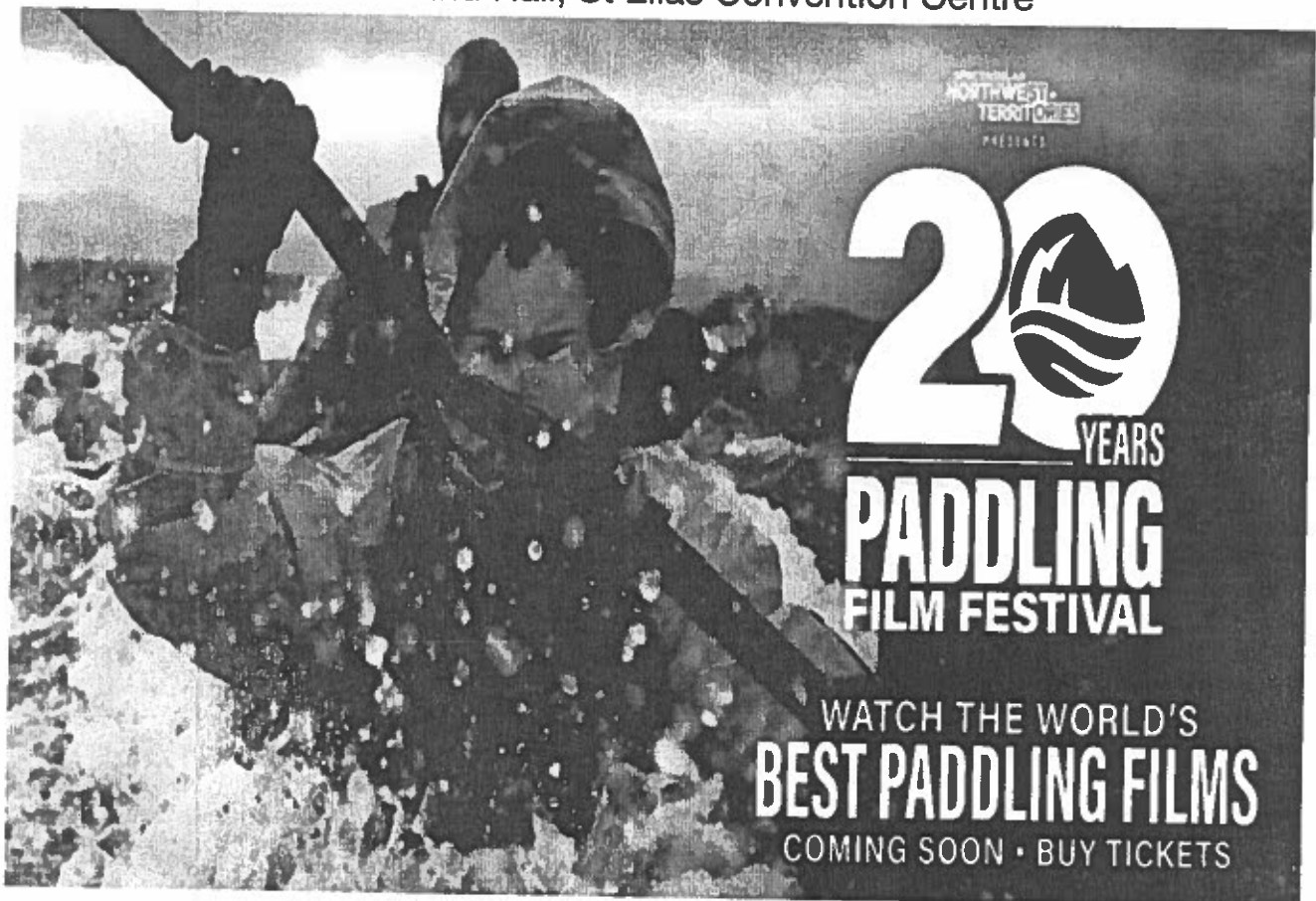
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Presents

## THE PADDLING FILM FESTIVAL

**Thursday May 1st 6-9PM**

The Grand Hall, St Elias Convention Centre



Tickets: Adults \$20, Kids 10 & under \$10.  
On sale via our Facebook or at the door

We are looking for paddling photos from locals to add to our intermission photo reel. Please send your photos by April 25th to:  
[hjpaddlingfestival@gmail.com](mailto:hjpaddlingfestival@gmail.com)

**20 YEARS PADDLING  
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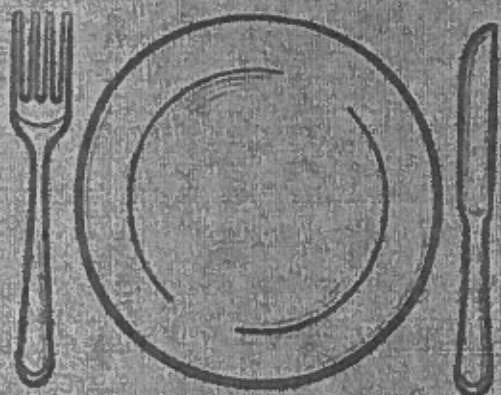
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**SPECTACULAR  
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TERRITORIES**





Join us at the Da Kų Cultural Centre

# Community Dinner



Gather with neighbours, share a meal and connect with the Yukon's Premier Ranj Pillai as he welcomes Premiers from the Northwest Territories and Nunavut to the Yukon.

Doors open

**5 pm**

Seating at 5:30 pm

**Free**

Saturday

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May

**Yukon**



St. Elias Community School

# April - May - June

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

New events are scheduled every week.		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 BCP Numeracy 10	9 Mt. Royal presentation	10	11 High- school mid- term reports	12
13	14	15 Student Led Conferences	16	17 Spring Concert Elders Lunch	18 Good Friday	19
20	21 Easter Monday	22 SECS Heritage Fair	23	24	25 Hand Games Tourny	26
27	28 Dental Hygienest to May 2	29	30	May 1 Regional Heritage Fair	2 PD Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 K4/Kg Kids n the Farm	13	14	15		17
18	19	20	21 K4/Kg Kluane Crea- ture Feature	22	23 Forestry Trail Run	24
25	26 Sport Wheelchairs PE all week	27 Eng. 10 Traditional Medicines	28 K4/Kg Wind Program CAFN Grad	29	30	31
June 1	2 K4/Kg to Lumel Studio	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Kg to Rock Glacier	11 High- school awards, Cap & Gown	12 Grad Ceremony	13 Last day of School 12:00 BBQ!!	14
15	16	17 BCP Literacy 10 Exam	18	19	20	21





Save the Date!  
Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 12-4 pm

## Community BBQ

at

**Kluane Lake Research Station**

Mile 1054 Alaska Highway, Silver City, YT

### Everyone is welcome!

Join us for lunch and an afternoon of fun:

Glacier science and stories with  
Glaciologist Dr. Brittany Main and  
CAFN Storyteller John Fingland

Science activities for kids with  
Yukon University's Youth STEM team

and more!

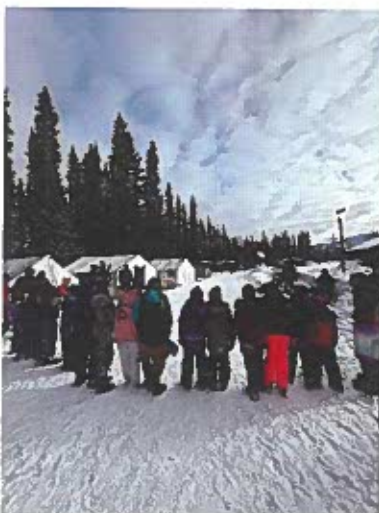
Please RSVP to [klrs@ucalgary.ca](mailto:klrs@ucalgary.ca)

## Kluane Lake Research Station – 2025 Spring Summary

The Kluane Lake Research Station's (KLRS) station manager was honoured to join community events throughout the winter, including KFN's Zana Ka Nanááje, community meals and gatherings, and CAFN's Muskrat Camp. KLRS assisted with education outreach, including science activities at the CAFN Youth Centre and St. Elias Community School. Trent University stayed at KLRS in early April to assist Yukon Government with their Community Ecological Monitoring Program. Full operations at KLRS are planned to start at the beginning of May. To kick off the 2025 season, KLRS will host a community BBQ on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12-4 pm. Everyone is welcome!

We are looking forward to another busy season at KLRS. Primary and secondary schools from Destruction Bay, Haines Junction, Whitehorse, Calgary, and Mississauga will be visiting the station. Field trips and courses will be held by University of Calgary, Carleton University, Université du Québec and Exeter University. The Howl Experience will return to KLRS with high schools, youth groups, and teacher professional development courses. Two separate artists will be hosted at the station for the Kluane National Park Artist in Residency, in partnership with Park's Canada and Yukon Arts Centre. Yukon Government and Yukon Youth Conservation Corps (Y2C2) will be basing at KLRS for part of their Community Ecological Monitoring Program. The Dän Keyi Renewable Resources Council (DKRRC) will be hosting the Yukon-wide RRC meeting at the station.

Researchers will be visiting KLRS from Yukon University, University of Calgary, Simon Fraser University, University of Ottawa, University of Waterloo, Cardiff University, Queens University, Trent University, Université de Montréal, ÉTS Montréal, McGill University, Ohio State University, and University of Maine. Research topics include glaciology (glacier dynamics and hydro-glaciology), biology (boreal forest ecology), geology (earthquake-induced landslides), geography (subarctic phenology), and agriculture (hydroponics). The hydroponic unit at KLRS will be running this summer; plants will be served at the station and provided to local communities.





Kluane Lake Research Station  
2025 Schedule

As of April 1, 2025. Schedule updates will be provided throughout the season.

May

- **Community BBQ (May 10)**
- **School Trips:**
  - Kluane Lake School (Destruction Bay)
  - Wood Street Centre School (Whitehorse)
  - FH Collins Secondary School (Whitehorse)
  - Robert Thirsk High School (Calgary)
  - Mt. Carmel Secondary School (Mississauga)
- **Field Trips:**
  - UCalgary – Modern Treaties
  - Environment Funders Canada
- **HOWL:**
  - Teacher Professional Development
- **Researchers:**
  - Trent U – Ecology

June

- **School Trips:**
  - St. Elias Community School (Haines Junction)
- **Artist in Residence** (Kluane National Park Artist Residency)
- **Field Trips:**
  - Université du Québec – Renewable Energy
  - UCalgary – Physiology
- **Researchers:**
  - UMaine – Glaciology
  - Queen's U – Geography
  - ÉTS Montréal, McGill U, Ohio State – Hydroglaciology
  - Yukon U, Montréal, UOttawa – Kluane Climate Futures

**Weekly Community Nights:**

Every Thursday at 7 pm

(unless otherwise advertised)

Join us for campfires, research talks, storytelling,  
art, music, sports, and more!

Please feel free to drop by KLRS anytime!

Everyone is always welcome 🍷

July

- **Yukon Youth Conservation Corps & YG**
- **Artist in Residence** (Kluane National Park Artist Residency)
- **Field Trips:**
  - Carleton U – Northern Studies
- **Researchers:**
  - ÉTS Montréal, McGill U, Ohio State – Hydroglaciology
  - Yukon U, UWaterloo, UOttawa, Cardiff – Glaciology
  - Queen's U – Geography
  - SFU – Geology

August

- **KLRS Open House (Date TBD)**
- **HOWL:**
  - Teacher Professional Development
  - Youth Program
- **Artist in Residence** (Kluane National Park Artist Residency)
- **Field Trips:**
  - UCalgary – Sustainability/Engineering
- **Researchers:**
  - Queen's U – Geography

September

- **School Trips:**
  - Kluane Lake School (Destruction Bay) TBD
  - St. Elias Community School (Haines Junction) TBD
  - Wood Street Centre School (Whitehorse)
  - HOWL High Schools (Calgary)
- **Field Trips:**
  - Exeter U – Biology

October

- **DKRRC General Assembly**





  
**Yukon**

## *Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Day*

The Village of Haines Junction in  
conjunction with YG  
Environmental Programs Branch  
are hosting a Household Hazardous  
Waste (HHW) Day at the  
Municipal Landfill. Please bring in  
all your HHW to the landfill during  
regular operating hours by:



*Monday May 10, 2025*

*from 9 am to 4 pm.*



HHW Day provides Haines Junction &  
area residents with a valuable opportunity to  
dispose of hazardous waste properly and,  
most importantly keep this waste out of our  
landfill. An Environmental Branch  
Inspector will be on-site to ensure all waste is  
collected and disposed of safely.

**Commercial hazardous waste is not accepted.**

*HHW includes liquid paint, household cleansers, compact fluorescent  
light bulbs, motor oil, solvents, gasoline, barbeque starter, anti-freeze,  
household and car batteries, pesticides, aerosol cans and other*

**Contact the Village Public Works Department with any questions.  
PHONE: 634-7100      Email: [pwmanager@hainesjunction.ca](mailto:pwmanager@hainesjunction.ca)**

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COMING EVENTS

~ *Kluane Outdoor Inspirations* ~

PRESENTS THE  
SPRING OPENING EVENT OF:

**BLACK SHEEP**

**TRADING POST**



**MOTHER'S DAY**

**SUNDAY MAY 11, 2025**

**OPEN AT 10 AM**

**Coffee – Tea - Homemade Baked Goods & more!**



Mile 1054 Alaska Highway, Kluane Lake, Yukon

Check out Google Maps for exact location.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/fxjohjPDdWcEpLeT6>

EMAIL [silvercitykoi@gmail.com](mailto:silvercitykoi@gmail.com)

CALL 867-841-4051

[kluaneoutdoorinspirations.com](http://kluaneoutdoorinspirations.com)







Presenting the 27th annual

# Run For Mom

Sunday, MAY 11



"Haa Tláa Has"  
"Our Mothers"

All proceeds stay in the Yukon to support breast health.

Noon at Nuffin

Designed by Guná Jensen



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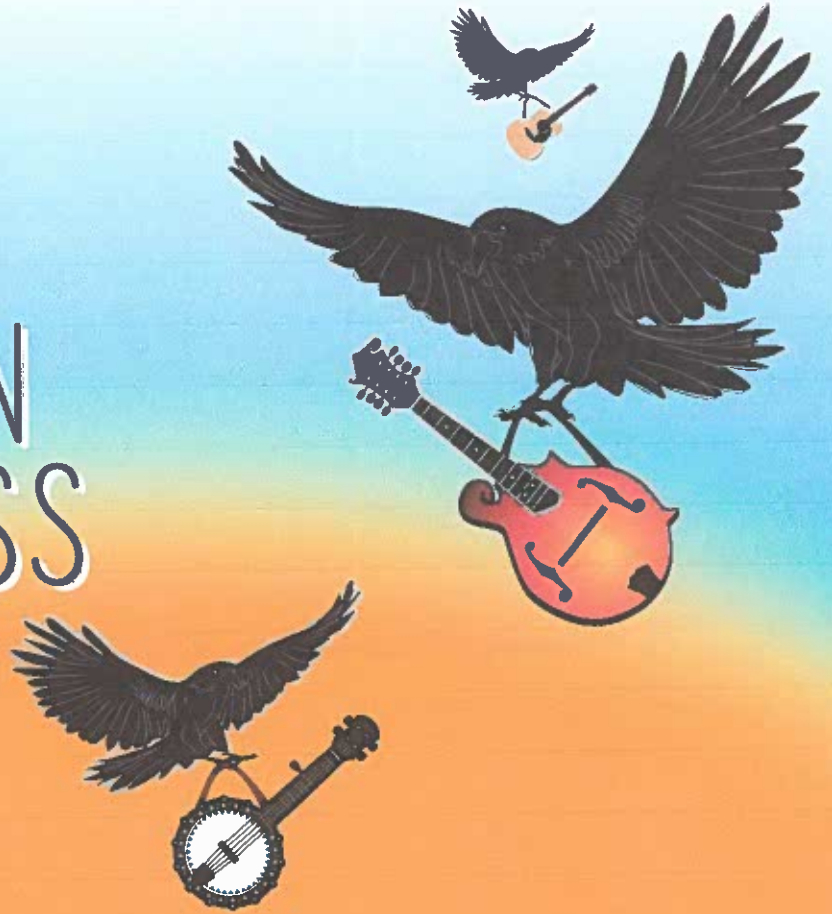
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# KLUANE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL



Yukon's Premiere Bluegrass Event

## HAINES JUNCTION, JUNE 6-8, 2025

**MUSIC. MOUNTAINS. MAGIC.**





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*Thank you to "Kluane Outdoor Inspirations" (KOI) for a generous donation to "St. Elias Echo."*



## KLUANE CHILKAT INTERNATIONAL BIKE RELAY Saturday June 21

### St. Elias Echo Volunteers

Sharyn Riedl, Elayne Hurlburt, Charlotte Clark, Shawn Allen

Photocopying at HJ Village Office: Ellen Stutz

### Thanks to the "Echo" Distributors

Top Spot, HJ Library, Bank, Fas Gas, School, Village Office

### Thank You to the "Echo" Readers and Contributors

Thanks for keeping us "in business" **47 years** .

Contributions and \$ donations are needed and much appreciated.





Hello,

I'm sending this email to advise you of an upcoming change to our Health Centre hours of operation. Effective Tuesday April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Haines Junction Health Centre will be shifting our hours from 830am-5pm to **8am-430pm**. This change in hours will allow us to align our schedule with other community health centres across the Yukon and will facilitate improved access to laboratory services at the health centre. Community members are encouraged to contact the health center in advance to book appointments wherever possible.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the change in hours, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. Alternatively, you can contact the Community Nursing Office at 867 667-8331 and ask to speak with a Community Manager.



**Valerie Bray RN**

**Primary Health Care Nurse**

Community Nursing | Haines Junction Health Centre  
Box 5369, Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, Y0B 1L0  
T 867-634-4444 | F 867-634-2733 | Yukon.ca

I respectfully acknowledge that I work within the Traditional Territories of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Kluane First Nations.

Mark the Date!

August 8-10, 2025

Check the website for festival details  
or email us at [augustofestival@gmail.com](mailto:augustofestival@gmail.com)

Augusto!

[www.augustokids.ca](http://www.augustokids.ca)

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL





**HELLO 16+ VOLLEYBALL  
PLAYERS,  
WEDNESDAY'S AT THE  
SCHOOL GYM.**

**From 7:00-9:00pm.**

**SEE YOU THERE.**



KEEP UPDATED ON FACEBOOK. (The Happenings of Haines





## Community Report Prepared by Kari Johnston

### CBC Radio Community Report for April 17, 2025

This is the April 17, 2025 CBC Yukon morning radio community report for Dakwakada-Haines Junction. This report is produced from information sent by the community or gathered from bulletin boards and Facebook groups for HJ. Please let Kari Johnston know of any errors or omissions. The report is also published to volunteerhainesjunction.com and to the Echo (when possible.)

#### 👋 Introduction

#### 👉 Weather: Chìch'a Ntsi nits'i

👉 You know the arena season is coming to an end when the Broomball Tournament happens in Haines Junction. The Ice is now off the rink at the HJ arena. A huge thank you to the fabulous arena staff for another great season and to all of the volunteers who host great sports and events at all season long.

👉 This has been a really fun report to put together with so many accomplishments and awards to highlight (and I have likely missed many):

👉 St Elias Community School cleaned-up at the Yukon STEM Expo (science fair) in Whitehorse this year.  
Len Osborne - "Looking FUR an Answer" - Grade 4 First Place, BC Nature Award, YFNED Award  
Iris Falls - "Stalactites and Stalagmites" - Grade 4 Second Place, Julia Lang Award  
Grace Anderson - "Back in Time 65 Millions Years Ago" - Grade 5 First Place  
Barrett MacKinnon - "Optimum Flex" - Grade 5 Second Place  
Ava Dyce - "Follow me & walk the tracks of the Porcupine Caribou" - Grade 5 Third Place, BC Nature Award, YFNED Award  
Benji Kinna - "Magnets and Magnetic Fields" - Engineers Yukon Award

👉 Congratulations to Dawson Drummond for winning this year's competition for the Snowboard Yukon Championships logo design as well as medaling in slop style and banked slalom this weekend.

👉 Congratulations to Jasmine and Ella who are on the U15 Yukon Wild team for their victory at the Richmond Ice Classic at the end of March!

👉 Congratulations to Diane Strand, who was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal last weekend for her commitment to community and her practice of assisting those with anxiety and trauma. Diane joins three other Junctioners, Ranger Sergeant Wade Istchenko - MLA for Kluane and Master Corporal Marcel Dulac who were presented King Charles III Coronation Medals by [Senator Pat Duncan - Yukon](#) in Haines Junction in January. Wade is the Patrol Commander for the Haines Junction Ranger Patrol, while Marcel runs the Junior Ranger program. Kari Johnston was awarded the medal for dedication to social impact and community resilience.

👉 Congratulations to Chuck Hume, Mats'āsāna Mą Primožic, and Justin Johnson



They were recognized for the Youth, Elder, and Educator Awards at the Spark25-Yukon Youth Summit. The awards recognize the positive contributions of community members in the Yukon.

Mats'āsāna Mā Primozic won for the Educator Award

Justin Johnson won the Youth Leader award

Chuck Hume won the Elders Award

👉 Easter is coming up this weekend and we've all started to look forward to the week before and Auriol Chocolate's legendary Easter Egg Hunt. Chocolatier Jesse hides eggs all over town – 45 this year – with treats and goodies from local businesses. To help us find some of the trickier ones, she drops riddles on Facebook to help aid our search. A big thank you to Jesse for starting such a delightful event in town.

#### 👉 Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

##### 👉 Heritage Lands and Resources Day

Champagne April 26, 2025

Come join us and learn about what we are working on.

1 pm to 4 pm

At the Champagne Community Hall

For details, call 634-4200 ext. 251.

We hope to see you there.

Snacks will be provided

##### 👉 Indigenous Cumulative Effects Model Development

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Kluane First Nation are creating a model to evaluate the impact of resource development in the Kluane Region. It combines community input, Traditional Knowledge, and Western methods to reflect their culture and values.

Please contact:

Ray Gunness (CAFN), Director of Heritage, Lands and Resources - [rgunness@cafn.ca](mailto:rgunness@cafn.ca), 867-335-4179

Frank Andersen (KFN), Lands Manager - [lands.manager@kfn.ca](mailto:lands.manager@kfn.ca), 867-689-3815

Please go to our CAFN website for the full RFP

<https://cafn.ca/.../2025/04/RFP-ICEM-Framework-2025.pdf>

Additional Information: The full funding proposal is available to prospective applicants upon request. KFN and CAFN are committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion in the selection process. We encourage proposals from Indigenous-owned businesses and consultants.

##### 👉 Blood Ties Four Directions Lunch and Learn

Blood Ties Four Directions in conjunction with CAFN are hosting a Lunch and Learn

To promote National STI month

Wednesday April 16th

Yukon Inn Plaza 12 pm





For more information, please contact Marion Primozic  
332-5262 or by email [mprimozic@cafn.ca](mailto:mprimozic@cafn.ca)

#### 👉 Do-it-yourself (DIY) Paint Night

April 24, 2025

5 to 7 pm (Snacks Provided)

Healing House Haines Junction

For more information call Vanessa At 867-634-5238

#### Da Kų Cultural Centre's 2025 Exhibit: Healing through the Arts 🎨 Visual Artist call out

CAFN Citizens interested in showcasing their art are invited to submit a photo of their work, along with an artist bio and a brief statement describing how their art has contributed to health, wellness, and/or healing.

📅 Deadline to apply April 25, 2025.

📞 Contact Krista Reid | [kreid@cafn.ca](mailto:kreid@cafn.ca) | 867-634-3300 ext. 410

#### 👉 Dá Kų Nān Ts'éthet - Our House is Waking up the Land

June 13 - 15, 2025

Dá Kų Cultural Centre

[dakuculturalcentre.ca](http://dakuculturalcentre.ca)

Ph: (867) 634-3300

email: [dkntfestival@cafn.ca](mailto:dkntfestival@cafn.ca)

More details to come!!

#### 👉 Volunteer at Da Kų Nān Ts'éthet

We're currently seeking volunteers to support the Da Kų Nān Ts'éthet Dance Festival this June 12-15, 2025.

Volunteer Orientation Meeting & Lunch

🕒 Thursday June 12, 2025 | 11:30 am – 2:00 PM

✅ Request of minimum 4 consecutive hours over the festival weekend.

All volunteers will receive:

🕒 A DKNT Festival T-shirt

🕒 An entry for an air north voucher

🕒 A special invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ

For more information or to request a volunteer registration form, please contact Millie Joe, [mjoe@cafn.ca](mailto:mjoe@cafn.ca) or 867 634 5243.

#### 👉👉 Call for Da Kų Nān Ts'éthet Dance Festival Vendors 🇨🇦

We're currently accepting applications for artists, makers, and food vendors to take part at Da Kų Nān Ts'éthet Dance Festival this summer June 13-15, 2025. 🎨 🍴

It's a great chance to:



- Share your work
- Promote your business
- Connect with others

Deadline to apply is May 20, 2025.

Contact: [lmckinnon@cafn.ca](mailto:lmckinnon@cafn.ca) | Phone: 867-634-4200 ext.248

#### 👉 **Attention CAFN High School Students**

Summer Employment Opportunity - Summer Student positions available

Every year, CAFN organizes employment opportunities for students over the age of 14 who are interested in building skills, gaining experience, and participating in cultural activities throughout the summer.

This year, there are positions available with the following departments and companies: Castle Rock Enterprises; Walker Home Construction; Kinners Construction; Alcan Motor Inn; CAFN Economic Development; CAFN Heritage, Lands and Resources; CAFN Language and Culture; CAFN Community Wellness

Currently, these opportunities are open to High School Students who are Champagne and Aishihik First Nation citizens. Preference will be given to those current High School studies. If you are interested, be sure to submit your application package prior to the closing date. Wages are based on your level of education completed to date.

Deadline: 4:30pm, April 25, 2025

Send resume and applications to: Megan MacKellar

Human Resources Officer, Phone: (867) 634-4200 ext. 245, [mmackellar@cafn.ca](mailto:mmackellar@cafn.ca)

Visit our website at: <https://cafn.ca/job-posting/callout-for-expr...-school-students/>

#### 👉 **Northern Focus Counselling with Vishnu Kolothumkattil in Takhini and Haines Junction!**

📅 Haines Junction, One-on-One services: May 19, Jun 9. Set up an appointment @ 1-867-689-1885 or [vkolothumkattil@northernfocus.ca](mailto:vkolothumkattil@northernfocus.ca).

For more information contact Community Wellness @ 1-867-634-4200.

#### 👉 **Yukon Conservation Officer Services**

👉 With spring grizzly bear season opening today we want to remind hunters of an important change that was implemented this year in the Klukshu area. Hunting grizzlies is now prohibited within 100 metres of the Haines Road centreline from Gribbles Gulch to Unnamed Creek #1. This closure applies to the east side of the road in Game Management Zone 7. The west side, Zone 6, remains closed.

Before you head out make sure to review updated regulation and secure the proper permits. For more information go to [Yukon.ca/hunting](https://Yukon.ca/hunting).

#### 👉 **St Elias Chamber of Commerce**

👉 YG Tourism and the Chamber are hosting a Chamber Chat on April 17 for Tourism businesses and those interested in the Tourism industry. It's an informal chat and opportunity to connect with fellow business owners, check-in with YG Tourism and learn more about the industry





supports, and about the St Elias Chamber of Commerce's work on creating a stronger social media presence for destination Dakwakada-Haines Junction!

👉 We've had such a great response to the "Who is Haines Junction?" survey! We've received over 70 responses, but want to see if we can get it to 100 before the survey closes again on Sunday!

Remember, you can win one of four \$50 gift cards to either Top Spot or the Little Green Apple. Spread the word and help us get to 100! <https://fs26.formsite.com/GNf6s7/ru1c4cm6sx/index>  
We're looking forward to sharing the results!

#### 👋 Marty Ritchie

👉 Check out Marty Ritchie's latest Art exhibit "Drawn Together. One artist and fourteen hundred swans." It is up in the community gallery at Yukon Arts Centre until April 30th. Monday to Friday 10 to 5

#### 👋 St Elias Lions Club

👉 Are you from Haines Junction Dakwākāda and going into your 3rd or 4th year of post-secondary training? Check out this amazing bursary offered by the St. Elias Lions! Submit a letter and transcript by May 30th by mail or contact me for my email address!

#### 👋 29th Annual Jorg Schneider Memorial Poker Run

👉 Friday, May 9 - pre-registration is open 6pm to 8pm with bar and food concession operated by the SECS Graduation Parents Society/grad class from 5-10pm  
Registration opens at 8:30am with breakfast concession host by the SECS Graduation Parents Society/grad class . Hands are \$10 and must be back by 5pm. Steak dinner at 5pm. Call Wade at 634-5200 or Ralph at 332-1647

#### 👋 Haines Junction Public Library

👉 Join us for Storytime on Fridays, a fun and engaging program for little ones! Each session features themed stories, interactive crafts, and plenty of free time for reading and play. It's the perfect way for children ages 0-5 to explore books, get creative, and make new friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Once a month, Storytime will be held entirely in French—an exciting opportunity to introduce little ones to a new language through fun stories and activities! Check out [yukonlibraries.ca/haines-junction](http://yukonlibraries.ca/haines-junction) to find out more about our events and programs

#### 👋 St Elias Community School

##### 👉 Kindergarten Registration

It's time to register your child for Kindergarten at St. Elias Community School.  
If your child will be 5 years old by December 31, 2025, they can start Kindergarten at St. Elias Community School in the 2025-26 school year. Registration can be done online or in person. Registration opened on February 4, 2025. Please go to the Yukon Education website at this link




for further information on getting started. <https://yukon.ca/register-child-school>

Children that will be 4 years old by September 1st, 2025 may be eligible for registration in our K4 Early Learning Program. Please stop by the school office to meet with our Principal, Linda Lamers, and to register in person.

#### **Community Markets**

The Community Markets will happen from 2-4pm, connect with Heather Grantham if you'd like to book a booth. Upcoming market dates are: Sunday, Apr 20 and Sunday, May 11

#### **Parks Canada**

 Parks staff are busy getting ready for another great summer in the Park. The summer schedule is rolling out with the Visitor Center opening May 16!

#### **BGC Yukon**

For information about our Haines Junction programs please connect with Danielle at : [hjmanager@bgcyukon.com](mailto:hjmanager@bgcyukon.com)

#### **Junction Arts and Music**

 Talk Treat To Me - Indigenous Theatre

Date: April 20th

Time: 7 pm

Location: St. Elias Convention Centre, Grand Hall, Haines Junction

Tickets: \$20 at the door for adults. Free for elders and youth.

Max and Jess meet as children, and their friendship changes as they grow up and learn what it means to be a part of Treaty. Max and Jess' story is intercut with two crass tricksters who were there when Treaty 6 was signed. The tricksters chase and taunt one another, and bleed into the world of Max and Jess.

Content Warnings: Contains stories of grief, swearing or potential offensive language, depiction of soft drug use, depictions of generational trauma, mentions of residential school and genocide.

Length: ~90 Minutes including post-show talkback

#### **Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival**

 Yukon's Premiere Bluegrass Event

Haines Junction, June 6–8, 2025

Celebrating 20 years of "Music. Mountains. Magic."

  We need you!

The 2025 Kluane Mountain Bluegrass Festival is looking for roughly 75 volunteers for our 20th anniversary edition. Many different jobs are available: if you enjoy a music festival hang, meeting new people, being part of a great team, not to mention the warm and fuzzy feeling you get from helping out, then we are looking for you!






 Self-registration and self-scheduling portal is accessible on our website:

Learn more & Sign up here  [yukonbluegrass.com/volunteer](https://yukonbluegrass.com/volunteer)


### **Augusto!**


 Be sure to Mark the Date - the sixth Augusto! Children's Festival will take place again August 8-10 in Dakwakada Haines Junction! With 31 confirmed one hour art and music workshops and 3 performing arts shows, there will be something for everyone! Tickets will go on sale later in June!

### **St Elias Seniors and Elders Society**

 Mondays from 1:30 to 3PM - Carpet Bowling in the Atrium

 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45am to 11:00 am - Chair Yoga in the Grand Hall (Open to Everyone)

 Wednesdays from 1:30pm to 3:30pm - Refreshments and Shuffleboard, pool games, board and card games and puzzles in the social room at the Yukon Housing Senior/Elder apartments

 The new calendar of events for the St. Elias Seniors and Elders Society is now available on the Village of Haines Junction website at <https://hainesjunction.ca/p/seniors-and-elders-society>

### **Thrift Store**

The Haines Junction Thrift Shop is open every Thursday from 2 - 6 PM and is held in the basement of the Log Church. The volunteers that work here add new items to the racks and shelves on a weekly basis. Prices are kept as low as possible and a free section has been added. The volunteer workers thank everyone for their ongoing donations, but at the present time we are unable to accept more donations. We are working hard to get the donations we presently have sorted and out onto the racks and shelves, but there is only so much room in our little shop.

When we can accept donations again, we would like to remind everyone that we can only accept the following items:

- clothing and household textiles that are clean and in good condition (no torn, stained, stretched out items please)
- Small household items and toys that are in good condition.
- Books except for textbooks and manuals

We would like to remind everyone that old, worn-out textile items can be recycled in the textile section of our local recycling centre, please do not bring these items to the Thrift Shop.

The Haines Junction Thrift Shop is happy to be able to provide a place for people to obtain used clothing and other second-hand items . Working together we can keep useful items out of the landfill for as long as possible.

### **Sports, Health and Fitness**



#### 👉 Romp-n-Run

Romp n Run is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-11:30am

Come enjoy a facilitated program, followed by a healthy snack, and free play.

#### 👉 Yoga

Lotus yoga classes are:

Sundays @6pm at the Atrium in the St Elias Convention Center. Join Sarah-Monique in a 75 mins FLOW class of stretching and strengthening. Donation amount of \$15 recommended. Please bring a mat and comfortable clothes. Drop-ins welcome

#### 👉 Massage

Rebecca Schatz, massage therapist, will be relocating to Bear Creek Lodge as of Oct 1st located at 103091 Alaska HW.

Sessions can be covered through insurance. To book online head to <https://lotus.janeapp.com/> or text (250)797-4921.

#### 👉 Curling

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the arena

#### 👉 Taekwondo Classes

Kids Class - Tuesday, December 9th, 5:30-6:10pm

(Kids 4-6 years old must have an adult participate with them)

Adult/Youth Class - Thursday December 11, 5:30-6:10pm

(Adult/Youth Class is aimed at 11yrs and up)

#### 👉 Pedal Junction

🚲 AGM is coming up on April 30 at 7pm at the HJ Community Library.

We submitted our Lotteries Funding application for April 15. A huge thank you to the Pedal Junction volunteers who helped pull together an outstanding application to the Yukon Lotteries Fund. The waiting game begins now... we won't hear whether or not we are funded until early June.

In the meantime, you can help us meet our fundraising goals by buying one of our fabulous t-shirts at the Easter Market!

🕶️ Pedal Junction T-Shirt Fundraiser!

🏆 T-shirt artwork by Shadunjen van Kampen

\$30.00/each

👕 Comes in sizes Youth Small, Medium and Large





Adult Small, Medium, Large, XL and XXL

email [pedaljunctionyukon@gmail.com](mailto:pedaljunctionyukon@gmail.com) to order  
or text/call 867-335-0440

👉 PickleBall

**Mondays** 5:30-7pm. We would love you to join us! Come in the St. Elias door at 5:15 after that it's locked by the janitor so knock on the gym door.

👉 Basketball

**Tuesday** nights from 7-8:30pm. Come on out to shoot some hoops. Ages 13+.

👉 Volleyball

**Wednesday** at 6:30pm in the school gym

👉 Badminton

Badminton on **Fridays**! Doors will open at 7:30. 16+ unless accompanied by an adult.

👉 Kluane Running Club

Run every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at 7.30 pm.

Will be one hour mostly.

Meeting up at the front of the swimming pool.

Every weekend it will be one longer run after agreement with the group. Join Facebook group if interested

Planning is underway for the first Kluane Running Club Triathlon

👉 Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay 2025

The race will be taking place on Saturday June 21st.



### **REGARDING THE CASTLE ROCK LTF LOCATION AT THE MACKINTOSH GRAVEL PIT**

We, in the Nygren Subdivision, question why this Contaminated Land Treatment Facility (LTF) has been supported by CAFN and the Liberal Government to operate in the Mackintosh Gravel Pit.

The response from CAFN to YESAB regarding a Residential Land Application (Project #2008-0181) dated November 5, 2008 stated that CAFN "opposed the application in order to minimize socio-economic and environment effects on the landscape." CAFN wrote "This area is known for its wildlife movement between the two mountain ranges from Bear Creek to Kluane Lake." CAFN further wrote "This area is known for its wild life movement corridor (Alsek River/Decoeli and Archibald Range to Ruby Range corridor) and are **very concerned** about interruption to wildlife in this area." CAFN added that they "recognized this value by declaring the application site as a High Wildlife Value area." CAFN also wrote that "RTC#265 (Trapping) will be impacted by this development."

**\*\*However, in the Castle Rock LTF proposal of 2024, CAFN had no concerns or objections about multiple dump trucks hauling 15,000 cubic meters of toxic waste to the same area.**

In the YESAB Assessment Report dated January 23, 2025, Section 3.1.7 it states that "the project location was selected .... based on ... a variety of factors, including: Traffic Increase, Haul time and fuel consumption, distance to the Parks Canada Farm site, and **ECONOMIC VIABILITY**."

The Proponent (Castle Rock) indicated that "the Decoeli old gravel pit would not be a suitable site as it is too far, overlaps with a grizzly bear corridor and the area is known for moose harvesting."

**\*\*This is the same argument that CAFN used to DENY the Residential Application of 2008 in the same area. Yet, for all the noise, traffic, environmental and wildlife factors, and toxic waste movement noted, CAFN approves this LTF Project in 2025 which means they are only considering the ECONOMIC VIABILITY for this site. It's all about the money! No concerns for the socio-economic and environment effects on the landscape for this Project!!**

The YTG Decision Document (Project #2024-0055) of March 14, 2025 states "The LTF will accept, store, and treat both **HIGHLY CONTAMINATED** and non-highly contaminated petroleum hydrocarbon impacted soil and water." The YESAB RECOMMENDATION to YTG was that the LTF Project "be allowed to proceed", but also wrote that "the Project will have **SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC EFFECTS** in or outside Yukon that can be mitigated by those terms and conditions." The Rationale for the Decision by YESAB stated "The YTG Decision Body is of the opinion that the YESAB Designated Office identified an appropriate scope of assessment within which to evaluate the impacts of the project, and that the Evaluation Report satisfactorily detailed the environment and social-economic impacts of the project... which the views and information submitted by affected First Nations and other participants were considered."

**\*\*These exact words were used by CAFN to DENY Project 2008-0181. Absolute hypocrisy!!**

The YTG Decision Body agrees with the YESAB Designated Office findings that the Project is likely to result in **SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND OTHER LAND USERS**, and that these effects can be mitigated by terms and conditions."

**\*\*YTG is 100% relying on mitigation to protect our land, water, and wildlife resources. Mitigation efforts fail. The Titanic was 100% unsinkable! Remember Victoria Gold?!**

### **GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS CONTAMINATED LAND TREATMENT FACILITY IN THE IN THE MACKINTOSH GRAVEL PIT.**

We, Nygren Residents, asked our MLA, Wade Istchenko many questions about this LTF placement in our neighbourhood. In turn, Wade asked the Minister of Environment, Nils Clark. The questions and answers can be found in the YTG HANSARD. Here are some of the highlights....

Wade asked, "has any government funding gone into this project and if so how much?" Mr. Clark replied, "The information I have this afternoon is that there has been no funding from the Yukon Government for this project."

**\*\*So the Federal Liberal Government is funding it!**

When Wade asked "How often will the actual facility itself be inspected?", Mr Clark replied, "With respect to the inspecting, the Proponent (Castle Rock) must inspect their own facility biweekly".

**\*\*Isn't that convenient to only inspect yourself, and only twice a month! At least, that is what they are "supposed to do", but nobody is checking on them!**

Mr Clark further noted that "Inspectors from the Environment Department **ONLY** inspect sites based on a risk-informed approach to all activities."

**\*\*So Who will advise the Inspectors of a risk if the Proponent (Castle Rock) is the only one inspecting their own site???? Not likely the Proponent (Castle Rock) because it could cause them to halt their operation.**

### **MORE QUESTIONS FORTHCOMING.....**

The LTF PROJECT is to **ONLY TREAT HYDROCARBONS – NOTHING ELSE**. We want to know how and by who is the land tested **BEFORE** it is all dug up and trucked to the Mackintosh Gravel Pit for treatment.

Why not do the remediation **IN PLACE**, rather than digging up the unknown contaminants and transporting to the LTF?



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Every Tuesday Romp & Run 10-11:30 am @ Mezzanine	Every Wednesday Yoga 10 am @ Convention Centre Volleyball 6:30 @ school gym Seniors games 1:30-3:30 @ Seniors Apartments	1 Every Thursday Romp & Run 10- 11:30 am @ Mezzanine  -Paddling Film Festival 6-9pm @Convention Centre	2 Every Friday Storytime 10-11 am @ library for ages 4 & under Badminton 16+ 7:30 pm @ school gym	3 Community Dinner 5 pm @ Da Ku
4 Every Sunday Yoga 6 pm @ Atrium	5 Every Monday Games night @ Mun Ku 7-9pm  Pickleball 5:30-7 @ school gym	6 Every Tuesday Kluane Running Club meet at pool 7:30 pm Basketball 13 + 7-8:30 @ School gym Senior's Chair yoga 10:00 am@ Grand Hall	7	8 Every Thursday Kluane Running Club meet at pool 7:30 pm Thrift Store 2-6 pm @ Log Church Senior's Chair yoga 10:00 am@ Grand Hall	9 Poker Run	10 Household Hazardous Waste Day - see ad Postponed   Kluane Lake Research Station Community BBQ 12-4 pm @ station
11 MOTHER'S DAY  Run for Mom Noon @ Muffin  Community Market 2-4 pm	12	13 Every Tuesday Curling 6:30 pm @ Arena	14	15	16	17
18	19 VICTORIA DAY	20	21 Landfill Closed	22	23	24
25	26 ECHO DEADLINE	27	28	29	30	31

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ECHO-May 26th noon sharp!**  
 All submissions should be sent to [shawn.allen@yukon.ca](mailto:shawn.allen@yukon.ca)  
 Any errors or omissions, please call Sharyn @ 335-5771  
 or email [riedls@northwestel.net](mailto:riedls@northwestel.net)

# Tourism Recreation & Economic Development



## Mill

May 2025



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## Council Meetings

The next regular Council meetings will be:  
May 14, 2025,                      May 28, 2025  
June 11, 2025,                      June 25, 2025



Regularly scheduled meetings for the Village of Haines Junction Council are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Haines Junction Convention Centre. The public is invited to join in person in the Council Chambers, or online or by teleconference via Zoom. Agenda packages, along with instructions for how to connect via Zoom, are posted on the Village of Haines Junction website <<[hainesjunction.ca](http://hainesjunction.ca)>> on the Friday afternoon of the week prior to each meeting. You can also contact the Village at [corporate@hainesjunction.ca](mailto:corporate@hainesjunction.ca) to be added to the Village email distribution list to receive Council Agenda Packages, Council Meeting Minutes, and other Public Notices, by email.



## Holiday Hours:



The Village Office will be closed on Monday May 19, 2025. The Landfill & Recycling Centre will be closed Wednesday May 21, 2025, for the Victoria Day long weekend. Enjoy your holiday!



## Mosquito Control Program

Haines Junction will once again be taking part in the Yukon Government's Mosquito Control Program.



As such, granular larvicide will be applied to standing water in the Haines Junction area both by air and by hand.

If you live within the municipality and have standing water (ponds, marshes, etc.) on your property that you would like monitored or treated, please contact the Village Office





## Yukon Recycling Club

### JOIN THE YUKON RECYCLING CLUB FOR KIDS!



For ages 4-16!  
Learn more on our  
website!  
[yukonrecyclingclub.ca](http://yukonrecyclingclub.ca)

#### HOW IT WORKS

1. Register for the club!
2. Collect refundable beverage containers!
3. Collect points!
4. Get cool prizes!

Register online!  
Go to [yukonrecyclingclub.ca](http://yukonrecyclingclub.ca)

#### IMPORTANT DATES

First day to collect points:  
Thursday May 1st 2025

Last day to collect points:  
Saturday, November 15 2025

Last day to order prize  
certificates:  
Monday, December 1, 2025

Last day to redeem prize  
certificates at participating  
suppliers:

Wednesday, December 31, 2025



### Haines Junction Landfill Hours

Wednesday to Sunday 9:00am -6:00pm

Monday and Tuesday Closed

### Recycling Centre Hours



Wednesday to Sunday 1:00pm – 5:30pm

Monday and Tuesday Closed

**"The month of May is the  
gateway to summer."**

- Jean Hersey

## Public Notice:

Service Canada and Canada Revenue  
Will be at St. Elias Convention Centre on  
May 7, 2025

Hours are:

9am-12pm and 12:30pm-3:30pm

**911 Civic Address Signs are at  
the Village of Haines Junction  
Office.**

**Get yours if you do not have  
one yet!**



**Mothers Day May 11, 2025**







**Village of Haines Junction**  
**Employment Opportunity**  
**Casual Part-Time Skate Park Attendant**

- The Village of Haines Junction is accepting employment applications for a casual part-time Skate Park Attendant. The position begins on June 16, 2025 and ends on August 24, 2025. Hours of work will be 12 hours per week over 3 days.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

Under the direction of the Public Works Manager, the Skate Park Attendant will ensure the safety and well-being of users, maintain the skatepark's facilities, and aid with equipment or instruction of the Skate Park located in the Bill Brewster Arena. Duties may include but are not limited to the following:

- Monitor user groups and ensure compliance with facility policy and regulations.
- Provide first aid and CPR in the event of an emergency
- Assist youth with equipment
- Cleaning arena – lobby, washrooms.
- Undertake public relations – answering inquiries, respond to suggestions, handle complaints.
- Complete minor repairs and maintenance including charging of hover boards.
- Keep a log of attendees
- Notify EMS and the Village Office in the event of any emergency.
- Other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications\***

The successful candidate will have all or most of the following qualifications:

- Current Standard First Aid / CPR
- Ability to engage and effectively work with children
- The ability to effectively communicate verbally with the public.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work independently under minimal supervision.
- Experience with skateboards would be considered an asset.
- Able to meet the physical demands of the position including ability to lift 40 lbs.

\*Lesser qualified candidates will be considered but must be willing to receive appropriate training.

\*The successful candidate will be required to provide an RCMP Criminal and Vulnerable Sector Check

\*This is a casual union position. The wage is \$26.87 per hour.

Please submit a cover letter, resume and enquiries to:

Jerry Tracey, Public Works Manager  
Email: [pwmanger@hainesjunction.ca](mailto:pwmanger@hainesjunction.ca)  
Telephone 867 634-7100  
Fax 867 634-2008  
Box 5339  
Village of Haines Junction  
Haines Junction, Yukon, Y0B 1L0

**This position posting will close on May 19, 2025.**

**We thank all applicants in advance for their interest, however only those considered for an interview will be contacted.**

# Doggie Doo~Poos and Don'ts!

It's that time again! When a whole winter's worth of Fido's and Daisy's unwanted presents come back to surface from below that lovely, white snow. Good thing you're wearing your gum boots!

Only maybe there's an even better solution than playing hopscotch all spring?

Please... **CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!**

The Village of Haines Junction is proud to offer free, biodegradable dog waste bags to community members and visitors alike. Come pick up a box at the Village Office, or go on a walk with your furry friend to any of these six convenient locations:



So please:

- Do remember your dog waste bags.
- Do keep your dog under your control.
- Do watch where your dog does his/her business.
- Do put your dog waste in the garbage.
- Do your part to keep our community looking and smelling its best.
- Do pick up after your dog!

- Don't turn a blind eye.
- Don't just try to hide the dog dirt.
- Don't let your dog loose.
- Don't leave your bag of dog dirt lying around after you've scooped it up.
- Don't do the "bend and pretend"!
- Don't make excuses!



And while we're at it...

Don't forget to get your dog a shiny new 2025 dog license at the Village Office!

Dog tags help us identify your pets so that, if they get loose, they can be safely returned to their loving homes!



## **THE VILLAGE OF HAINES JUNCTION OFFERS A RECYCLE PICK UP SERVICE TO HAINES JUNCTION RESIDENTS**

### **We will pick up the following:**

- ✓ Tin and foil
- ✓ Drink tetra packs
- ✓ Milk cartons (plastic & cardboard)
- ✓ Hard plastic
- ✓ Soft plastic (put in one bag)
- ✓ All paper products (not wet)
- ✓ Egg cartons
- ✓ Brown paper bags
- ✓ Cardboard & boxboard (flattened, not wet)
- ✓ Glass



### **Please:**

- Clean your recyclables.
- Place your recyclables in a tub or box which we will empty and return to you.
- Take lids off containers and give them a rinse.
- Place paper in a separate bag so it won't get wet.
- Flatten items as much as possible as space is an issue (e.g., squish milk jugs, flatten cardboard, etc.)

If something is left in your bin that means we don't recycle it.

This service is provided free of charge once a week, please limit your bins to a max of two containers per household.

**WE WILL NOT TAKE GARBAGE, AND STYROFOAM.**

**For more information, please contact:**

**Cathy MacKinnon**

**634-2629**



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