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Cheryl Itsi-Charlie
Director of Human Resources

June has been a busy month for the staff at the Human Resource Department. I would like to thank Donna for doing a great job in assisting me. I've worked alone for sometime now and thought that I could handle things fine, but since Donna has been here, I find that it is a bonus to have someone working along side me.

With students coming out of school and summer around the corner there were a lot of projects that needed to get arranged. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in doing such a great job on completing these projects:

§ Annual Community Cleanup

§ Annual Garbage Dump Cleanup

§ Fisheries Training Project

We would also like to congratulate those who completed training through the Human Resource Department.

We are busy arranging for summer positions and going through the process to place students in appropriate workplaces. I would like to thank the panel that helped us pull together the process. I think we did the best we could placing students in positions for the summer.

We have students at the various workplaces:

Three - Northern Store

One - Air North

Six - Crime Prevention
Three - Recreation
Fifteen - Government Services
One - Forestry
One - Heritage
Total # of positions filled: 30



We would like to welcome the summer workers to our team and wish you well in your positions.

There are other day-to-day administration that takes place in the office such as helping members to apply for training and funding as well as faxing resumes to members that need them and offering information to anyone that is interested. We are always busy posting jobs, interviewing, and doing paperwork that comes along with Human Resource.

Please drop by the office as we do have a lot of information on hand for training programs, etc... If there is a course that you would be interested in taking, we can

offer you options and look at the best way to meet your request.

Thanks for taking the time to read June's Report and enjoy the hot summer days we are having.

Quote: (I really enjoy my job here at the Northern Store, I get to say "hello" to everyone.)Kari Frost!

Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do... Where there's love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong.

Donna Marie Frost
Employment and Training Officer

Welcome back students.

Well it has been a very busy month in the Human Resource Department.

There were approximately thirty students who applied for work and they were employed. There are few students who are not working yet but we are currently finding employment for them.

There were two people who took the Fisheries Technician Training in Dawson for a period of one month. They both passed the course and in a hurry to get to work. There were a total of three workers hired – one Assistant Coordinator and two Field Technicians.

In case that some of you didn't know I will be away from the office July 5 to August 1, 2004. So until I return have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Randall Kendi
Crime Prevention Supervisor

Hello Shah Gwichin Kat,
(Hello all my relatives)

As of June 28th, 2004 I have been hired as a Crime Prevention Coordinator Supervisor for Old Crow. I will be working with eight students, under the Direction of the Recreation Director (Leigh Hunsinger) here in Old Crow.

Since we have started working, we have been planning activities with the children for the summer for all students. It seems like we will be having a very busy summer and working hard.

So far we are volunteering to work with Teresa Frost to make the Gwichin Gathering a complete success.

Leigh and myself will be chaperoning



the Crime Prevention Students out to Whitehorse from July 5th - July 8th/04, for the Youth Leadership Training Con-

ference. This conference introduces over all activities and skills to manage various activities for the community.

We will also be attending behavior management and Youth resume workshop and other various workshops on activities for the community.

I am very pleased to be one of the Crime Prevention Supervisors for the community of Old Crow and I will do my best to be a great role model for all children of our community.

I would like to say have a great and safe summer everyone and enjoy the hot weather because we won't see this in the coming winter.

Mussi Cho

Mary Jane Moses
Heritage Researcher

Mahsi Choo for another wonderful spring on the banks of the Porcupine River.

I began this month by updating the media file. This is a tracking system we have in place in the Heritage Department. When we get requests from filmmakers, writers,



photographers, researchers and media that want to access information from Old Crow, we gather all their information of why they want to access information and enter them into this database. All applications are processed through a media protocol for the VGFN Traditional Territory. This system also ensures that we can backtrack and follow-up with approved applicants and their projects within the territory. All applicants must report back to the VGFN Heritage Department on the status of their projects as mentioned in the media application form guidelines.

Another database file that is equally important is the Accession File that I am presently updating. In this file we keep important documentation about tape cassettes, video tapes, photo collections, archival collections, donated collections and any other collection we have in the department. Each item, for example, for one tape cassette recorded interview of an Elder; that cassette has the project title, interviewer's name, date, catalogue number, language, copy type, transcribed by, indexed by and edited by information on the tape jacket. This information helps track the transcript in the database if it is required for some type of information such as researching on long ago travel routes. For the photo database,



4 we have similar data that is en-

tered and these are the collection name, accession number, donor, date received, description, restrictions, other and the picture information. These database files make my work easier when it comes time for tracking. It's easily accessible and not time-consuming to search for information.

We had a Heritage Committee meeting to verify Gwitchin place names on the map with a couple of the Elders. Next month, the Heritage Department will again get underway with the helicopter trips to places in the traditional territory with the Elders to further verify place names for a VGFN traditional place name map. The start date is July 22 -29, 2004.

I'm looking forward to another wonderful experience. The last time I was



out flying with the Elders was during the Oral History Project in June 2001. It was then that I had the opportunity to see the VGFN Traditional Territory firsthand. I went to places that I only heard about and dreamed about when transcribing the tape cassettes from the Gwitchin language back into English. I had seen beautiful country flying over Crow Flats to Charlie Thomas country, then south to Whitestone, Sharp Mountain, Zhoh

Drin Choo, down to Useful Lake in the Bluefish area and I even went to Schaeffer Lake where Georgie had his musk rating spring camp. The last time I

was there was in 1983. It was most beautiful to be out there in the big country, high on the mountain, overlooking the land and listening to the stories of our Elders, recollecting their past of living out on this great land. I was most privileged and the luckiest person to experience this once in a lifetime opportunity. I will never forget those experiences, I will only share them.

I was away to Whitehorse the week of June 14 -18. On the evening of June 16/04, there was a film screening of Imprints of Our Ancestors - Parts 1 & 2 at the Whitehorse Visitor Reception Center. The Yukon Film Society sponsored this. There were 40 people in attendance with good response afterwards. These film screenings of Imprints 1 & 2 will be ongoing from June - September throughout the four Yukon communities of Whitehorse, Watson Lake, Haines Junction and Dawson City.

To everyone out there - have a great summer and enjoy this time with family and friends. Happy fishing to all the fishermen, good luck in harvesting Luk choo and a good berrypickin' season for the ladies. "I know good spots for nakal and jak zraii..."

Frances Bruce
Heritage Assistant

Good Day!

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather. It is good to be back home from school. My position here at the Sarah Abel Chitze Administration Building is a full time Heritage Assistant. I am currently working on the computer transcribing tapes and working in the office with Megan Williams. Everything is going great so far. I am enjoying working with everyone here. Have a great summer!





Harold Frost
Housing Manager

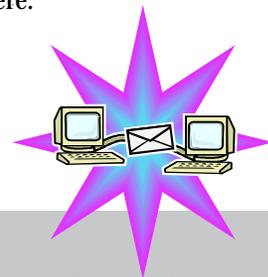
Here is the update on some of the projects and what's been happening so far this month. The renovation #540 is in the final finishing and will soon be finished. Reno #375 should be done by the end of July/04.

The Tlo-Kut project is underway and there are two people hired for this. As of June 22/04 the new rebuilt kitchen is finished and they will get started on the meeting place. This may require more time but it will be ready by August/04. As stated in the last newsletter, we are slated for five washroom upgrades. These should be starting as soon as all materials get here.

There are five new houses and one sweat equity approved for the summer. So there will be plenty of work, also there will be some smaller short term project's happening throughout the summer, painting projects, tank cleaning, dust control, chimney cleaning, and water tank cleaning as soon as we get the proper equipment in to do the job.

All the project's will have at least one crew boss two labor and two summer students. Altogether we have twenty-three Experienced Carpenters, and fifteen summer students. Safety is our main concern and we stress that with our workers in every aspect of construction. So taking the time to do it right will save

a lot of grief later on. I don't have to much to add for now except be safe and take care out there.



Tammy Josie
Computer Support Technician

Good Day to all!

Newsletter

For the first week of June, the May 2004 Newsletter was published and distributed out to the community. The highlight of the month was the 2004 Graduates that are now residing in Old Crow and working on a full-time basis. As well, the online edition of our newsletter was updated and is available to whomever. Just a note that there will be no July 2004 issue next month so employees can prepare their GA reports.

Computers

I did a history filing system for Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation computers. Will now keep records with updates on file on all VG workstations.

Personal

I would like to announce my departure from the Department for the month of July. I will be attending workshops and sessions in Whitehorse to better and help myself. I wish you all a wonderful, safe summer and see you all in August. Thank you all so much for your support and words of wisdom.

Take Care and happy camping.



Tracy Marie Bruce
Administrative Assistant.

Good Day to all!

It is so good to be back home again. Hope everyone is having a great summer so far. Now that I have completed High School, I plan to stay in Old Crow for a year and then go back to school for upgrading next year. I have started working here in the Housing Department on Monday June 28th, 2004. I have a full-time position and I am enjoying it so far. I will be training with Barbara as soon as she gets back in the office from her leave. That is all I have for now. Have a wonderful month!



Leigh Hunsinger
Director of Recreation

Staff

The summer is off to a flying start with a whole new staff gearing up for summer programming. We have eight students working in the department for the summer, five



We will also be sending the Crime Prevention Team out to Whitehorse for four days to participate in a Youth Leadership Conference from July 4-8th. This will be an excellent opportunity for them to develop their skills and grow both personally and as a team. Wish them luck!

Daily Events

We will be holding daily events and activities for all ages mainly in the afternoon and evenings. There will be a schedule released at the beginning of each week that lists the activities for each day that week. Some of these activities will include sports, arts and crafts, picnics, and large group games. We are also hoping to hold an Elders activity once or twice a week including tea, beading, and medicine picking. If you have any suggestions or requests for activities you would like to see this summer, please stop by the Youth Centre and let us know. We have been holding baseball at the diamond several nights a week and will continue to do so on Monday/Wednesday/Friday. On these nights there will be an opportunity for the kids to play from 7-7:30pm and adults will play at 7:30pm. Please note that we will be holding a Baseball Diamond Clean Up Day soon so stay posted. We use the diamond a lot and it would be great to see everyone out there pitching in to fix it up. On Tuesday and Thursday nights we will either have open Youth Centre or open Gym time, check for posters around town to see which it

from Crime Prevention including Kecia Kassi, Amanda Frost, Sherry Frost, Malinda Burse, and Brandon Kyikavichik. The other three students are Myranda Charlie, Chelsea Charlie, and Cheyenne Charlie. Randal Kendi is spearheading the Crime Prevention team and Gladys Netro is working as the Recreation Assistant and will be running the Recycling Program. I am the Recreation Director for the summer., I also ran the Health and Fitness Project this winter at the Ski Lodge.

Upcoming Events

From July 5-15 there will be an empowerment camp for girls going into grade 4-9 called Hip Hop Superstars. The camp will include Hip Hop dance instruction, choreography, and many other exciting activities. The camp runs from 9am-4:30pm Monday-Friday and will be held both at the safe house and the Youth Centre. It is also FREE! Please sign up with myself or Gladys at the Youth Centre; it's going to be a fun one! While this is going on Joe Tetlich and Steven Frost Sr. will be taking boys out on the land for a few days at a time. There will be more information to follow on the boys camp.

Gladys Netro
Recycling Assistant

Hello Sha Gwich'in kut;

Just a quick note to say, its great to be back at home again, after working outside the community for a few years. It was quite interesting to network with many interest groups and other communities on conservation issues.

Its an honor to be working with the recreation team for the summer. We have

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a great team and have been making plans for summer activities for the community. We

will do our best to include all ideas that we receive. One of the key factors in our summer program will be reviving the **Recycling Program**, where we will receive pop / juice cans & bottles. We will have the children & youth hand in cans and bottles on Fridays and earn points. At the end of the season we will determine who gets the highest points and they will win some neat prizes! So tell the children & youth to start collecting juice / pop cans and bottles. For our Arts & Crafts program will accept cleaned tin cans, jars of all sizes, egg cartons, all scrap sewing materials, popsicle sticks and other

is.

Reduce>Reuse>RECYCLE

Gladys will be getting the Recycling program up and running this summer. It's a great opportunity to reduce waste, clean up the community, and win some cool prizes. The program will collect cans and bottles every Friday afternoon at the Youth Centre. We will keep track of all the recycling each person collects and at the end of the summer those with the most will win fun prizes. So start saving your cans! We are also going to set up a life jacket exchange; this will be a time for people to bring old life jackets that don't fit anymore and trade with other people in town.

Swimming

We have stopped offering supervised swim time in the river until we find out more about the eels that have been found. We are getting a pool that will be going in the arena. We will hopefully be offering swim lessons in the mornings once the pool gets here and is set up. Parents, please be aware that children should never swim unsupervised either in the river or the pool. We must use caution and educate the children about the dangers of swimming alone to avoid any accidents. More information on pool hours and lessons will be posted when they are set up.

General

Again please let up know what you would like to see from the Recreation Department this summer, we are open to suggestions. The phone number at the Youth Center is 966-3238. Hope to see you out at events!

items you think that would be suitable for arts & crafts.

Mahsi cho for all the support you've shown my family & I over the past few months. Your kind words has been greatly appreciated.



Esau Schafer
Councilor

First of all I would like to say to you all that I wish you all a happy summer and enjoy each others company by telling true stories with laughter and a healthy lifestyle. I haven't done a report for some time now but I always think of how we are to work together to make our community a healthy place for the young people of the future that will take over the leadership someday. I often think what will happen if we do not give our young people support in what ever they need to accomplish their goal.

I have been away June 20th to 30th, 2004 attending a fisheries tour in Alaska I was chosen to do this tour along with four other people from the Yukon. The Yukon River Drainage Fisheries Association of Alaska (YRDFA) has put up all the cost for the travel expenses. We travelled to the mouth of the Yukon River at a community of Emmonak this is where all the fishing activity happens every year. One of the main goals is to establish communication between all user subsistence, commercial personal use and sport fishing. The management agencies are to include all state and federal agencies that have the jurisdiction over any activity that will effect the fish stocks in the Yukon River drainage whether it be direct or indirect and to take what ever actions are necessary to ensure that all fish stock in the Yukon River drainage are managed in such a manner as to provide for a stable healthy fishery in the future. Other issues like communication between the commu-

nities and support of what YRDFA is doing.

Education and information is to build capacity in the Yukon River Drainage by using consistent information and education through newsletters, website development with regular teleconferences and meetings for Yukon river fishers.

Board members are nominated then elected as a board member for their district. As we met with the elders at Emmonak they spoke on issues of the past and today's lively hood with the young people and the social problems we are faced with. Elders talked about how they understand the problems up the Yukon River what they are faced with and they explained how they think of upper yukon river first nations on how much we depend on fishing. Even the game and fish are plenty, there will be some people with out luck, they spoke about there social problems and their wealth of hardship if they don't get there fish for subsistence we will be hungry this winter that's what they meant by wealth and there living conditions are very limited with seeing all of this I find. We are in very good condition of wealthy living even though we are in a rural community we are lucky. This struck me as an elder was speaking, as my trip ends at Fair Banks and on to the Bi Annual Gathering. I looked forward to seeing the delegates from Old Crow and it was good to see others from the surroundings. People work hard together to have a good time and that's what they did. The out come of the meeting was social and the young people to support them for there

education so they can be educated for future leaders etc.

They talk about the protection of the caribou the fish the land and it was a very big issue for them as some of their members are selling land.

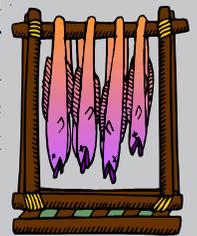
It was very smoky, that the small planes are grounded so as people at Beaver. But it was fun, they had dances of many. People were very happy to see one another greeting shaking hands really good to see.

During my time in the office I see a lot of challenges that we face every day. By working together it sure makes things easier. We are in the process of a very busy summer in the Housing Department. I see the students are back from Whitehorse and most are working now, which is good to see. That shows a lot of support.

We had a small project going at Tlo-Kut for a short-term structure. Freddy Frost and one labourer was hired to do this job. Just by listening to Freddy's report on the project sounded really good and I thank both Freddy and Stringer for doing such a good job.

The Tank farm is still in the process of moving. We have the engineers working on this along with myself, which is considered by everything that is involved one is the fuel haul, land, airplane, etc.

With this I wish you all good health and for the fishers for salmon good luck should be here any time. Until next time, God Bless!



Wade Meszaros
Community Wellness Worker

Wishing you all a good day!

June 22nd saw the end of the 10 week pre-treatment sessions that have been held every Tuesday evening. The evaluations indicated that people received the necessary information to help prepare them for Treatment. There will be a group of ladies going out to treatment for the month of July. I am presently working on finding a place for families to go out for treatment. At this point I have 3 families that may be ready to go out by Au-

gust.

My counseling load is around 12- 14 clients a week, which is about maximum for me. It may slow down a bit during the summer, especially with people heading up river to cut wood, fish and hunt.

The Justice committee has talked about taking some of the young boys down river for a few days during July and teach them a few things about camping, respecting the earth and some teachings on morals and values. For more information please contact Joe Tetlich.

I am leaving on June 23rd to take my son Andrew down to Children's hospital

in Vancouver. While down there I will be visiting with family. I will return on July 8th. If you need anything related to counselling during the time I'm away please contact Glenna Tetlich.

Any men wanting to prepare themselves for Treatment, I will be taking them through pre-treatment sessions not in a group format but one-on-one. Contact me when I get back and we can set up appointments which will run once a week.

I wish you all a safe summer and remember staying clean and sober is a Positive testimony to our Children. Mahsi.

Glenna Tetlich
Councilor



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Post Secondary and High School Graduates.

Welcome back to all the students, thanks to Cheryl and Donna in Human Resource Department for setting up the summer jobs for these students. I know that this was a challenge and once again you were able to pull things together.

I'm currently working as the Social Programs Director. My responsibility is to carry out the mandate of this position which is sometimes a challenge besides the duties as an elected member of VGFN.

It is taking a lot longer than we expected to restructure the organization the way we hope to, however we are moving

forward.

The Interagency Committee continues to meet once a month, which includes all resource people working in the area of Health & Social. Community members are welcome to attend. Our meetings are held at the "Gathering Place" the third Thursday of each month.

The long term use of the "Gathering Place" is for the safety and well being of individuals/families. There is a possibility the Home & Community Care Coordinator's office and programs will be set up in this building. The Aboriginal Healing Foundation Project will eventually be setting up a library. The gathering place has been used for group/individual sessions and interagency/staff meetings. It is also used for short term living accommodation for outside resources working for VGFN.

Kathie Nukon
Social Administrator

Social Assistance

For the month of June 2004 there were twenty-three clients that were issued SA. In May there were seven less clients.

With some people working over the summer there could be less that will need assistance in August. I would like to remind you that Social Assistance is for people that are unemployed and have no money coming in. If you earn money from work, sewing, or from other ways you are required to declare all of your income when you apply for SA.

Adult Care

In June there were eleven elders that received homecare services. Most of these are on going. Others have been on and off. Although, we try to accommodate everyone to get homecare, there are times when it is difficult to do so.

If you are interested in cleaning for elders please call or come to the office.

Elder's Wood

To date **thirty-three** cords of wood was purchased for the October 2004-April 2005 wood season. We would like to give out a couple more contracts for approximately **fifteen** cords to last us for six months. Elders with no monitor heaters

in their homes have been given priority to get wood. All elders are eligible to have either a cord of wood, or 200 liters fuel.

Last wood season we had difficulty in getting wood. We are hoping we won't have this problem again this winter.

Aboriginal Healing Foundation Project

Over the last months, as coordinator I've been bringing in people to do healing with our people. The most recent being Agnes Mills. Agnes has done counseling and group sessions. Agnes will be coming back July 12 to 19 to do follow-up with the people she saw in June. Agnes is open to doing more home visits.

Each time we bring someone in, we have to ensure that the budget will cover the expenses. Expenses are airfares, accommodation and meals. We do our best to bring people that would best meet the needs of the community.

Glenna Tetlich, acting Director of Health and Social Programs, Elder, Agnes Mills and myself as the Coordinator of the VGFN AHF Project are going to Edmonton to attend the AHF Gathering of Nations Conference. We will be leaving Old Crow July 5 and returning on the 12th. I will be back in the office in the afternoon of the 12th to check emails.

Here goes! I will be taking a leave-of-absence from August 6, 2004 to possibly

The out on the land Addictions Treatment Camp is cancelled for now due to lack of participants and funding, however alcohol & drug treatment programs outside of Old Crow continues to be an option for clients. The 10-week pre-treatment sessions was a success and hopefully with the interest that we've seen, we can expand on this in the future.

There will be a couple of staff members leaving the Social Department. Both Kathy and Debra are taking leave for a year.. I wish them both well in their next personal step and appreciate their contribution to our organization. Watch for postings for these positions in the near future.

All have a great summer, keep safe and enjoy the outdoors as much as you can, hope to see you all at the General Assembly in August.

August 1, 2005 to relocate to Inuvik. August 6/04 will be my last day here at the office as the Social Services Administrator and the Community Coordinator for the AHF Project. I am leaving a couple weeks early so to give myself some 'down time' and to spend some good time with my granddaughter, Jessica before I leave.

I am open to coming in to help where I can until I leave. I plan to leave right on my son, Harlan's birthday, August 18th. Happy Birthday, Son!

I have been accepted to the Aurora College to take an Office Administration course, from September to May.

It's going to be a huge change for me even though I've been to Inuvik on a number of occasions. It's going to take me some getting used to.

I want to wish everyone a nice 'rest-of-the-summer.'

Also, I want to wish everyone a good fall harvest.

Take care and God bless you all.

Bye for now.



Joe Tetlich
Justice Coordinator

Drinn Gwinzee Shaluk kat. Juk chun gwitsul gee sha gwitrit engit ni whaa gihih khyaa. Good day everyone! Just a update on what is happening in the Justice department from my last report.

The last Court date was on the 18th of May at which time we closed nine files and added three cases to our files. Due to the summer holidays we had another Court date in the month of June. However that was cancelled since the docket was low, and some cases still needed to be worked on. The Judge was on speaker phone to adjourn all cases until August 31st, 2004.

I will be working with the community wellness worker to do a youth camp out on the land. Since a lot of parents are working and don't have the time we thought that we would take them out for four days at a time. This will be for the month of July only. In August I will be going to Teslin lake for the annual Health & Fitness program with a few selects from the community. Will keep you posted as to what is going to happen.

I have been talking periodically about the administration of justice and basically how your Justice department will look like in the future. We are in negotiations with the Federal Government on funding to do the consultations with the communi-



ties possibly by the fall. Will keep you posted.

There are a lot of Legal issues that clients need to know if they are going to court or if they are

thinking about court action. Please feel free to drop in to the office if you need help. If we cannot help you than we can direct you to the appropriate Department.

I have always made a call out for members to sit on the Justice Committee however there seems to be a lack of interest. I would like to extend an invitation to you as community members to the office if you are interested.

Environmental Dynamics Inc. has hired Isaac Anderton, so Isaac is back in our salmon research program. Welcome back Isaac.

The Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board had their first ever meeting in Old Crow during the week of June 7th. I gave a report to the board on the morning of June 9th, on the activities and initiatives of VGFN Natural Resources Department in north Yukon.

During the week of June 14th we had a visit from Chris Burn from Carlton University and his assistant from Inuvik, Dougie. Chris will be back next year late May or early June, to install two permanent monitoring stations, one 2 km down river from Old Crow and one in Crow Flats which site is yet to be determined.

Ducks Unlimited conducted a two days aerial waterfowl survey starting on June 21st. We are awaiting the results to compare it to last year's survey.

In early July, Yukon Geological Survey, Geological Survey of Canada, and Yukon's Environment Department will be conducting mineral, biophysical, and geochemical mapping and survey projects in our traditional territory. I

am in the process of organizing a community information meeting the second week in July, so watch for the notice.

In late July, officials from Canadian Forest Service, and Yukon's Forest Management Branch will be in Old Crow and vicinity, to investigate the health of our forest. In your travels out on land, if you notice any changes in the various trees, or overall forest, please come in and share it with us.

In closing, I would like to congratulate our MP Larry Bagnell on his recent re-election victory. Good work Larry.

Mahsi choo.



William Josie
Director, Natural Resources



We haven't seen rain since early June, and the river is very low. Our traditional territory is very dry, and there is a lot of wildfires in the country. So please do not make a fire anywhere. Thanks.

On the 1st of June I learned that Pat Tobler from

