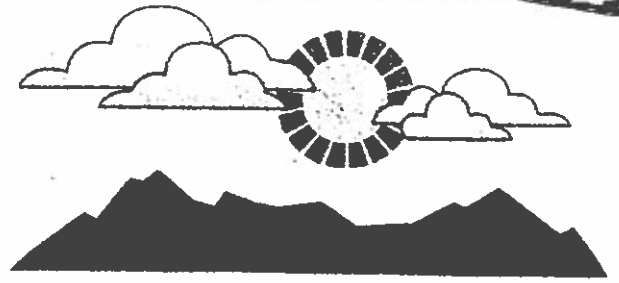


ST. ELIAS ECHO



The Newspaper of Haines Junction for 47 Years

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December 2024

Season's Greetings





60th Anniversary of St. Elias Lions

The St. Elias Lions Club accomplished the following 1997 through 2018:

- 1997 – Snowmobile Raffle \$10/ticket sold 1600 tickets, and the proceeds went to the Driver's Education course at the St. Elias Community School.
- 2000 - Sponsored the Yukon Girls Rep Basketball team.
- Raffle for Suzuki - \$500 Bursary for the St. Elias Community School Grads, Ambulance Rescue toboggan, Driving course sponsor for the St. Elias Community School, Nursing Station Oximeter, Playground.
- 2000 - 50/50 raffle – sponsored money for the driving course, another bursary for the St. Elias Community School Grads and school basketball team sponsorship.
- 2002 Skate with Santa sponsorship and program for Christmas to help those in need.
- 2002 – Bursary recipient – Logan Friese and Adrienne Nassiopoulos
- Raffle for Grad Class of 2003, paid for: decorations, video, cap & gown, linen and hall rental , grad photos in school.
- 2003 Skate with Santa, program for Christmas to help those in need and other charitable organizations donations.
- 2003 – Bison raffle – for bursary for the St. Elias Community School Grads for grad caps and mini lights.
- 2003 – Bingo for Community Christmas food hamper program and the Children's Christmas toy drive.
- 2004 – Raffle for queen size quilt, draw was at the Curling club lobby in February and the proceeds went towards Grad bursary. Bursary recipient was Leigh Godson.
- 2005 – Bison hunt raffle – 1 CAFN bison permit given to the Lions. Proceeds went to: School Bursary went to Mark Nassiopoulos, Christmas hampers and the St. Elias School.
- 2007 – Food hamper program raised \$4000 to help 100 families.
- Bison permit raffle, proceeds for: donation to the Yukon Hospital Foundation, Girl Guides of Canada, Morgan Gilmar recipient of the bursary, St. Elias School driving course.
- 2009 – Quilt raffle proceeds for: \$1000 Canadian Cancer society, \$1600 Run for Mom.
- CAFN Curling Bonspiel – monies raised went to the driver's education course.
- 2011 – CAFN Curling bonspiel casino – monies raised went to the driver's education course.
- 2012 – Raffle proceeds for: Haines Junction Library, Driver's education course.





- 2013 – Raffle proceeds for: Haines Junction Library, Driver's Education course and bursary.
- 2015 – Poker run proceeds went to the Haines Junction Library, Driver's Education course and the St. Elias Community School bursary.
- 2016 – school 24/7 respectful workshop sponsorship.
- Poker Run proceeds went to the Haines Junction Library, Driver's education course, Grad bursary.
- 2017 – sponsored driver's education course for the Grad Class.
- Poker Run proceeds went to the Haines Junction Library, Grad Bursary. Bursary and scholarship recipients were Lucy Hartmann and Andrew Power.
- 2018 – Sponsored the Whitehorse Firefighters Charitable Society, the Quilters Guild, CNIB and the Royal Canadian Legion.
- 2018 – Grad bursary recipient was Hannah Clunies-Ross.





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Haines Junction Minor Hockey

**WELCOME TO THE 2024/2025
HOCKEY SEASON!**



Haines Junction Minor Hockey has had a successful and busy start to the 2024/25 hockey season!

A few highlights from the season so far include:

Skate-A-Thon : Held November 13th.

A new record was set at this years Skate-A-Thon with 3,395 laps skated! We can not thank our community enough for their support to our hockey club. All funds raised goes towards camps and clinics to help our youth improve on their skills.



**Craft Fair/Cord of Wood Raffle on Thursday
November 14:**

Congratulations to Jerry Tracey who was this years winner. Funds raised will help support the Snack Program.



**Power Skating Clinic on Saturday
November 16th had 11 players attend.**

SNACK PROGRAM

This year , Save On Foods Whitehorse , has come on board to sponsor part of the snack program. A big thank you from all of the U7, U9, and U11 players!



HOCKEY TRIVIA!

Who was the first defence-men to win the NHL-point scoring title?

(Check next months newsletter for the answer and a new trivia question!)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- December 7: All-Star Saturday
- December 19-January 4 Christmas Break
- January 4&5: All Girls Hockey Camp
- January 10-12: U9 Championships in Whitehorse
- January 20: ALL PRACTICE CANCELLED
- January 24-26: U13 Championships in Haines Junction
- February 8: Skills Camp
- February 14-16: U11 Championships in Dawson City
- February 24: ALL PRACTICE CANCELLED

GAMES: U13/U15 vs Female Team

December 4th & 18th
 January 8th & 22nd
 February 5th & 19th



5 punch Skate Sharpening cards for \$20 Cards are available at the arena.

* Regular price for skate sharpening is \$5.00/skates.

* Service available at the rink during opening hours

**HAINES JUNCTION
 HUSKIES
 SWAG**

HATS \$20

TOQUES \$20

DUFFLE \$30

LOUD CUP \$30

A GREAT GIFT FOR HOMETOWN HOCKEY FANS!



THANK YOU

HJMHA would like to send out a BIG Thank You to...

The Village of Haines Junction/Arena Staff for all their hard work as well as always being great supporters of HJMH;

Dakwakada Capital Investments and Castle Rock Enterprises for their ongoing contribution and support;

Hockey Yukon for supporting our hockey programming;

And to the other small businesses and groups who help to make hockey in our community possible.

HJMHA is very grateful for your valued and ongoing support!



Thank you also to our awesome volunteers: We appreciate all the time and effort you donate to the kids and organization.



For more information on Haines Junction Minor Hockey; programs, camps, clinics, events, swag or sponsorship and donation opportunities (867)323-2658 hjminorhockey@gmail.com

Annual Skate With Santa

December 24, 2024

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

Bill Brewster Arena - Haines Junction



Everyone Welcome!

Free -Hot Dogs - Hot Chocolate - Prizes -
Treats & Family Fun!

1-2 pm Skating & prize giveaways
2-3 pm Skate with Santa on the ice

Bring your camera

Thanks to sponsors: HJMH, St. Elias Lions
Club, CAFN & VHJ



Thank you



In April of 2020, when COVID became a disease and shut everything down, Patty Moore came up with a great idea. If the restaurants were shut down and people were not able to go out, why don't we combine the two and help everyone. Hence, the FOOD Association was formed.

In the beginning, restaurants made food in portion size once a week and the volunteers, under Patty's tutelage, distributed the food in person and by dropping off to those that were unable to come and pick up their meals.

Now that COVID is over the restaurants are open again and so meals are no longer made and delivered. But the FOOD Association has turned into a food hamper program for the community.

The FOOD Association is at the end of its 5th year.

A huge **THANK YOU to PATTY MOORE** for starting all this in the first place!



In May of 2025, Isabelle Piche came up with an idea to ensure that the community had a place to for community activities that was safe and healthy. She then worked to ensure the markets had a place to hold their weekly market and with the generous donation from Allan's Backyard Services the market was able to be held weekly on their empty lot.

Since then, Isabelle has worked to ensure there was an indoor place to hold the market in the winter months.

The Haines Junction Community Association has been going strong now for 3 years.

A huge **THANK YOU to ISABELLE PICHE** for starting all this in the first place!



St. Elias Community School

Box 5494, Haines Junction, YT Y0B 1L0

Tel:(867)634-2231 Fax:(867)634-2921

Website: sec.yukonschool.ca

We respectfully acknowledge that we live, work, and learn on the traditional territory of the Champagne & Aishihik First Nations



12 days of Christmas!

We are getting into the Christmas spirit here at St Elias Community School!

Please find attached a copy of our Spirit days beginning Wednesday Dec 4th here at the school.

Date	Spirit day / Activity
Day 1: Wed, Dec 4	Elf day
Day 2: Thu, Dec 5	Green day (Student Led Conferences)
Day 3: Fri, Dec 6	Ugly Sweater day
Day 4: Mon, Dec 9	Festive Sock Day
Day 5: Tues, Dec 10	Red Day
Day 6: Wed, Dec 11	Festive Hat Day
Day 7: Thurs, Dec 12	Festive sweater Day
Day 8: Fri, Dec 13	Flannel Day
Day 9: Mon, Dec 16	Christmas Hair Day
Day 10 : Tues, Dec 17	Pancake Breakfast (after recess) Pj day Christmas movie in the gym
Day 11: Wed, Dec 18	Christmas concert
Day 12 : Thurs, Dec 19	Pj day / Class will complete their own activities

* Note these are optional days so please don't feel obligated to participate



St. Elias Community School

December 2024

**Dec. 5—Student Led Conferences
No classes this day**

**Dec. 9—New Principal Linda
Lamers arrives!**

**Dec. 10—Meet & Greet drop in
with Linda Lamers—3:00-6:00**

**Dec. 17—Student pancake brunch
and Christmas movie. 10:30—
12:00**

**Dec. 18—S.E.C.S. Christmas
Concert. 6:30 in the school gym**

**Dec. 19—Last day of school, PJ and
stuffy day!**

**Dec. 20—Jan. 3 Christmas Break
Classes start on Monday Jan. 6th**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU!**

Ski Trails in Kluane National Park

Several dedicated community members are again volunteering to groom and set ski trails in Kluane National Park this winter. Please avoid driving, walking, biking, or snowshoeing over the ski tracks, if possible. In most cases the ski trails are being set on one side of the groomed road/trail, and there should still be enough room to bike, walk, or snowshoe without damaging the set trails.

Ski trails are being set:

- Along the Mush Lake Road (from Dezadeash Lake Lodge to Alder Creek),
- Around Kathleen Lake (Campground, Day Use Area, and on a portion of the Kings Throne/Cottonwood Trail), and
- On the Auriol Trail.

Please remember that ATVs are prohibited in the Park and snowmobiles are restricted to the ice surface of Kathleen Lake and the access road between the Highway and the Day Use Area.

These restrictions do not apply to CAFN People exercising subsistence harvesting rights. Please contact Park Wardens if you see any illegal activity in the Park: 1 (877) 852-3100.

Mush Lake Road

Cross-country Ski Trails

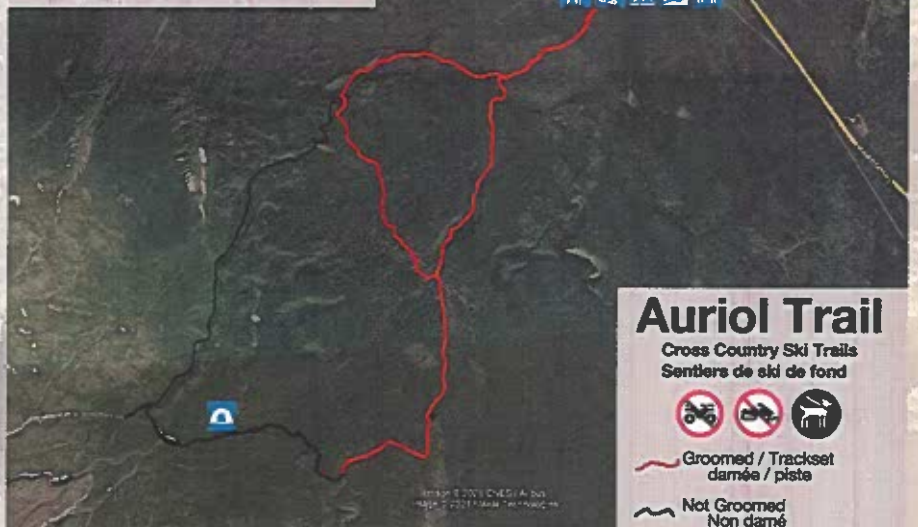


Sentiers de ski de fond

Chemin du Lac-Mush



Kluane National Park & Reserve
Park national et réserve de parc national Kluane



Auriol Trail

Cross Country Ski Trails

Sentiers de ski de fond



Groomed / Tracksset / damée / piste

Not Groomed / Non damé

Kluane National Park & Reserve
Park national et réserve de parc national Kluane



Kathleen Lake Day Use Area

Cross-country Ski Trails



Sentiers de ski de fond

Installations d'usage diurne du Lac Kathleen



A CHILDREN'S STORY

Santa Wants a Change

Once upon the snowy North Pole, Santa Claus became very unhappy. Oh my, yes.

As soon as the ground froze and the Northern Lights lit up the sky, Santa began to think about his OLD RED SUIT with the BIG WIDE BELT and the BLACK, BLACK BOOTS, and the FUNNY, FUNNY HAT WITH THE TASSEL ON TOP.

He was very tired of them. He had worn the same suit for years and years and years. And now, it was Christmas Eve. What could he do?

"I know," said Santa. I will be somebody different. I'll be a...a...a Snowman! Santa had always wanted to be a snowman.

So Santa packed away his OLD RED SUIT with the BIG WIDE BELT and the BLACK, BLACK BOOTS and the FUNNY, FUNNY HAT WITH THE TASSEL ON TOP.

And he became a snowman.

He was so happy! He crunch-crunch-crunched down the street to find the children.

There they were, skating on the pond in Reindeer Park.

"Ho! Ho! Ho!" Boomed Santa.

"Ha, Ha, Ha," shouted the children. "Look at that crazy snowman pretending to be Santa Claus!" And they skated away laughing.

"Oh," said Santa. Then, "Oh! Oh! Oh! The children did not recognize me." He thought for a moment. "But they soon will because I will be a snowman for a lo-o-o-ng time." And Santa went home for lunch.

When Mrs. Santa saw him, she knew him by the twinkle in his eye, but she said, "Santa, you are melting all over my nice, clean floor! Where is your OLD RED SUIT with the BIG WIDE BELT and BLACK, BLACK BOOTS, and the FUNNY, FUNNY HAT WITH THE TASSEL ON TOP?"

"I'm a snowman now," said Santa. By this time, he was standing in a puddle. Santa said sadly, "I am tired of that OLD RED SUIT with the BIG, WIDE BELT and the BLACK, BLACK BOOTS and the FUNNY, FUNNY HAT WITH THE TASSEL ON TOP."

"Well, you can't be a snowman!" said Mrs. Santa. That sparkling white suit will be all black from head to toe when you go down all those chimneys. You will be a sootman."

"And I will melt," said Santa sadly, nodding his bushy, grey head. "We will have to think of something else."

So Mrs. Santa put on her thinking bonnet and sat at the window, watching the reindeer romp on the Arctic snow.

Santa put on his fuzzy red underwear and his red vest, and sat down beside Mrs. Santa. There they sat, side by side, their chins in their hands, staring out the window.

Mrs. Santa shook her head. "I really like you best the way you are, Santa, with your OLD, RED SUIT with the BIG, WIDE BELT and the BLACK, BLACK BOOTS, and the FUNNY, FUNNY HAT WITH THE TASSEL ON TOP."

Just then, Santa saw something furry gliding across the snow. "I know!" he exclaimed. "A fox! I'll be a fox!" He talked very fast.

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“Foxes live in the Arctic. They are pretty and very clever, and a fur suit will keep me warm on my long ride tonight. Yes, yes, I will be a fox.”

So Santa changed into a fox. He was very happy, even though they had spent all afternoon thinking, and supper was very late that night.

“I almost forgot,” said Santa. “We need a few things at ToyNorth before we go. I must get there before the store closes.”

“Take your Visa card,” said Mrs. Santa. “We are always short of cash at this time of the year.”

“Please tell the elves to harness the sleigh while I am gone,” said Santa, and he strutted down to ToyNorth, the local general store. Santa liked being a fox. He hadn’t felt so slim in years.

At the store, Santa gathered up a flashlight, some ribbons, a bag of chocolate cookies, a can of coffee, and a tiny snowman to hang from the dashboard of his sleigh. He handed the clerk his Visa card. It was registered, “Santa Claus.”

“But you are not Mr. Santa Claus, you are Mr. Fox,” said the clerk. Santa had never seen that clerk before.

“Oh, but I really am Santa. I just wanted a change. You see, I got tired of my OLD, RED SUIT with the BIG, WIDE BELT and the BLACK, BLACK...”

“A likely story,” snapped the clerk. “You foxes are all very clever. I am sorry, but I cannot take your card.”

Santa left the parcels on the counter and sadly crept home. He walked past the train station, and then walked behind the pretty houses. He did not want anyone to see him. He was too sad.

BONG, BONG, BONG, BONG, BONG, BONG, BONG, BONG, BONG, BONG, BONG.” The clock in the Old Town Hall was chiming out the time.

How many bongs was that?

“Oh dear,” cried Santa. “What time is it? Was that eleven bongs, or twelve bongs?” I’m supposed to leave at midnight, and I have things to do yet. I can’t be late for Christmas.”

One thing Santa knew he had to do was to change back into the real Santa. There was no time to explain to Mrs. Santa, but he knew she would understand.

As soon as Santa got home, he put on his OLD, RED SUIT with the BIG, WIDE BELT and THE BLACK, BLACK BOOTS and the FUNNY, FUNNY HAT WITH THE TASSEL ON TOP.

Santa ran back to the store just in time. The clerk and his helpers were already leaving. Santa showed the clerk that he really was Santa Claus. He paid for his parcels and ran home.

Santa and the Chief Elves jumped into the sleigh just as the clock in the Old Town Hall chimed out twelve bongs.

Can you chime twelve bongs? Bong, bong, bong.....

Santa was so glad that he had not been late for Christmas. He said, “It feels s-o-o-o good to be just myself with my OLD, RED SUIT with the BIG, WIDE BELT and the BLACK...”

CAN YOU FINISH WHAT SANTA WAS GOING TO SAY?



Stay Healthy, Play Outside



Kluane Lake Research Station - 2024 Season Summary

The Kluane Lake Research Station (KLRS) wrapped up the 2024 summer season at the end of September. Thank you to all the visitors and staff for a great 5 months! Guests included researchers, students, teachers, government scientists and officials, artists, and community members. The station hosted 1535 overnight users and 130 daytrip users, facilitating over 450 different guests from 46 groups. Additionally, approximately 150 community members visited KLRS during our Community BBQ in May, Open House in August, and weekly community nights throughout the summer. The KLRS staff team consisted of three full-time staff and three part-time staff, five of which were local Yukoners.

Outreach and education were prioritized in 2024. Weekly community nights included talks from researchers and local Indigenous artists, interpreters, scholars, and storytellers. The station welcomed primary and secondary schools from the Yukon (Haines Junction, Destruction Bay, Whitehorse) and Calgary. Yukon University, CAFN Youth Centre, and BGC Yukon brought youth campers to KLRS. The Station Manager and visiting researchers led presentations and hands-on activities to teach students about natural sciences. Two artists were hosted at KLRS for the Kluane National Park Artist Residency, in partnership with Parks Canada and the Yukon Arts Centre. Each artist had a two-week residency and held multiple public art workshops.

Groups from thirteen Canadian universities and ten international universities visited KLRS in 2024 for research, field courses and/or tours. Throughout May to September, long-term studies were continued, and new research was conducted. Topics included glacier dynamics, hydro-glaciology, virtual geology, wind erosion, dust emissions, earthquake-induced landslides, boreal forest ecology, subarctic phenology, vegetation mapping, insect herbivory, and community climate priorities.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Kim Hatcher (Station Manager) at klrs@ucalgary.ca. We look forward to hosting more community events in 2025!







Kluane Vac Services



New Haines Junction based business.
Servicing Kluane Region communities.
Holding tank and septic pump outs.

Call Brian Melanson 867-334-1864

Or e-mail: kluanevac@gmail.com

For quotes or to book an appointment.



Everyone is welcome at our annual

Community Carol Service

7 pm Sunday, December 15th

THE LOG CHURCH

Come and sing along to your favourite Christmas carols with
live music and get in the spirit with traditional readings.

Please bring Christmas baking to share!

Come and Enjoy!



Want to be a musician or be in the choir?

Contact Marliese Whelan 634-2915 or Megan Melanson 334-1216

Practices are Friday, December 6 & 13 at 5 pm at the Catholic Church.

Want to be a reader or want the music to practice? Contact Mark Ritchie 335-2943.



CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS Haines Junction count is Sunday December 29 and Kluane Lake count is Saturday January 4. Will be contacting prior participants and welcome new people. If you have questions please call Julie Bauer cell 867-336-0688. Email address is:

bauerjulieann@outlook.com All routes are planned before count day.

High Risk of Contaminant Leaching

This site is situated on highly permeable gravel and sand soil. In the event of a leak, contaminants would rapidly seep into the groundwater. This groundwater feeds into Bear Creek, Summit Creek & the Dezadeash River



- The Dezadeash & Alsek River Basin are an important water source that winds through Kluane National Park and drains into the ocean.
 - The contamination pathway endangers not only local ecosystems and habitat but also marine environments.
- Champagne & Aishihik First Nations has not yet had the chance to make a Land Use Plan for the Valley & Area.

This would be against regulations in BC. Why isn't it the same here?

See: Hazardous Waste Regulation at bclaws.gov.bc.ca

There are options available that carry less risk.

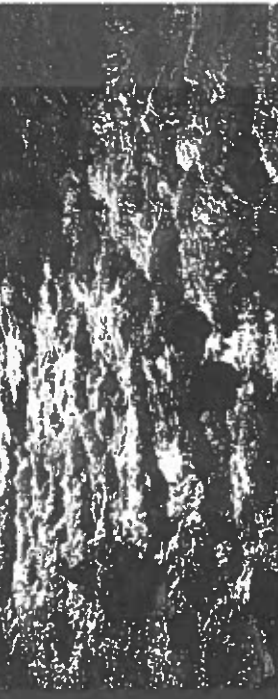
Please help advocate for a more suitable site that is:

- Not upstream nor on a watershed that feeds into delicate ecosystems and creeks, a major river, and Kluane Park,
- On clay
- Not in an extremely windy area.
- Not in such close proximity to residences as it will cause health risks and consequences for future generations.

Let's do everything we can to not let history repeat itself

PROTECT BEAR CREEK & THE ALSEK VALLEY - HELP PROTECT BEAR CREEK

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For more info:

- Google: "Petition Alsek Valley." Please sign & comment
- Read YESAB Comments on file #2024-0055
- If you would like copies of studies done in this area/ on these risks please email: alsekcommunity@gmail.com





Ellen

Stacy Riedel

Charlotte Clark

Elayne

Shawn

*Wishing Everyone a
Calm, Happy, and
Healthy Season, and
All Good things in
2025!*

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Thank You to the "Echo" Readers and Contributors

Thanks for keeping us "in business" for 46 years.

Contributions and \$ donations are needed and much appreciated.



CBC Radio Community Report for November 14, 2024

This is the November 14, 2024 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

- 👉 Congratulations to new mayor and council
- 👉 Great Halloween events – the weekend before we had the JAM hosted Family Barn Dance, Haunted House (hosted by the grad class) and Dance Party; then there was Pumpkin Carving host by Da Ku, followed by the school Halloween Carnival, lots of spooky houses for trick-or-treating; and ending with the incredible fireworks and BonFire from the Volunteer Fire Department, Village of Haines Junction, St Elias Lions Club and the Drummond Family.
- 👉 Thank you to the Rangers and St Elias Lions Club for always hosting a thoughtful Remembrance Day ceremony.
- 👉 Cougar sightings being reported in town

👋 Around Town

👉 New Physiotherapist

My name is Leah and I am a physiotherapist in Whitehorse (some of you may already know me). I have booked the community centre on Nov 26th to come and do some sessions for the community, to make it more accessible rather than patients having to come to Whitehorse. I currently just have one day booked, but I am open to extending this into the future if the community supports it.

Services offered:

- Initial assessment for pelvic health (pelvic floor dysfunction, incontinence, postpartum or prenatal support) or orthopedic (arm, neck, back, headaches, etc)
- Follow up appointments for those I have seen in Whitehorse
- Dry needling for Trigger point release
- Hands on manual therapy
- Exercise programs and plans

And More

Please message me on facebook or email leah.g.physio@gmail.com to inquire about an appointment.

👉 Proposed Land Treatment Facility in the MacIntosh Quarry

CastleRock, a Dakwakada Capital Investments company is proposing a new Land Treatment Facility near Haines Junction at the MacIntosh Quarry which is near Bear Creek. The LTF will feature several large cells to passively remediate petroleum hydrocarbons in soil, a process that will typically takes 2 – 18 months depending on the



contamination. Each cell will be lined with a geo-synthetic liner. The LTF will be about 150m x 150m and about 850 m away from the nearest residence.

👋 Holiday Events

- 👉 The Library Board annual bake sale and Christmas craft fair Thursday, November 14.

Bake Sale 6:30PM | Craft Fair 7-9PM

Shop local, find holiday treasures, and enjoy delicious treats—all while supporting our library programming!

Calling all Bakers!

We need your help to make this event a success. If you love baking, consider donating your favourite cookies, cakes, pies, or other goodies for the sale. Every baked donation brings us closer to funding more enriching programs for all ages.

Date & Time: Thursday, November 14, 2024 | 6:30pm

Location: St. Elias Convention Centre

Baking Drop-Off: Drop off baking on November 14th at the library before 5pm or to the convention centre between 3-6:30pm.

- 👉 Annual Skate with Santa

Annual Skate with Santa @ Bill Brewster arena Dec. 24, Christmas Eve day, from 1-3pm.

Come skate with Santa! Prizes given out during the skate. Free hot dogs & hot chocolate.

Thanks to major sponsors CAFN, HJMH, St. Elias Lions Club. Thanks also to Little Green Apple & VHJ. A family Christmas Tradition for the past 37 years!!

- 👉 Christmas Markets

December 1 and 15. The Grinch will visit again on the 15th!

- 👉 Holiday Open House

Mark your calendars, annual Joint Christmas Open House, Wednesday Dec 4, 2024,

4-6pm at the Convention Centre, Haines Junction. Booths hosted by Kluane National

Park Management Board, YESAB - HJ Office, Alsek Renewable Resource Council, YukonU,

Kluane Lake Research Station, Sha Shaw Corporation and many more!

- 👋 Haines Junction Public Library

👉 Storytime starts up again this Friday: Join us for Storytime, 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 to find out more about our events and programs

- 👉 Mountain Festival



Was originally planned for November 15-16 but has been postponed. Organizers will update soon with new dates.

👋 Village of Haines Junction

The VofHJ has released the annual tenders:

- Boiler maintenance - Closing date: 12:00 noon, Friday December 13, 2024
- Carpentry services - Closing date: 12:00 noon, Friday December 13, 2024
- Custodial services - Closing date: 12:00 noon, Friday December 13, 2024
- Electrical services - Closing date: 12:00 noon, Friday December 13, 2024
- FireSmart services - Closing date: 12:00 noon, Friday November 29, 2024
- Recycling pickup - closing date: 12:00 noon, Friday December 13, 2024
- Provision of vehicle/equipment fuel - closing date: 12:00 noon, Friday December 13, 2024

Tender packages are available at the Village office and online:

<https://hainesjunction.ca/p/tenders-rfps>

👋 Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

👉 Friday is Nov 15 and you know what that means—Roc Your Mocs Day is here! 🎉🌟

Join the fun and enter our Dan k'e Wheel of Names Draw by sharing a video of YOU rocking your favorite pair of moccasins and saying "Kenkāt ke t'ādíchi"! 🎆

Here's how to enter:

- 1 Make a video with your moccasins.
- 2 Say "Kenkāt ke t'ādíchi"
- 3 Post it on FB with the hashtag [#CAFNkenkatke2024](https://www.facebook.com/CAFNkenkatke2024) or email it to daku@cafn.ca 📧

The prize? A \$100 Air North Gift Certificate and a few awesome gift baskets 🛍️! Deadline to enter: Sunday, Nov 17 at 12:00 AM (midnight). One entry per person.

Winners will be announced on the afternoon of Monday, Nov 18. Let's see those moccasins! 🎊

Interested in learning more about this special day? Visit rockyourmocs.org

👉 Hey Citizens! Are you ready to level up your skills? Join us for a Babysitting Course at Yukon U Campus in Dakwākāda! 🧑🏫🌟

📅 When?

December 14, 2024 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

December 15, 2024 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Why sign up? Learn valuable childcare skills ✅ Boost your resume and confidence ✅

Meet new friends and network ✅ Get certified and start babysitting!

Spaces are limited to 10, so don't wait! 📞 Register today with Lena Ross at 867-332-1786 or email lross@cafn.ca.

👉 Heads up!

We have had a report of a cougar sighting in Haines Junction.



Near the tiny homes at Dakwākāda (Haines Junction)

Please stay alert and stay safe!

To report animal sightings, call
the Yukon Government TIPP LINE
1-800-661-0525

👉 Funeral Service Transportation

For the late Deannalee Mazur

From Shadhāla, the Yänlin Chemi, Takhini and Kwänlin to Dakwākāda - Haines Junction.

Service begins at 2pm

Saturday, November 16th

To reserve a seat on the bus, please call

Rob McPhie at 587-298-2752

Leaving Kwänlin at 10am.

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

📅 Support Circles at 2B Nakhu Chu 6:00 pm: **!! NEW DATES !!** October 30 and
November 14 & 28

📅 Haines Junction, One-on-One services: Nov 18, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 17, Mar 10, Apr
14, May 19, Jun 9.

Set up an appointment @ 1-867-689-1885 or vkolothumkattil@northernfocus.ca.

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

👉 Mitten Making Workshop 🧤🧶

Takhini Hall: 11am- 4pm

November 23rd and December 7th

Spaces are limited. All materials provided. Please contact Vanessa at 867-634-5238 to
register.

👉 2024 Angel Tree

Share the joy of Christmas by signing up if your family needs support with children's gifts
this year. Please fill out a registration form and drop it off at the Haines Junction Healing
House or CAFN Whitehorse, forms can also be picked up at either location. For more
information, please get in touch with Jared at jdulac@cafn.ca

👉 CAFN invites all Citizens to participate in Community Land Use Planning for Shadhāla and
Nàkhḃ Chù

It's your chance to share your input on important Land Use Planning Projects! Food will
be provided 🍷 and Door prizes!

Nàkhḃ Chù | (*new* TBC) Old Takhini Hall

Date: Thursday, November 14th

Time: 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Dakwakada | Da Kų Cultural Centre

Date: Tuesday, November 26th

Time: 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Kwänlin | Yukon Inn Plaza Boardroom

Date: Thursday, November 28th

Time: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Shadhäla | Champagne Hall

Date: Saturday, November 30th !! (Please note Date change)

Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

👉 CAFN Community Wellness and Education invite parents and caregivers to join us for dinner and supportive discussion about parenting.

Childcare will be provided. 🧑🏻‍🦱👶

📍 Mun Kų, Dakwakada

📅 Nov 27, 5:30 PM

For more information or transportation, contact John Fingland at 867-334-3779.

👉 Prenatal and Postnatal Cooking Class Series 🍳👩🍳

Haines Junction Healing House, 6-9 pm 🧑🏻‍🦱👶

November 21st | December 5th | December 19th

Space is limited! Childcare will be available. Please contact Vanessa at 867-634-5238 to register

👉 Augusto!

🎨 Calling All Creative Leaders! 🎨

Do you have a fun, hands-on workshop idea for kids?

Join us at Augusto Children's Festival 2025 and help spark imagination and joy! 🌟

📅 August 8-10, 2025

📍 St. Elias Convention Centre, Haines Junction, Yukon

We're seeking inspiring workshops focused on art, music, and creativity for kids 12 and under.

Ready to bring your idea to life?

Submit your proposal in just 5-10 minutes!

<https://forms.gle/vUSagVuJqpK49SG39>

👉 Thrift Store

The Haines Junction Thrift Shop, located in the basement of the Log Church is open every Thursday from 2 - 6. There is a wide variety of clothing available for all sizes and prices are always kept low. Besides clothing they also have some household items, books and toys.

Please remember to bring your own bag and cash, as only cash sales are possible.

👉 The Raven's Rest Inn



👉 Saturday Date Night Alert at the Raven's Rest Inn

🍴 Enjoy a cozy three-course meal with a seasonal soup, your choice of main, and a delicious dessert—all for just \$40 per person!

☀️ Limited seating available on Nov 9th, 23rd, & Dec 7th. ☀️

Pre-bookings only! Reserve your spot and pre-order by the Wednesday before the dinner.

Call us at (867) 634-2500 to book. Event starts 7-7:30pm. Don't miss out! ✨

👉 Saturday Night Board Game Night

Pre-bookings only.

November 16 and 30 from 7-9:30pm

Includes mini wraps, charcuterie nibbles, canapes, bite sized desserts and free tea, coffee and ice. To book your space, call 634-2500

👉 Button Box Community Cafe

🍽️ The Button Box Cafe opened on October 25th from 11am to 4:30pm. It is open Wednesday to Sunday. Located in the Upstairs Dining Room of the Raven's Rest inn, our community cafe will offer delicious lunch treats and more. Come for the food, stay for the community spirit so pop in and see what it's all about! Opportunity to purchase buttons to donate a lunch to someone else in the community in need.

👉 Adventure Time

👉 It's Holiday Season ! 🌲

Let Adventure Time take some burden off your hands. As you know we can pick up Prepaid Orders from Whitehorse and bring them to you. For the Holiday Season, Adventure time offer to wrap your items into beautiful Holiday Gifts. The new service is only for a limited time.

Small Gifts : \$10

Med Gifts : \$20

Large Gifts : \$30

Customs orders can be arranged 📦 🎀

Visit our website to book your service now

👉 Sports, Health and Fitness

👉 Romp-n-Run

Romp n Run is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-11:30am, from October 1st to December 17th. 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.

Wednesday morning @10 at the Convention Center auditorium. Join Sarah-Monique in a 60 mins chair yoga class where she will assist proper biomechanics and form for increasing mobility and balance. Donation amount of \$5 recommended.

To sign up, please head to <https://lotus.janeapp.com/> and click on Sarah-Monique's profile to book or call/text (250)797-4921.

👉 Massage

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

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

👉 HJ Soccer Club

Thanks for the consistent great turn out to practices this fall! Thanks for filling out registration forms and paying soccer fees (\$30 per player, if you can). We realized a few of the new (this year) to soccer parents may not have gotten the message about the upcoming soccer tournament.

There is the "Toonie Tournament" on Nov 30 and Dec 1 at the Canada Games Centre in Whitehorse. This is an optional tournament, players need running shoes and a water bottle, and to bring a toonie OR can food donation for the foodbank to drop off at CGC. Players are given a jersey when they arrive. Parents/guardians are responsible for getting their child to and from the tournament and to games held in the flexihall, this is not a school-organized event.

The younger age groups often only play on the Saturday, however we do not yet have the schedule. We will send the schedule out as soon as it is available.

👉 Minor Hockey

Thank you to everyone who supported the Haines Junction Huskies Skate-a-Thon! A total of 3,369 laps were skated by this enthusiastic group of kids and volunteers who are passionate about hockey in our community. The funds raised from our Skate-a-Thon help cover the costs of our camps and clinics throughout the season!

Next Up:

November 16th Power Skating with Trish Pettitt - Ages 6 and up

December 7th All-Star Day - Ages 4 and Up

👉 Pedal Junction



Cleared YESAB process and now we're working with the Village who will be working with the Lands Management Branch for use of Public Lands.

👉 Basketball

Tuesday nights from 7-8:30pm. Tomorrow night (October 8th) will be our first time out. 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

👉 Kluane Chilkat International Bike Relay 2025

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Every Monday Drop in Basketball 7 pm @ School	3 Every Tuesday Romp & Run 10-11:30 am @ Mezzanine Senior's Chair yoga 10:00 am@ Grand Hall	4 Every Wednesday Chair yoga 10 am @ Convention Centre	5 Every Thursday Romp & Run 10- 11:30 am @ Mezzanine Student led conferences @ School	6	7
8	9	10 Every Tuesday Kluane Running Club 7:30 pm Meet & Greet @ School 3- 6pm- see ad	11	12 Every Thursday Volleyball 7pm @ School Senior's Chair yoga 10:00 am@ Grand Hall	13	14
15 Community Carol service 7pm @ Log Church	16	17 Every Tuesday Basketball 13 + 7-8:30 @ School gym	18 Christmas Concert 6:30pm @ School	19 Every Thursday Thrift Store 2-6 pm @ Log Church Last day of school	20	21
22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Skate with Santa 1-3pm @ Arena	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 BOXING DAY	27	28
29 Christmas Bird Count - see ad	30	31				

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ECHO-January date To Be Announced!

All submissions should be sent to shawn.allen@yukon.ca
Any errors or omissions, please call Sharyn @ 335-5771
or email riedls@northwestel.net

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Council Meetings

The next regular Council meeting will be:
December 11, 2024

January 8, 2025, January 22, 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>> on the Friday afternoon of the week prior to each meeting.

You can also contact the Village at 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.

Thank you for your understanding.

Warmest thoughts and best wishes for a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year.

Open House

The Deputy Mayor and Council invite you to an evening of appetizers and refreshments.

Friday, December 13, 2024

5:00pm – 8:00pm

St. Elias Convention Centre

This is a licensed event. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Village Office Holiday Hours

December 23, 2024: 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

December 24, 2024: 8:30 a.m. -5:00pm

December 25, 2024, to January 1, 2025:

CLOSED

January 2, 2025: Regular Hours Resume



Landfill Holiday Hours

Monday December 23, 2024:

Landfill 7:00am- 4:00pm.

Refundables Closed

Tuesday December 24, 2024

Landfill 7:00am – 12:00pm.

Refundables Closed

December 25 to 26, 2024:

Closed

December 27 to 29, 2024:

Regular Hours.

Monday December 30, 2024:

Landfill 7 a.m. – 4:00 pm.

Refundables Closed

Tuesday December 31, 2024:

Landfill 7 a.m. – 12:00 pm

Refundables Closed

January 1, 2025, Closed

January 2, 2025: Regular Hours Resume

The Regular Winter Hours for the Haines Junction Waste Management Facility are available online or at the Village Office.



Business Licences

2024 Business Licenses will expire on
December 31, 2024.

Get your 2025 License prior to
January 31, 2025
to avoid a 10% monthly penalty!



Dog Tags

Get a fashionable new 2025 tag for your dog
at the Village Office!



All dogs within the
municipality are required
to be licensed and fines
apply for non-
compliance.

Tags also help us to
return your dog
back to its loving home!

Licence fees are \$5.00 for 2024 spayed or
neutered dogs, \$25.00 for non-spayed or
non-neutered, and \$25.00 for Life-time
Neutered dogs.

Winter Solstice

Saturday December 21, 2024, 2:19am



Community Group Funding Opportunity

DONATED
REFUNDABLES FUND

APPLICATION

DEADLINE:

JANUARY 15, 2025

The Haines Junction Recycle Centre accepts donated refundable items throughout the year. The refund money collected is held in a Donated Refundables Fund to be awarded on an annual basis to eligible community groups, as per the Donation of Refundable Items Policy #31-20.

Eligibility Guidelines and the Donated Refundables Fund Application Form are available from the Village Office or online:

Eligibility Guidelines:

hainesjunction.ca/p/village-policies

Application Form:

hainesjunction.ca/p/funding-opportunities

Please contact the Village Office at 634-7100 or admin@hainesjunction.ca for more information.



Christmas Paper Clean Up

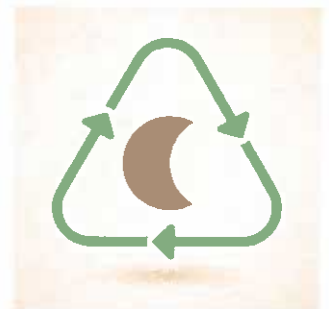
Paper-based wrapping paper (not foil) can be recycled with paper.

Remember that *only* paper & boxboard goes into the paper bin!

Curling ribbon and bows can be recycled with soft plastic

Ensure to empty all the pieces from your gifts before recycling the boxes!

Not sure where it goes? Ask our friendly recycle centre attendants!




Christmas Lights and Decorating

Is happening again this year Details to follow!

Keep up to date with all the latest Village news on our website and Facebook page!

Arena December 2024 Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Curling 11:00-2:00 Public Skate 2:30-5:30	2 Minor Hockey 3:45-7:15 Rec Hockey 7:45-9:15	3 Public Skate 1:00-5:30 Curling 6:00-8:00	4 Minor Hockey 3:45-7:30	5 Public Skate 2:30-6:00 Women's Hockey 6:30-7:30 Rec Hockey 7:45-9:15	6 CLOSED	7 All Star Day 12:00-5:00
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22 Curling 11:00-2:00 Public Skate 2:30-5:30	23 Public Skate 10:30-5:30	24 Skate with Santa 1:00-3:00	25 CLOSED	26 Homecoming Tournament	27 Publi c Skat e 10:30-5:30	28 Public Skate 10:30-5:30
29 Curling 11:00-2:00 Public Skate 2:30-5:30	30 Public Skate 10:30-5:30	31 CLOSED	January 1 CLOSED			

The regular arena schedule is available online, at the arena or the Village Office.

