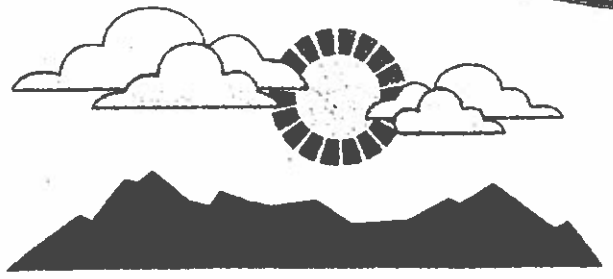


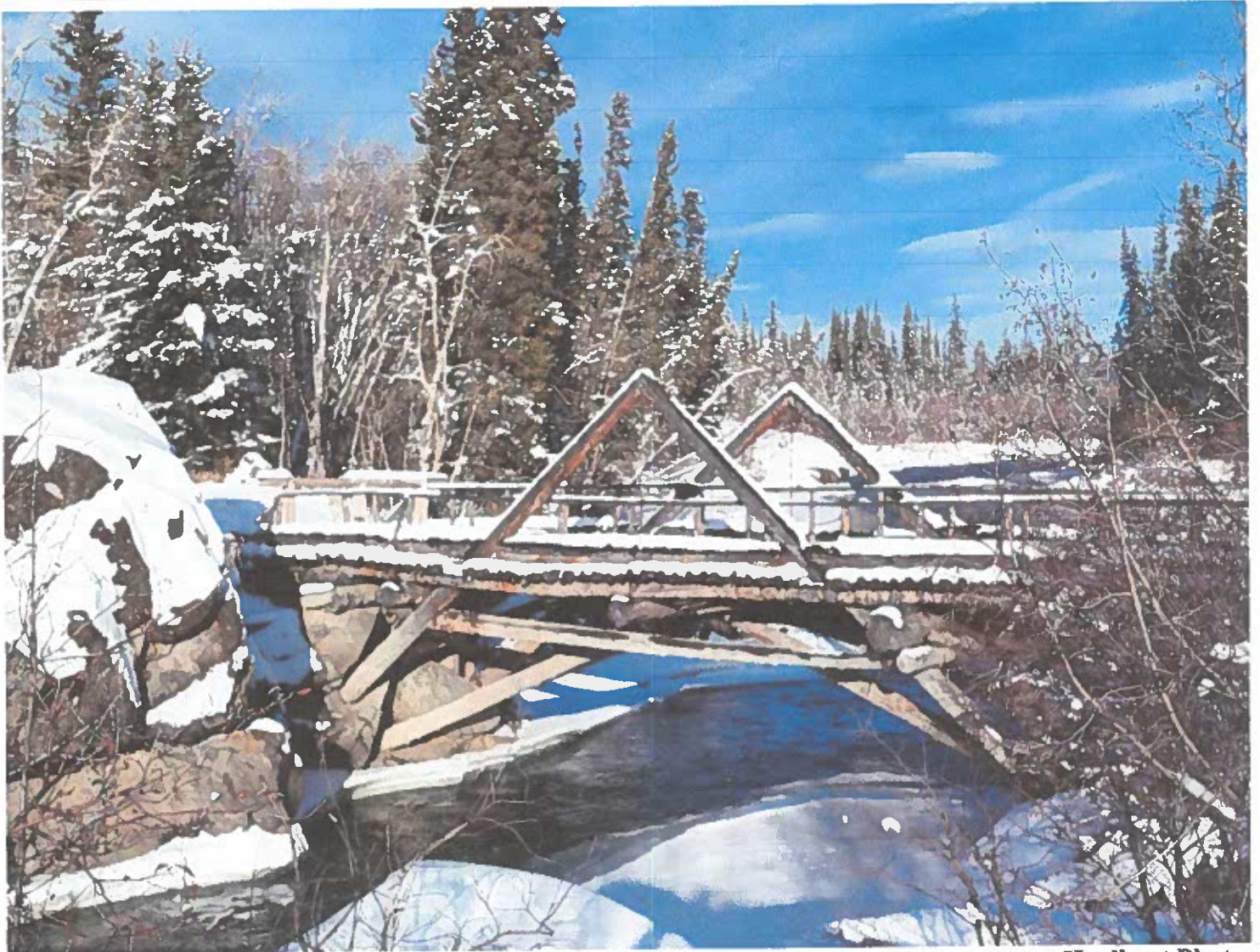
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To Be or Not to Be? That is the Question. Will it be reinforced? Or will it be dismantled?

Aishihik River Bridge

Millions of people have read "The Ballad of Sam McGee," that famous poem of the Klondike Gold Rush written by Robert W. Service (sometimes called "the Bard of the Yukon"). However, most do not know that the real McGee (who outlived his fictional self) had strong connections to part of the Alaska Highway's Yukon route.

McGee and his partner, Gilbert Skelly, were road builders as well as prospectors. In 1903, they built a wagon road between Whitehorse and Kluane Lake. As part of the road building, they erected a simple wooden bridge over what was then known as Canyon Creek (today, the Aishihik River). The little wooden bridge withstood the ravages of nature and increasing traffic over the next 40 years.

The bridge was rebuilt in 1923 by the Jacquot brothers when they upgraded the road. In the 1940s, the crossing was incorporated into the Alaska Highway by the US Public Roads Administration (PRA) surveying crew. However, the US PRA decided to build a more permanent steel bridge nearby that could support heavier loads, leaving the original timber bridge in place. (This steel bridge was replaced in 1968 by the Department of Public Works Canada.)

The crossing at Canyon Creek itself became a convenient stopping place. By 1904, a roadhouse and store were built there to serve travellers on their way to the Kluane goldfields. A little community grew up near the roadhouse, which today has become the town of Canyon Creek, part of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' territory.

The Aishihik River/Canyon Creek Bridge was rebuilt in 1987 and refurbished in 2005 by the Yukon government. This popular tourist attraction retains a lot of original components from 1903.



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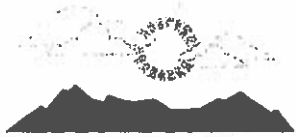
CHAT!

*Join us on Monday, March 31st, 2025 @ 6:30pm
at the Lucky Dragon*

There's a lot going on!

- **Get caught up with local business owners.**
- **Find out what the Chamber has been up to.**
- **Learn about the Stimulating Community Investment Project and have a say in next steps.**
- **Learn about the Content Creator Project.**
- **And more!**

See you there!



Why the Maple Leaf?

On February 15, 2025, Canada's Maple Leaf Flag celebrated its 60th Birthday...on National Flag Day.

When the new Canadian flag was designed in the early 1960s, I wondered why the Maple leaf was chosen as the symbol to represent Canada. Sure, Ontario and many other provinces had maple trees, but there were none where I was living on the prairies. And being just a kid, I didn't bother to research it. But later, I decided to find out what the Maple Leaf meant to Canada and Canadians, and why it became such a national symbol. Below is what I found out.

While the design of the flag was new, it featured a familiar symbol that had a long history of use in Canada. The maple leaf emerged in the 19th Century as a symbol of Canadian identity and was everywhere in popular culture: books, songs, coins, badges, banners, and many other items. Generations of Canadians had already adopted the maple leaf, including the anthem, "The Maple Leaf Forever", as a symbol of their identity. But it was during World War I--where it was used as the cap badge worn by members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force—that it became the most widely recognized emblem of the nation.

Most poignantly, it is a single maple leaf that is carved upon many of the headstones of Canadian service men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars. For many, the maple leaf is a shared symbol of pride, courage, and loyalty.

"The Maple Leaf for Ever"

The operative word: FOREVER!

--Elayne Hurlburt--



Forest Management Open House

Forestry info booths – Food – Door prizes!

Join us to learn about forestry and fuel abatement projects in and around Dakwäkäda/Haines Junction.

St Elias Convention Centre

Thursday, April 3, 2025, 4 -7pm

Hosted by the Government of Yukon
with participation from the Asek Renewable Resources Council,
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Parks Canada.



Contact: mark.pedersen@yukon.ca





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Youth Moving Mountains

SCIENCE SATURDAYS



Saturdays

10:30AM - 12PM

- **Feb 8th, 22nd**
- **March 8th, 22nd**
- **April 5th, 26th**

Activities are:

- For **ages 3-6** to complete **with** a parent or guardian (siblings welcome)!
- **Hands-on!**
- **Drop in**, so come whenever works for you!

Come join the YukonU STEAM team for some fun science activities!



Location

Haines Junction
Community Library



Contact

camps@yukonu.ca
for more information!

FREE!





Cabin Fever

It used to be a legend, but no more.
Huddled stiffly by the coals, I know
that's Cabin Fever
Banging on my door.
He barter for entry
With my crazied brain;
(Oh Satan, help me-
It's YOUR angels who sing
that cursed refrain,
"Let him in, Let him in").
And all the while, my only stable part
keeps calm
And curtly says, "I'll thank you to depart."
But he keeps on pounding
Till I'm crawling toward the door.
"Let him in. Let him in."
"No, don't do it!" (and again I wrestle Satan
to the floor.)

But Cabin Fever sings a sweet refrain,
"Let me in. Let me in," and again
He makes advances-
He tests the latch and jars the bolt,
My brain is mush, my strength is gone-
I'm maim and halt.
I hear the wind, I feel the breeze,
It's not a prayer that's put me
on my knees-
It's Cabin Fever breaking in-
I hear the door.
I thrash and rave
And as I crumble to the floor,
I see that stifling, dreaded Thing-
Cabin Fever
Being smitten in a rendezvous with spring.

Elayne Hurlburt

*April is Canada's
Poetry Month*

ST. ELIAS SENIORS AND ELDERS SOCIETY (SESES)

THROUGH MARCH AND APRIL, 2025

MONDAYS FROM 1:30 TO 3:00

FINAL DAY OF CARPET BOWLING IN THE ATRIUM MONDAY, MARCH 24TH BUT INDOOR WALKING WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SNOW IS GONE!

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS
FROM 10:00 TO 11:00 AM

CHAIR YOGA IN THE GRAND HALL (OPEN TO EVERYONE, NOT JUST SOCIETY MEMBERS) PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO FIND YOUR SPOT AND SET UP YOUR CHAIR!

WEDNESDAYS FROM 1:30 TO 3:30

REFRESHMENTS AND SHUFFLEBOARD, POOL GAMES, BOARD AND CARD GAMES AND PUZZLES IN THE SOCIAL ROOM/DROP-IN OF THE ST. ELIAS SENIORS AND ELDERS APARTMENT BUILDING ON MARTIN STREET

A BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO **STANDARD BUS COMPANY** FOR PROVIDING THE SCHOOL BUS AND TO GERRY DOBSON FOR DRIVING GROUPS OF SENIORS TO WHITEHORSE AGAIN THIS WINTER FOR SHOPPING, APPOINTMENTS AND A LUNCH OUT! ANOTHER TRIP COMING ON APRIL 12TH. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE EMAIL STELIASSENIORS@HOTMAIL.COM FOR DETAILS TO JOIN IN.

MARCH 31ST IS OUR YEAR-END AND OUR NEW YEAR FEE OF \$12 IS DUE. THIS CAN BE PAID AT OUR NEW OFFICE LOCATED IN THE CIBC BANK BUILDING ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS BETWEEN 9:00 AND 3:00. THANK YOU TO **TAX LINK CANADA** FOR GIVING US A HOME AND FOR SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS!

SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO UPDATE AND MAINTAIN OUR SOCIETY PHOTO ALBUM, PICTURE TAKING AT FUNCTIONS, LEADING CRAFT DAYS, BOOKING FOOTCARE APPOINTMENTS, ASSISTING WITH PREPARATION OF FOOD AT LUNCHESES/DINNERS AND GENERAL HANDYMAN SERVICES. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT PATTY AT STELIASSENIORS@HOTMAIL.COM

APRIL 17TH HAPPY FEET WILL BE IN HAINES JUNCTION FOR A FOOT CARE CLINIC. IF YOU NEED AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE EMAIL STELIASSENIORS@HOTMAIL.COM

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](https://hainesjunction.ca/p/seniors-and-elders-society) WATCH THERE FOR THE DATE OF THE UPCOMING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL!



HAPPY SPRING EVERYONE!!



Hello,

I'm sending this email to advise you of an upcoming change to our Health Centre hours of operation. Effective Tuesday April 1st, 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

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CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

www.augustokids.ca



April 12th JAM Event

Carl Mayotte Quintet



Kluane Mountain
Bluegrass Festival

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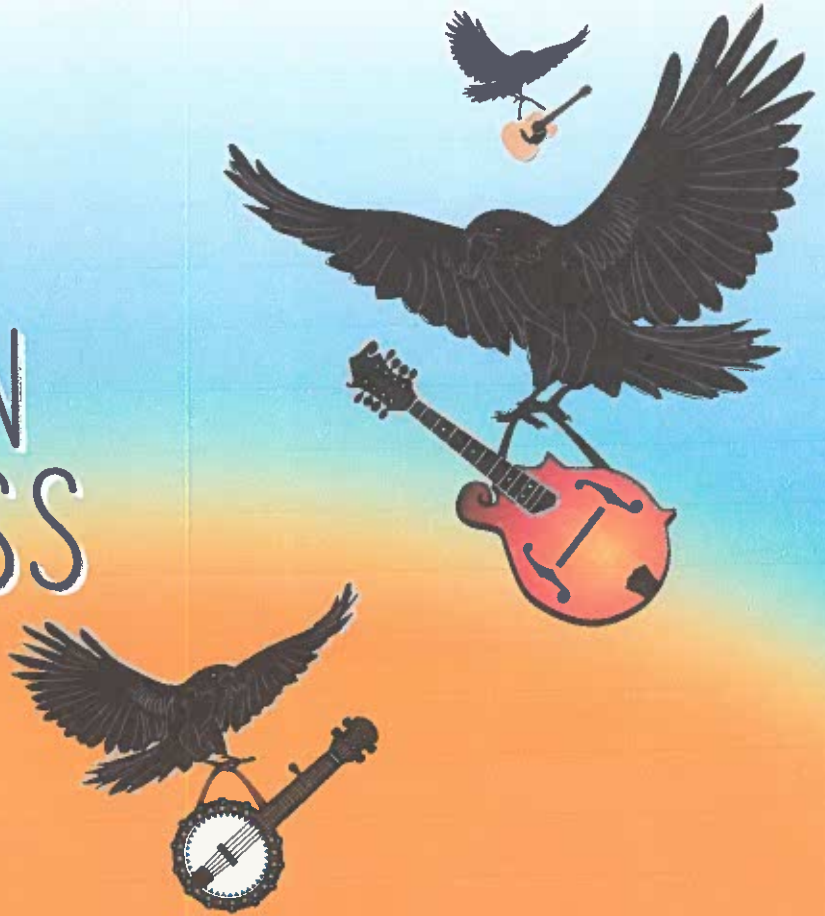
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KLUANE MOUNTAIN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL



Yukon's Premiere Bluegrass Event

HAINES JUNCTION, JUNE 6-8, 2025

MUSIC. MOUNTAINS. MAGIC.



CBC Radio Community Report for March 18, 2025

This is the March 18, 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: Chjch'a K'ùk kulj

👏 March Break is this week – lots of fun activities from the CAFN Youth Center and BCG Yukon

👏 A huge thank you to the Glacier Nights Festival organizers. It was a tremendous success with activities for all ages. A highlight this year was the perfectly formed snowpile sled hill and castle – an absolute delight for the young at heart. Thank to to the Mayor of Haines Alaska, Tom Morphet, for his gifts of salmon for the silent auction.

👏 Hardwater Race was last weekend at Pine Lake and a huge thank you to the organizers for another great event.

👏 Election Day was March 13. Congratulations to Bruce Sundbo who won the byelection and thank you to Dave Weir for putting his name forward.

👏 Congratulations to Michael Schmidt who receive word this month that he is receiving an award from the Royal Canadian Geographic Society for lasting recognition of dedication and service to the RCGS.

👏 Lots of chatter, practicing and excitement for the big Yukon First Nations Hockey Tournament March 21-24. Go Storm! Go Bruins!

👏 Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

👏 University Tour

CAFN Education Department is on its annual University Tour with three HJ grade 11s joining in. They are down in Victoria and Vancouver this week, visiting colleges and universities, learning public transportation and having a great time.

👏 National Indigenous Languages Day Community Feast

March 31 | 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Everyone is welcome!

Share Your Language Journey

In recognition of National Indigenous Languages Day on March 31 we are inviting Southern Tutchone speaking nations to Da Kų Cultural Centre for a 2 day event. There will be discussions on language strategies, supports for learning and opportunity to share your language journey.

Däkwan jê Gathering – March 31 & April 1 | 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

To register for the 2 day event please contact: Shat K'e Britteny Johnson: bjohnson@cafn.ca



👉 **CAFN Graduation 2025 Call-out!**

Are you a CAFN Citizen graduating from K5, 7, or 12?

Annual CAFN Graduation Planning is now in process!

We don't want to miss you!

Contact: Angelica Fairclough

867-456-6888 ex. 312 or

afairclough@cafn.ca

👉 **Thinking about becoming a caregiver?**

An information session on how you can become a caregiver and support children to remain in their community.

Hosted by Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Family and Children's Services. Dinner provided.

Thursday, March 27, 6 pm

Mun Ku (Elders complex), 1 Joe St. Haines Junction

For more information contact Emily Hume at the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, 867-332-4864 or ehume@cafn.ca.

👉 **CAFN ELDERS Senate Meeting**

Notice of Elders Senate will be held on Monday, March 24th, and Tuesday, March 25th, at Champagne Hall.

- Business commences at 10am and concludes at 4pm each day.

- Lunch and snacks will be served.

- Honorarium and travel will be provided.

- Bus service is available both days. Contact Rob (587.298.2752) to arrange pick up in Whitehorse or Takhini. Contact Dave (867.634.5162) for pickup in Haines Junction or Canyon.

Contact the Elders & Governance Officer, Ecko Kirk for any questions or concerns. ekirk@cafn.ca or 867-634-4200 ext. 235

👉 **Handgames Drum Making Workshop**

Haines Junction - April 1, 2, 3, 2025

Limited 10 seats 5-8 pm

Limited 10 seats, Contact Darlene Jim 867 332-0158

Haines Junction location: Munku

👉 **Adult Games Nights**

Cards, Scrabble, Crib

Every Monday at Mun Ku from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Snacks provided. Bring your friends. Contact Jocelyn K for more information at 634-5113

👉 **Dá Kù Nan Ts'etthet - Our House is Waking up the Land**

June 13 - 15, 2025

Dá Kù Cultural Centre



dakuculturalcentre.ca

Ph: (867) 634-3300

email: dkntfestival@cafn.ca

More details to come!!

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

📅 Haines Junction, One-on-One services: 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.

👉 **Canada Revenue Canada**

👉 **Benefits Credits and Taxes**

Date : March 25, 2025

Time : 10 AM - 3 PM (Lunch Break: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm)

Location:

Community Wellness Healing House – 22 Hume Street, Haines Junction

Canada Revenue Agency will be in your community to provide assistance with the following:

- ✓ Printing and accessing Income tax slips (to file a return)
- ✓ Printing Notice of Assessment (NOA's)
- ✓ Update information (address, contact number, direct deposit, etc.)
- ✓ Questions about benefits and credits (GST, CCB, DTC, & many more) ✓

Help you understand a letter you received from the CRA

(Please bring your Social Insurance Number and 1 piece of photo ID)

👉 **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 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.



👋 YukonU - HJ Campus

👉 Expression of interest for First Aid Course for winter/spring 2025.

Standard First Aid - 16hrs

Babysitting First Aid - 8 hrs

Remote First Aid - 24 hrs

Wilderness First Aid - 40 hrs

Call the campus at 634-7800 if you're interested in first aid in the new year.

👋 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

👉 Summer may seem far away, but you can get planning your camping trip to Kluane National Park and Reserve and make reservations for oTENTik and campsites starting in just two weeks! Kathleen Lake Campground reservations opened January 21st at 8am.

👋 Tincture Making Workshop by Wildwood Spirit

👉 The last medicine making workshop of the winter season is March 22. Each and every one of the workshops has been so much fun and I am grateful to everyone who expressed interest, spread the word or joined me 🙌🌿

This is a new workshop and I'm glad it's coming up, because my nervous system needs a lot of support these days and plants can help so much!

So here's to peaceful minds and are peaceful world 🌍🌿🦋

Visit www.wildwoodspirit.ca/workshops or email me at sylvie@wildwoodspirit.ca

👋 BGC Yukon

March Drop-in in Dakwakada Haines Junction !

Great collaborations with the [@cafnvouth](https://www.instagram.com/cafnvouth) 🤝🌟🌟

Enjoy the Spring Break everyone, have fun! there's lots happening 🌟

For information about our Haines Junction programs please connect with Danielle at :

hjmanager@bgcyukon.com

March Schedule:

Mondays: Rec Night and Open Gym

Tuesday: Girls Welding (in the school shop)

Wednesdays: Pool night at the CGC

Thursdays: XC Skiing

Friday: Games Nights

March Break Schedule for kids 6+

March 13 - Sima Day



March 14 - STEM workshop and Sushi Making

March 15: Family Ski Day at Kathleen Lake

March 17: Family Fun Day at the St Elias Convention Center from 11am to 7pm

March 18: Family Fund Day at Pine Lake 11am to 6pm

March 19: Laser Tag (sign up required)

👋 Junction Arts and Music

👉 Carl Mayotte Quintet

Join us for a musical mix of electric bass, saxophones, piano/keyboards/synth, guitar and drums.

Saturday April 12, 2025 at 7pm

St. Elias Convention Centre, Grand Hall, Haines Junction

Tickets \$20 adults at the door

Seniors and Youth for free

👋 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

👋 Augusto!

👉 Mark the Date - Augusto! Children's Festival will happen again August 8th to 10th! We are still looking for a few visual artists to lead one hour workshops. If you have a great art project for kids aged 5-12, it is not too late to submit your proposal on our website at augustokids.ca

🎨 **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>



👋 Kluane Park Management Board

- 👉 Save the Date: Saturday, April 5 from 1-5pm
- 👉 Plan to join the Kluane National Park Management Board on Saturday, April 5, 2025 from 1 to 5 pm at the Kathleen Lake Day Use Area for an afternoon of ice fishing, cross-country skiing and fun for the whole family. Bring your appetites — hamburgers, hot dogs, and hot chocolate will be provided, as well as toasty warm campfire.
- 👉 For more information: <https://kluanenpmb.ca/community-day-at-kathleen-lake/>

👋 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
- 👉 March 31st is our year-end and our new year fee of \$12 is due. This can be paid at our new office located in the bank building on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00 and 3:00.
- 👉 The society Annual General Meeting will be held in April in the social room/drop-in centre, from 2:00 to 3:00 followed by a dinner.
- 👉 Support is needed to update and maintain our society photo album, picture taking at functions, booking footcare appointments once a month, assisting with preparation of food at lunches/dinners and general handyman services. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Patty at steliasseniors@hotmail.com
- 👉 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 afternoon between 2-6 pm in the basement of the Log Church. Prices are kept as low as possible with the hope that items will be used again rather than ending up in our landfill. Items that we can't use, or have been on the shelves for too long are sent to other places in the hope that they can be used elsewhere, or are sent to be recycled whenever possible.

At the present time, donations are not being accepted. Volunteers will advise the community when they can receive donations again.

We thank everyone for their donations and want to remind the community that when you come shopping to please bring a bag and that the Thrift Shop is a cash only operation.

👋 Sports, Health and Fitness

👉 St Elias Cross Country Ski Club



The Ski Club maintains about 40km+ of trackset trails in the area over the winter. The main trails are the "Forestry Trails" with the main entrance located near the wildfire base or at the end of Bear Berry Road. Volunteers often trackset Pine Lake and other trails around town. With the support of Parks Canada staff, trails like the Auriol are often trackset as well. The best way to keep up to date on trail conditions is to join the ski club for access to trail maps.

Membership is pay what you can. They suggest \$50/family or \$30/individual for the year.

Donations can be made by etransfer to steliasskiclub@gmail.com or find them on Facebook for more information.

👉 Biathlon Fun Day: Join us at Māt'ātāna Män this Saturday from 1-5pm to try out the sport of Biathlon, using some optical rifles! Everyone is welcome! There will be lots of snacks and hot dogs. Bring your own mug for hot chocolate! All ages.

👉 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.

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.

👉 Reuth Levain - Acupuncturist

Is happy to come back to HJ for two weeks of Acupuncture sessions February 23-March 6

For any questions and for scheduling please sign in with the link below:

<https://reut-levain.netlify.app/>

👉 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

🚲 We have 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.

🚲 We're getting ready to submit a funding applications to Lotteries Yukon.

UPDATE! The deadline to submit an EOI for the Bike Skills Park has been extended to March 20, 2025 at 5pm.

🔨 Do you have experience building Bike Skills Parks in the Yukon? 🚲

Pedal Junction is on the hunt for a skilled contractor to design and build a Bike Skills Park in Dakwakada/Haines Junction for Summer-Fall 2025. 🌲🔨

We need your creativity and expertise to create a fantastic new bike park for our community.

From planning to construction, your input will be pivotal in bringing this project to life. 🌟

👤 What's needed:

👉 Design and plan a dynamic Bike Skills Park.

👉 Estimate costs for materials, equipment, and management.

👉 Readiness to work with a group of fantastic volunteers.

🚀 Ready to learn more or apply? Zoom over to our website: pedaljunction.org/eoi and discover how you can contribute to this exciting volunteer-led initiative!

🕒 Submit your Expression of Interest by March 20!

🧐👉 This Expression of Interest will be used to identify and shortlist candidates for the Bike Skills Park project and does not constitute an offer.

👓 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 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.





OPINION PIECE... supported with factual numbers within the industry.....

Treating contaminated soil is a GOOD thing, but when only one method of treatment is considered we should ask "Why"? Why are other methods that may be less costly and have minimal environmental impact not being considered by YTG? There are already proven places nearby that have been drilled and had bacteria injected into the contaminated soils and everything is left in place. This method leaves minimal disturbance to the treated area. There is no need to dig up contaminated soil from sites across the Yukon and haul it to facilities for treatment, then haul non-contaminated soils back to fill in the holes left behind. This sounds very costly to taxpayers, is much more invasive, and leaves a far bigger carbon footprint.

If the contaminated soil was treated in place by injecting bacteria into it, the cost would be \$200-\$300 per cubic ton. One cubic ton is equaled to 1.8 cubic meters.

The Proposed Project cost is phenomenal to create a treatment facility, and use trucks and machinery to disrupt the surface soils and haul contaminated soils across the Yukon to the facility, and treat the hydrocarbon contaminated soil. At \$5000 per cubic meter, there is no doubt this method is very economically feasible for those doing it, but it is very damaging to the social and environmental aspects. And it is most concerning to the well-established neighbourhood adjacent to the proposed facility which borders the Wildlife Game Sanctuary and Kluane National Park.

The current Project Proposal is to establish the contaminated land treatment facility in the Alsek Valley. The proposed location for this Project is in an active porous gravel pit between two nearby fish bearing creeks that feed the Dezadeash water system, and the scope of the facility will treat approximately 15,000 cubic meters of contaminated soil for the next 10 years. Most land treatment facilities are typically built away from populated areas and water systems on clay based soil to minimize the amount of possible leaching in case of a breach in the liner.

Given the risks of contaminants leaching into two fish bearing creeks that feed the water systems down to the Alaskan coast; the proximity of the facility to a residential neighbourhood adjacent to a Wildlife Game Sanctuary and Parks Canada; and erecting this facility in an active gravel pit used daily by the public for hiking and ski trails; one might wonder how on earth the Yukon Government can support the Location and the Cost for such a Project. There are 11 other local sites deemed more appropriate for the scope of this project by YTG Highways Branch in Haines Junction, but to date, no one has contacted the staff to check out these possibilities.

This is a perfect case of economics over common sense and environmental protection. Once again we have a select group of leaders that do not have the concerns of Yukon residents at heart. Can anyone say Corporate Welfare?

Wladimir Makar

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Plant List and Order Form 2025

Healthy plants for vibrant vegetables, fabulous flowers and happy herbs.

Orders will be available at the nursery the beginning of June and onwards. Please contact me by phone, email or regular mail to place your order (if you would like this order form electronically or in your PO Box, please contact me with your request).

Varieties marked with ~ are available as a single pot: \$3.05 plus gst where applicable.

Varieties marked with * are available as a 2-pack: \$5.05 plus gst where applicable.

Varieties marked with ^ are available as a large 6-pack: \$14.05 plus gst where applicable.

Varieties that have no symbol are specialty items and will be priced at checkout.

A 50% deposit is required on all orders, along with a non-refundable handling fee.

Availability of plants is dependant on a number of factors beyond my control; this year's list may change without notice and appropriate substitutions will be made, if required.

Ordering is not the only way to purchase plants!

The Plant Nursery, located at 103121 Alaska Highway, will be open weekends in May and June. Opening day is Friday May 2, 2025! Come out to the greenhouse to peruse the shelves!

Vegetables

	Quantity		Quantity
~ Artichoke 'Imperial Star F1'		* Ground Cherry 'Yellow'; papery husk, sweet fruit	
* Arugula; nutty, spicy leaves		~ Eggplant 'Patio Baby F1'; dwarf fruit and plant	
^^ Broccoli 'Aspabroc F1'; Broccolini-type, shoots		*^ Fennel 'Antares Hybrid'; anise-flavoured bulbs	
^^ Broccoli 'Nutri-Bud'; large heads, many shoots		* Green Onion 'Summer Isle'; perfect scallions!	
^^ Broccoli 'Sibsey Artwork F1'; early, multi-purpose		^^ Kale 'Red Russian'; my favourite kale!	
^^ Broccoli 'Di Cicco'; medium heads, many shoots		^^ Kale 'Nero di Toscana'; dinosaur kale	
^^ Broccoli 'Imperial F1'; large heads, late summer		*^ Kohlrabi 'Kolibri F1'; purple skin	
^^ Brussels Sprouts 'Jade Cross F1'		*^ Kohlrabi 'Konan F1'; green skin	
^^ Cabbage 'Early Jersey Wakefield'; pointed		~ Leek 'Autumn Giant'; fall leek (sm clump of leeks)	
^^ Cabbage 'Alcosa F1'; savoyed		* Lettuce 'Red Salad Bowl'; red oakleaf	
^^ Cabbage 'Primero F1'; red		* Lettuce 'Royal Oakleaf'; green oakleaf	
* Carrot 'Paris Market Atlas'; round and tasty		* Lettuce 'Parris Island Cos'; romaine	
^^ Cauliflower 'Snow Crown F1'; white		* Lettuce 'Buttercrunch'; buttercrunch	
^^ Cauliflower 'Amazing' (O/P); white		* Lettuce 'Great Lakes 659'; iceberg	
^^ Cauliflower 'Veronica Hybrid'; lime-green, spiky		~ Melon 'Minnesota Midget'; early cantaloupe	
~ Celeriac 'Mars'; great storage veg		~ New Zealand Spinach; loves heat!	
Cucumber 'Salad Bush F1'; container, parthenocarpic		~ Onion 'Norstar F1'; yellow cooking (sm clump of onions)	
Cucumber 'Corentine'; pickling, parthenocarpic		~ Onion 'Red Tropeana Lunga'; pungent, oblong shape	
Cucumber 'Sweet Success F1'; parthenocarpic		* Pea 'Super Sugar Snap'; snap pea, edible pod	
Cucumber 'Lisboa F1'; parthenocarpic		* Pea 'Grundy-Perfect Arrow'; shelling pea	
~ Celery 'Tango'; excellent flavour		Pepper 'Early Jalapeno'; classic hot pepper	

Pepper 'Snackabelle Red'; mini sweet bell pepper		Tomato 'Scotia'; early slicer; bush	
Pepper 'Apple Sweet Pimento'; small and sweet		Tomato 'Manitoba'; early salad; bush	
* Salad Green – Red Giant Mustard		Tomato 'Silvery Fir'; early salad; bush	
* Salad Green – Mizuna		Tomato 'Heinz 1439'; mid-season, bush, canning	
* Salad Green – Red Orach		~ Watermelon 'Jade Duchess F1'; early and productive	
~ Summer Squash 'Yellow Pattypan'			
* Swiss Chard 'Bright Lights'; multi-coloured stems		~ Winter Squash 'Sunshine F1'; Kabocha-type	
* Swiss Chard 'Lucullus'; green stems		~ Winter Squash 'Early Butternut F1'; butternut	
Tomato 'Tumbler F1'; for hanging baskets; bush		~ Winter Squash 'Pinnacle F1'; spaghetti	
Tomato 'Tiny Tim'; red cherry; mini bush		~ Zucchini 'Black Beauty'; classic green zuke	
Tomato 'Geranium Kiss'; red cherry; mini bush		~ Zucchini 'Eight Ball F1'; round	
Tomato 'Polbig F1'; early salad, bush			
		Subtotal Vegetable Single: _____ x \$3.05 =	
		Subtotal Vegetable 2-pack: _____ x \$5.05 =	
		Subtotal Vegetable Lg 6-pack: _____ x \$14.05 =	
		Total Vegetables =	

Annual Flowers

	Quantity		Quantity
* Ageratum 'Aloha Blue'; Floss Flower - fuzzy blue buttons on small bushy plants		* Cosmos 'Sonata'; a dwarf form of Cosmos in a lovely mix of colours from white to crimson, great for containers	
* Alyssum 'New Carpet of Snow'; bright white flowers with a sweet honey scent, nectar-rich		* Dianthus 'Telstar Mix'; dwarf, mounding plants with masses of blooms in a mix of red, pink, carmine, picotee and white	
* Alyssum 'Royal Carpet'; soft purple flowers with a sweet honey scent, nectar-rich		Geranium 'Red'; classic container plant	
~ Aster 'Milady Mix'; fully double flowers in a pastel range on compact plants		* Larkspur 'QIS Carmine'; dark pink double flowers on long stems	
~ Asarina; Twining Snapdragon, pastel-coloured tubular flowers on vigorous vines		* Larkspur 'QIS Misty Lavender; lavender-grey double flowers on long stems	
* Bachelor's Button 'Blue Boy'; clear blue flowers on this classic cottage garden flower		* Larkspur 'QIS White'; pure white double flowers on long stems	
* Bachelor's Button 'Lady Mauve'; lavender-pink flowers, great for pollinators		* Larkspur 'QIS Dark Blue'; deep blue flowers on long stems	
Bacopa 'Snowtopia'; spreading plants with single white flowers, vigorous and pretty!		* Lobelia 'Regatta Sky Blue'; bluebird-blue flowers on trailing plants	
Bacopa 'Bluetopia'; spreading plant with single clear blue flowers, vigorous and pretty!		* Lobelia 'Midnight Blue'; navy blue flowers on trailing plants	
Bacopa 'Pinktopia'; spreading plant with single dark pink flowers, vigorous and pretty!		* Lobelia 'Regatta Rose'; bright pink flowers with a white throat on trailing plants	
* Calendula 'Orange Flash'; soft peachy-coloured flowers abound on this tall calendula		* Lobelia 'Regatta Mix'; white, blue, rose and pink blooms on trailing plants	
* Calendula 'Fiesta Gitana'; dwarf calendula in shades of orange, cream, yellow and bicolours		~ Lavatera 'Silver Cup'; heritage cottage garden plant, with striking pink flowers	
* Calendula 'Victoria Sunset'; burnt-orange double blooms on tall stems		* Marigold 'Orange Hawaii'; tall, African-type with fully double, bright orange flowers, great for flower garlands!	
~ Cerinthe; striking grey-green foliage with blue bracts and purple bell flowers – a showstopper!		* Marigold (French) 'Alumia Vanilla Cream'; creamy yellow double flowers on compact plants, companion plant	
* Clarkia 'Choice Mix'; fully double flowers in pastel purple shades, heat and drought tolerant		* Marigold (French) 'Fireball'; fully double, deep red blooms fade to shades of orange as they age, companion plant	
* Cosmos 'Cosmic Orange'; sulphureous-type with bright orange flowers on short, sturdy plants		* Marigold (French) 'Strawberry Blonde'; fully-double blooms in a pretty range of shades brighten up any container, companion plant	
* Cosmos 'Rubenza'; airy foliage and sturdy stems support large ruby-red blooms. Flowers fade to a lovely dark rose as they age.		* Marigold (French) 'Queen Sofia'; fully double deep-orange petals edged in gold, companion plant	

* Marigold 'Cracker Jack Mix'; African-type with double carnation-like blooms in shades of orange and yellow		* Petunia 'Double Cascade Blue'; fully double flowers of deep blue on compact plants	
* Marigold (miniature); 'Lemon Gem'; delightful lemon-scented foliage and small pretty flowers		* Petunia 'Supercascade Mix'; a formula mix of all the colours on sturdy, bushy plants	
* Marigold (miniature) 'Orange Gem'; delightful lemon-scented foliage and small pretty flowers		~ Petunia 'Fotofinish Salmon'; vigorous spreading petunia with large salmon-pink flowers	
* Marigold (miniature) 'Red Gem'; delightful lemon-scented foliage and small pretty flowers		~ Petunia 'Fotofinish Blue'; vigorous spreading petunia with large deep blue flowers	
* Mesembryanthemum, Ice Plant 'Livingstone Daisy Mix'; vibrant blooms on mat-forming, drought-tolerant plants		~ Petunia 'Fotofinish White'; vigorous spreading petunia with large clear white flowers	
* Mignonette; highly scented, greenish flowers, excellent nectar plant		~ Petunia 'Fotofinish Red'; vigorous spreading petunia with large bright red flowers	
* Mirabilis 'Marbles Mix'; Four o Clocks; trumpet-shaped blooms abound on sturdy plants		~ Easy Wave Petunia 'Lavender Sky Blue'; vigorous spreading petunia with fragrant sky blue flowers	
~ Morning Glory 'Sunrise Serenade'; unusual, rosy-red, double curly flowers on pretty vines		~ Tidal Wave Petunia 'Silver'; vigorous spreading petunia with small pale lavender flowers	
~ Nasturtium 'Canary Bird Vine'; pretty yellow flowers on fast growing vines		~ Tidal Wave Petunia 'Cherry'; vigorous spreading petunia with small bright pink flowers	
~ Nasturtium 'Empress of India'; bushy plants with dark foliage and scarlet flowers		~ Wave Petunia 'Carmine Velour'; vigorous spreading petunia with large deep red flowers	
~ Nasturtium 'Glorious Gleam'; vigorous trailing vines with classic nasturtium flower colours		* Poppy 'Amazing Grey'; striking lilac-smoke-grey flowers on this Shirley poppy, great for pollinators	
~ Nasturtium 'Dwarf Jewel Double Mix'; brightly coloured double flowers on bushy plants		~ Salpiglossis 'Kew Blue'; striking purple and black flowers about on sturdy plants	
~ Nasturtium 'Honolulu Mix'; vigorous vines sport unusual split-petal flowers in fiery shades		~ Salvia 'Mojave Salmon'; compact and branching, with salmon pink flower spikes	
~ Nemesia 'Carnival Mix'; beautiful mix of colours, easy and will grow in part shade		~ Salvia 'Mojave Purple'; compact and branching, with dark purple flower spikes	
~ Nicotiana 'Tall White'; tall, stately plants with masses of fragrant white tubular flowers		* Schizanthus; delicate orchid-like blooms in a pastel pallet of colours, easy to grow	
~ Nicotiana 'Perfume Mix'; fragrant trumpet-shaped flowers in a full colour range		~ Snapdragon 'Potomac Royal'; deep berry blooms on tall plants, great for cutting and frost-tolerant	
^ Ornamental Kale 'Crystal Mix'; glossy leaves in a mix of red, white and pink, frost-tolerant		~ Snapdragon 'Potomac Dark Orange'; peachy pink blooms on tall plants, great for cutting and frost-tolerant	
* Painted Sage; colourful bracts on this Salvia stand out in mass plantings, blooms til frost		~ Snapdragon 'Potomac White'; pure white blooms on tall plants, great for cutting and frost-tolerant	
* Paper Daisy 'Sensations Giants'; rose, pink, white flowers with yellow button centres, great for drying		~ Snapdragon 'Potomac Lavender'; lilac-pink blooms on tall plants, great for cutting and frost-tolerant	
*^ Pansy 'Frizzle Sizzle Mix'; ruffled petals in a beautiful range of colours		~ Snapdragon 'Potomac Red'; dark, rich red blooms on tall plants, great for cutting and frost-tolerant	
*^ Pansy 'Swiss Giants Mix'; large, velvety blooms on compact, vigorous plants in classic pansy colours		~ Snapdragon 'Floral Showers Mix'; dwarf plants with a bright colour mix of blooms	
* Pansy 'Tiger Eye Red'; small, fragrant yellow and mahogany flowers with striking burgundy veins		* Stocks 'Harmony Mix'; wonderfully fragrant double flowers on bushy, easy-care plants	
* Pansy 'Nature Mulberry Shades'; rich red and purple blooms fade beautifully as they age		* Stocks 'Starlight Scentsation'; Evening-Scented Stock; airy, fragrant flowers, sun to part shade	
*^ Pansy 'Mammoth Sangria Punch'; large flowers in shades of yellow, red and rose		~ Strawflower 'Swiss Giants Mix'; the classic everlasting flower	
*^ Pansy 'Mammoth Pink Berry'; large flowers in shades of pink		~ Swan River Daisy – White Splendour; simple daisy-type flowers on easy-care, bushy plants	
*^ Pansy 'Mammoth Queen Yellow Bee'; large flowers in bright yellow		~ Swan River Daisy – Blue Splendour; simple daisy-type flowers on easy-care, bushy plants	
*^ Pansy 'Matrix Ocean Breeze'; large flowers in a range of blues, from dark to light		* Sweet Pea 'Royal Family'; classic colour mix with long stems, very fragrant and great for cutting	
*^ Pansy 'Matrix Sunrise'; large flowers in shades of pink, yellow and rose		* Sweet Pea 'Old Spice Mix'; lovely mix of heirloom varieties, highly fragrant in a beautiful colour range	
Pansy 'Coolwave Strawberry Swirl'; a spreading pansy with masses of small pink and yellow flowers		~ Sunflower 'Suntastic'; creamy yellow blooms on compact plants, pollenless	
Pansy 'Coolwave Violet Wing'; a spreading pansy with masses of small purple and white flowers		~ Sunflower 'Teddy Bear'; sunny yellow double flowers on compact plants	
		~ Sunflower 'Autumn Beauty'; tall plants abound with beautiful sunflowers in shades of red, brown and yellow.	

~ Tithonia 'Fiesta Del Sol'; a compact variety, suited to containers, with large, velvety-orange flowers		*^ Viola 'Gem Electric Blue'; small vibrant, blue flowers on vigorous plants	
~ Thunbergia, Black Eyed Susan Vine; vigorous vines sport tubular flowers in a mix of orange, yellow and white		*^ Viola 'Corina Mix'; sweet, small flowers in a huge colour range on vigorous plants	
		*^ Viola tricolour 'Heartsease'; also known as Johnny-Jump-Up, self-seeding viola, grown since medieval times	
		Flowers Single: _____ x \$3.05 = Flowers 2-pack: _____ x \$5.05 = Flowers Lg 6-pack: _____ x \$14.05 =	
		Subtotal Flowers =	
		GST @ 5% =	
		Total Flowers =	

Herbs

	Quantity		Quantity
~ Anise Hyssop (Agastache foeniculum); licorice-scented leaves and spiky purple flowers; great bee plant		~ Lemongrass; wonderful in teas and Thai cooking, will over-winter inside	
~ Basil 'Sweet'; great container basil, pop a few in with the tomatoes - the plants complement each other		~ Lemon Balm (Melissa officinalis); fresh lemony flavour, great in tea	
~ Basil 'Cinnamonette'; distinctive cinnamon taste and odour, an ornamental edible!		~ Oregano 'Greek'; strong spicy flavour, dries well	
* Borage; clear blue, edible start flowers and blue-grey foliage, self-seeds and great for bees		~ Parsley 'Dark Green Italian'; large flat leaves, great parsley flavour	
* Chervil; a delicate anise-flavoured herb, add just before serving; also a superb companion plant, providing a source of nectar and habitat for beneficial insects, pollinators and bees		~ Parsley 'Forest Green'; curly, crinkled leaves with classic flavour	
~ Chamomile, German; the classic tea herb, keep flowers picked to encourage more blooms		~ Sage (Salvia officinalis); grey-green foliage and an essential flavour for poultry	
~ Catnip; a medicinal herb used to aid sleep and, of course, a well-known kitty treat!		~ Spearmint; this sweet mint is lovely in tea, summer salads, mojitos and more!	
Chives; perennial garden favorite, plant a clump in the cold frame for extra-early chives		* Summer Savoury; the classic herb for beans, summer savory's pleasant flavour lends itself well to any dish - the purplish-pink flowers in the summer are a bonus!	
* Cilantro; nothing beats your own fresh cilantro; also a superb companion plant, providing a source of nectar and habitat for beneficial insects, pollinators and bees		~ Sweet Annie (Artemisia annua); sweetly fragrant foliage with finely cut leaves, great for potpourri (not edible)	
* Dill; a superb companion plant, providing a source of nectar and habitat for beneficial insects, pollinators and bees as well as many fronds of fresh dill!		~ Sweet Marjoram; a strong spicy flavour gives this herb in the Oregano family a bit of a kick, great for stew, wild meat and sausage	
~ French Sorrel 'Green de Belleville'; strong lemony flavour on this tender perennial		~ Thyme; lovely flavour and vigorous growth, great to dry for the winter	
~ Garlic Chives; garlicky flat leaves pack a flavour punch		Herbs Single: _____ x \$3.05 = Herbs 2-pack: _____ x \$5.05 = Total Herbs =	
		Handling Fee: <u>30.00</u>	
		Total Vegetables: _____	
		Total Flowers: _____	
		Total Herbs: _____	
		ORDER TOTAL: _____	

Open-pollinated and Hybrid Explained

I grow a mix of open-pollinated and hybrid varieties. Open-pollinated seeds are produced by crossing two parent plants of the same variety (in the same species) to produce offspring (seeds) just like the parent plants.

Open-pollinated varieties have generally been grown for many years. Hybrid seeds are produced by crossing two parent plants of different varieties within the same species. The resulting offspring (seeds) will have characteristics from both parents.

It is important to note the difference between hybrid and genetically engineered: hybrid seeds are crosses between the same species and genetically engineered seeds are the result of manipulating DNA between different species.

I grow open-pollinated varieties to save seed from them and to enjoy their unique characteristics. I grow hybrid varieties for plants that take longer to mature or flower as hybrid varieties usually have a shorter time to maturity than open-pollinated varieties.

While hybrids are useful, they can also be expensive, propagation-proprietary and owned by multi-national corporations.

Seed saving is an important link in the sustainability chain and a must if we don't want to lose the diversity in our seed lines.

If you would like more information on saving your own seeds, please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions.

Attracting and Keeping Beneficial Insects, Pollinators and Bees

Growing plants that provide habitat and food for beneficial insects, pollinators and bees is the best way to attract and keep them in your garden or greenhouse. Diversity is an important part of a healthy garden and mixed plantings of flowers, herbs, annuals and perennials allows diversity to flourish.

Beneficial insects and pollinators need more than blooming plants to thrive. They need a shallow dish of water with gravel in it to provide a place to land and sip (I have a small tray of mud that I keep moist for the same purpose) as well as undisturbed plantings or wild habitat to lay eggs and allow the larvae to develop into adults. Once the larvae are adults, they will need plants rich in nectar to continue their life cycle. Throughout their life cycle, these good bugs are eating the not so good bugs that harm the crops we want to eat or enjoy.

The Yukon is fortunate to have a number of species of solitary bees and bumble bees that live here. These bees do not live in hives or produce honey as we know it. These bees are the first bees out in the spring and they are responsible for pollinating the wild fruits that we enjoy as well as many of our garden crops. It is so important to support our population of wild bees as wild bee species are disappearing at a rapid rate all over the planet. Without wild bees, the yields of our forest fruits, domestic fruit trees, domestic fruits and crops is drastically reduced. Providing undisturbed habitat, such as perennial plant beds or a windbreak/border of wild plants allows queen bumble bees to overwinter in protected areas. The queen bumble bees then emerge in the spring and find natural chambers in the ground to build their nest, lay eggs and nurture their larvae. Solitary bees use hollow stems, cracks and channels in old wood to lay their eggs, with a ball of pollen and nectar, then seal the cell up with mud and create a new cell in the line. These eggs overwinter and in the spring emerge as solitary bees to start the cycle again. Solitary bee houses can be purchased or made to provide a place for the bees to lay their eggs. Providing plants rich in pollen and nectar provides food for adult wild bees to nurture their young and ensure the next generation of wild bees.

Plants for Beneficial Insects, Pollinators and Bees

Alyssum, Anise Hyssop, Arugula Flowers, Asclepias, Basil, Borage, Brassica Flowers, Cilantro, Chervil, Dill, Bergamot, Chamomile, Chives, Fennel, Parsley, Sage, Thyme, Cosmos, Lovage, Lobelia, Marigold, Mignonette, Phacelia, Bachelor's Buttons, Nigella, Verbena, Calendula, Evening Scented Stocks, Sweet Marjoram, Summer Savoury, Yarrow, Poppy, Clover

 **Thank you for your patronage** 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	March 31 Chamber Chat @ Lucky Dragon 6:30 pm - see ad	1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY Every Tuesday Romp & Run 10-11:30 am @ Mezzanine Drum making workshop 5-8pm @Munku through April 3rd	2 Every Wednesday Yoga 10 am @ Convention Centre Volleyball 6:30 @ school gym Seniors games 1:30-3:30 @ Seniors Apartments	3 Every Thursday Romp & Run 10-11:30 am @ Mezzanine Curling 6:30 @ Arena Forest Management Open House - see ad	4 Every Friday Storytime 10-11 am @ library for ages 4 & under Badminton 16+ 7:30 pm @ school gym	5 Youth Moving Mountains 10:30 am @ Library Kluane Park Mgt Board fin day 1-5pm @Kathleen Lake
6 Every Sunday Yoga 6 pm @ Atrium	7 Every Monday Games night @ Mun Ku 7-9pm Pickleball 5:30-7 @ school gym	8 Every Tuesday Kluane Running Club meet pool 7:30 pm Basketball 13 + 7-8:30 @ School gym Senior's Chair yoga 10:00 am@ Grand Hall	9	10 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	11	12 JAM Event - Carl Mayotte Quintet 7pm @ Convention Centre
13	14	15 Every Tuesday Curling 6:30 pm @ Arena	16	17	18 Good Friday	19
20 Community Market info TBA Easter	21 Easter Monday	22	23	24	25	26 Youth Moving Mountains 10:30 am @ Library
27	28 Elections Canada Voting	29	30			

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ECHO-April 28th noon sharp!

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

Tourism Recreation & Economic Development



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April 2025

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Council Meetings

The next regular Council meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Convention Centre.

April 9, 2025,

April 23, 2025

May 14, 2025,

May 28, 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.



Easter Holiday Closures

The **Municipal Office** will be **CLOSED**:

Friday April 18 and Monday April 21

The **Municipal Office** will re-open Tuesday, April 22 at 8:30am for regular hours.

The **Landfill & Recycling Centre** will be **CLOSED**

Friday April 18 and Wednesday April 23

The **Landfill & Recycling Centre** are **open Saturday & Sunday April 19 & 20** and will resume regular hours on Thursday April 24.






Burn Permit Reminder






Between April 1 and September 30, you are legally required to hold a valid permit to light an open fire in the Yukon.

This includes:

-  burning grass, debris, or brush in a barrel
-  lighting an open fire for any purpose other than a campfire
(which does not require a permit)
-  burning on all public and private lands

Permits are issued by the Yukon Government:

-  <https://yukon.ca/en/apply-burn-permit>
-  Wildland Fire Management:
1019 Alaska Highway 634-7061
-  EMR – Compliance Monitoring & Inspections: 246 Haines Rd. 634-2256.



Donate your Refundables!

Haines Junction Recycle Centre hours.

- Closed on statutory holidays.
- Outside bins: Wednesday to Sunday, 9:00am to 6:00pm
- Refundables: Wednesday to Sunday, 1:00pm to 5:30pm

Did you know that you can donate your refundable items at the Haines Junction Recycle Centre?

The funds collected from your donated Refundables are divided between eligible community groups on an annual basis.



Thank you for supporting arts, sports, recreational and cultural programming in our community!



Recreation Grant Deadline



The Village of Haines Junction receives funding from Lotteries Yukon through the Community Lottery Program for community projects.

The deadline for the next round of funding is:
Tuesday, April 15th at 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in applying, you can download a copy of the Lottery Funding Grant Information Sheet and a Lottery Funding Grant Application Form from the Village of Haines Junction website, or you can pick up a copy from the Village Office.



Get Your Garbage Bag Tags!!



Save on costs by purchasing pre-paid bag tags at the Village Office and by separating out your recyclables

 <p>Small Garbage Bag Tag</p>	 <p>Affix label here</p>	<p>45L / 25 lbs Max</p>	<p>Kitchen Catcher (45L Bag) 10 tags for \$10</p>
 <p>Large Garbage Bag Tag</p>	 <p>Affix label here</p>	<p>90L / 50 lbs Max</p>	<p>Large Size (90L Bag) 10 tags for \$20</p>

<https://hainesjunction.ca/p/waste-management>





Bill Brewster Arena News



Thank you to the Arena staff Taryn Istchenko and Lori Cariou, Haines Junction Minor Hockey Association, Skaters, Curlers, Broomballers and Supporters for another wonderful season!



Don't believe the hype....
flushable wipes
clog pipes!

Wipes clog pipes

Avoid sewer backups and protect your pipes!
Dispose of these items in the trash, **NOT** the toilet.

- Disinfecting wipes
- Baby wipes
- Towelettes
- Paper towels
- Facial tissues



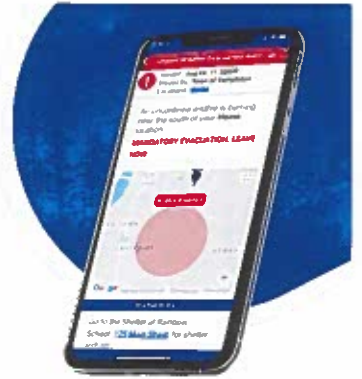
A message from the Village of Haines Junction Public Works Department



REGISTER FOR FREE TODAY

WHAT IS VOYENT ALERT?

Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service provided by the Municipality of Haines Junction to keep you informed of critical events like fires or floods as well as day-to-day communications such as road maintenance and closures, water advisories, etc.



NOTIFICATION SERVICE



WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT

PERSONALIZED COMMUNICATIONS

Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, and preferred evacuation routes from your followed locations may be provided.

FOLLOW MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Voyent Alert! allows you to create and follow multiple locations such as "Kids School" or "Mom's House". Any event or communication related to your followed locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

COMMUNICATIONS YOU WANT

Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice dial. You can register for one or more communication channels.

NO MESSAGE WITHOUT YOU

Smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to your or one of the locations you are following.

EASY REGISTRATION

Registration for the service is FREE, simple and anonymous.

REGISTER NOW!



Available on the Google Play Store



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Register online today at www.mhainejunction.ca/voient-alert



Do you have your civic address sign?

Did you know.....

- Since 2020, residents within Haines Junction have been required to have a civic address sign posted on their property (Bylaw #354-20).
- Civic address signs make it easier for first responders to locate your home.
- Civic address signs are available for free at the Village Office.

