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**RAVEN SAYS:**  
*Enough snow!  
I say,  
"Nevermore!"  
And you can  
quote me.*

# WHAT'S ON IN DAWSON

## TOWN COUNCIL

**City of Dawson Town Council  
Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 2 November 2022  
Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Wednesday 19 October 2022

Council meetings have a standard starting time of 7:00 pm. The meetings are aired live on Dawson City TV, channel 12 and broadcast live on CFYT 106.9 FM.

## UPCOMING AT KIAC

**Film Festival Selections**  
Monday and Wednesday  
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
KIAC Ballroom All welcome

**Handbuilding Pottery Drop-in**  
Mondays, 6:30-9pm  
KIAC Classroom  
(enter via back door)

**Drop-In Children/Toddler  
Yoga & Dance with the  
Child Development Centre**  
Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45pm,  
starting mid-January

**Mac & Cheese Kitchen Party**  
Friday 17 February  
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm  
All you can eat Mac & Cheese  
from A-List Dawson Chefs & the  
movie Kitchen Party by Gary  
Burns  
(a Canadian comedy classic).  
\$15 (cash bar). Tickets at the door.  
A Dawson Film Fest Fundraiser

**Coffee House and  
Open Mic Night**  
Saturday 18 February  
7 pm - 10 pm  
Admission by donation

**Butoh: Post-Modern Dance &  
Performance Art**  
with Blackbird  
March 5  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
KIAC members: \$41  
Non-members: \$45

**Megan & Amy Classical Piano  
and Violin Concert**  
Wed March 8, 7pm

**ODD GALLERY**  
**Julian Forrest | new paintings**  
23 Feb - 1 April 2023  
Open Mon - Fri 10am-5pm,  
Sat 12pm-4pm  
Opening Reception: Friday 24 Feb

**DIAMOND TOOTH GERTIE'S  
Yukon Quest 450  
Awards Ceremony**  
Thursday 16 February

## KIAC presents BandSwap

Friday 24 February  
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into brand new bands who'll debut  
at Gerties. Register at [kiac.ca](http://kiac.ca)

**Percy DeWolfe Fundraiser**  
Friday, February 17th

**KHL Banquet & Fundraiser**  
Friday, February 25th

**Dawson Film Festival  
Trivia Fundraiser**  
Saturday, March 11th

**PARKS AND RECREATION**  
Under 5 Open Gym  
Saturdays & Sundays  
RSS Gym 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Free 5 and Under

**All Ages Badminton &  
Pickleball**  
Mondays to March 6th RSS Gym  
5:30pm - 7:30pm Free

**Open Gym Night**  
Thursdays to March 9th  
RSS Gym 6:00pm - 7:30pm Free

**Volleyball**  
Thursdays to March 9th  
RSS Gym 7:30pm - 9pm Free

**Rock Climbing**  
Fridays to March 10th  
RSS Gym 6:00pm - 7:00pm Free

**Amateur Parkour**  
Saturdays to February 11th  
RSS Gym 12pm - 1:30pm Free

**Adult Muay Thai**  
Mondays & Wednesdays  
Minto Concession  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
\$5/ Drop-in 18+

**Fitness Class**  
with Angela Tremblay  
Sundays to March 5th  
RSS Gym 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
\$10/ Drop-in 18+

**Drop in Basketball**  
Mondays RSS Gym  
7:30pm - 9:15pm Free 18+

**Rec & Roll - Roller Skating**  
Fridays to March 10th  
RSS Gym 5:00pm - 6:00pm Free

**Games and Gabbing**  
Fridays to March 10th  
Curling Club 12:30 - 2:30pm Free

**55+ Free Fit**  
Thursdays to March 9th  
Fitness Centre  
(Waterfront Building)  
2pm - 3:30pm Free 55+



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and the surrounding Klondike Region.**

# NEW RECYCLING FACILITY SET TO OPEN ON MARCH 15TH

By Danny Dowhal

Dawson City's new Solid Waste Diversion Centre (SWDC) is set to open on March 15th. In preparation for the move to the new facility, the current temporary recycling operation, located at the Crocus Bluff Park concession building, and which has been operating since December 2021, will close on March 1st.

The new SWDC is located on Rabbit Creek Road, Lot 11, approximately 3.5 kilometres from the southern edge of Dawson City's urban core. Rabbit Creek Road runs east from Bonanza Creek Road, before looping back down to the North Klondike Highway.

The contract for construction of the new DWDC was awarded last summer to local builder Greg Hakonson's Oro Enterprises, which entered a bid of \$1.4 million. This came as a relief to City Council, which prior to that had seen estimates for construction balloon to \$3.5 million.

This hopefully concludes a saga which had been going on since 2018, when construction costs for a badly needed new facility were first estimated at \$1.85 million, but despite years of lip service from both local and territorial governments, nothing concrete transpired. The inaction finally caused Conservation Klondike Society, the non-profit that had operated the recycling depot from a downtown location on Second Avenue for decades, and had long been unable to cope with the rising volumes of materials for recycling, to simply shut down the program and close its doors.

This prompted the City of Dawson to begin working with consultants Colliers Project Leaders and Oro Enterprises to establish a contract and set a firm construction plan for the SWDC.

The new facility is more spacious and was custom built for the recycling operation. Superintendent of Public

Works, Jonathan Howe, feels the new facility will be just what Dawson needs. "I'm pretty excited," he says.

Howe notes the SWDC will also feature some new equipment to make the solid waste diversion process more efficient. That includes two crushers/balers for compacting the recyclables making them easier to transport, as well as a conveyor to make sorting easier.

A new glass crusher has also been ordered, which will help keep glass containers out of the land fill.

Howe says the machine can crush the sand down to fine granulates, which can be used as sand for sandbags or even mixed with the sand used to treat local roads in winter.

What remains to be seen is how the citizenry of Dawson will adapt to a facility that is even further out of town. Eventually the plan is to have in-town curbside pick-up, which would require households to keep different recyclables sorted. The service would be once a week, and the cost to taxpayers has yet to be determined.



LOCATED ON RABBIT CREEK ROAD, THE NEW SOLID WASTE DIVERSION CENTRE IS SET TO OPEN SOON. PHOTO BY DANNY DOWHAL.



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# SENDING THE FUR FLYING

## WEEKEND WORKSHOP PRODUCES HATS TO BE SENT TO UKRAINE

By Robyn



CLAUS SCHYTRUMPF MAKING RUFFS FROM HIS WOLF FUR. PHOTO BY ROBYN.



MARIEVE BÉGIN MODELS THE FUR TRAPPER HAT SHE CREATED AT THE WORKSHOP. PHOTO BY ROBYN.

**D**awson City trappers and craft folks were makin' it happen earlier this month, as KIAC was turned into a crypto zoo, where various animal parts were spliced together, creating Yukon trapper hats to be sent as humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine.

Bo Yu Yuang made the volunteers enough borscht to sink a navy!

Claus Schytrumpf, making numerous wolf parka ruffs, entertained everyone with tales from the Bush, such as "Dangerous Dave, the Inexpert Gunsmith!"

The commitment made by all of the volunteers was greatly appreciated, and special thanks to all the sponsors, including Ground Truth Exploration, KIAC, and the Dawson City Conservation Office.



## NEW METAL-WORKING BAND SAW BOLSTERS RSS SHOP REFIT

By Danny Dowhal

**I**t took a year to arrive, but the Robert Service School (RSS) shop has a new high-end metal working band saw, which will be available to students and public users of makerspace programs offered through IATSY (Industrial Arts Society of the Yukon).

IATSY's mission is to develop, promote, and advocate for Industrial Arts and Technology in the Yukon Territory. Their first major project has been helping RSS re-open and refit the metal working shop. To make this happen, IATSY spearheaded a working group that also included RSS, Yukon University, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in First Nation, the Klondike Placer Miners Association (KPMA), the Canadian Welding Foundation, and Skills Canada Yukon. The working group has helped to guide the shop uses and upgrades.

Things took off when M2 Mining donated \$10,000 towards RSS metal shop programming in September, 2021. One third of the funds were used to purchase the metal working band saw, but due to supply issues, the unit took a year to get to Dawson City. It has now arrived and is in the shop.

"It's well worth the wait," say Jake Duncan, an IATSY welding volunteer. "The band saw allows us to prep metal for essential welding tasks."

RSS shop teacher Peter Menzies says this capability will be particularly important for shop graduates who want to go on and attend Trade School.

RSS SHOP INSTRUCTOR AND IATSY BOARD MEMBER PETER MENZIES FONDLES THE NEW BAND SAW. PHOTO BY DANNY DOWHAL.

# RENOVATION OF HISTORIC BANK BUILDING TOSSES TOXIC VAULT

By Dan Davidson

**W**hen the former Canadian Bank of Commerce building on Front Street in Dawson is finally made ready for public use several years from now, one of the big changes is that it will no longer have the original bank vault in the basement.

Last November Dawson's council, after reviewing a report detailing the toxic nature of the vault's construction, and concluding that it would have to be wrapped and sealed if it were to remain, making it basically useless, reluctantly passed the following resolution.

"That Council award the tender for the abatement, demolition, and removal of the Vault in the Canadian Bank of Commerce building to Energy North Construction Inc. for \$200,536.00 (GST excluded) as per their submitted bid."

This is not the first large expenditure that has gone into the building since the town bought it from local business owner Mike Palma in 2013 for \$170,000.00.

The CBC, as it is usually referred to these days, was known as the CIBC and was officially the former home of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce until the bank moved to the Dawson Plaza complex on Second Avenue in 1989, the year after the combination of its historic presence, and the fact that Robert Service once worked there, caused it to receive National Historic Site recognition.

The town's intention is to restore the exterior to its days of Gold Rush glory and find an as yet undecided number of public uses for the interior of the building.

Not long after the purchase it was found that the building contained a number of toxic substances that needed to be removed or mitigated before anything else could be done.

Dealing with the asbestos and lead paint, and fixing a leaky roof, cost the town \$417,500 in 2018. Subsequently there has been a need for new windows and the replacement of some decorative elements that are a part of its Renaissance Revival design.

Around the same time it was determined that the current distinctive gold paint decorating the pressed metal siding, that was shaped to look like the wooden building was made of stone, was originally grey, so that will be the new colour when things reach that stage.

As for what happens inside, that has had a number of recommended options. At one point it was suggested that the second floor, with a view of the river, would make a nice place for a restaurant. Historic photos show a small balcony up there, though it had been replaced by a stairway on the rear of the building in later years.

Another suggestion was to recover some of the costs associated with owning the building by putting some apartments up there and gaining some revenue from the rent. There had been staff accommodation there at one point in the building's history.

More recently, the crowding at Dawson's combined town hall/fire hall, further down the street, has raised the possibility of relocating the town council chambers and some associated office space to the second floor of the CBC, while retaining the basement and the ground floor for some sort of public use space for meetings and special events.

Early on there was some hope that the CIBC might be encouraged to move back into its old home, which took on that name when the Commerce and the Imperial banks merged in 1961. There have been discussions over the years, and the CIBC has contributed some funds to the restoration, as well as using photos of the bank in their advertising, but they have shown no interest in relocating.

Design discussions lately have focused to how to access the second floor of the building. In its latest incarnation there were stairs at the north and west sides of the building. So far, design sketches have seen only the north side access restored, but just what that will look like, and whether there will be an elevator, remains an open question,

When the current town hall was smaller and on Fifth Avenue, before it was moved and expanded, access to the council chamber was via a very steep, straight stairwell with no landings, pretty much impossible for the elderly or handicapped.

The move to Front Street, and the expansion of the building, made it



THE SEALED VAULT IN THE CBC BASEMENT – FROM THE REPORT TO DAWSON COUNCIL.

possible to have a much more accommodating set of stairs, plus an internal elevator, which made the second floor offices much more accessible.

Without being specific as to final outcomes, the final report to council from former CAO Cory Bellmore in November, advised that:

"Administration has pursued a phase-by-phase design and construction approach to the restoration of the CBC as of (this) date. The architectural firm is recommending the City of Dawson continue this restoration approach.

"Based on previous direction, all options being pursued will not include any of the interior space design (with exception to fire code requirements). At this stage, end-use has not been decided.

Funding availability will be much larger if the planned end use is directed towards a community service."

2023 DAWSON CITY

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Saturday, March 18<sup>TH</sup>

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# NOTHING TO FEAR BUT FEAR ITSELF

## A Klondike Sun Editorial

In the wake of the shooting down of an unidentified flying object — presumed to be a Chinese spy balloon — over the Yukon this past weekend, there have been concerns raised about the state of Canada's military preparedness in the North.

Yukon Opposition leader Currie Dixon called the incident a “wake-up call”, and said it reaffirms the need to modernize the North Warning System, and to create a “fully-built out Canadian Armed Forces base in the Yukon.”

Dixon seized on the opportunity to resurrect an Op-Ed piece he had published in the Ottawa Citizen last April following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The piece pointed out that, technically, Russia is our neighbour, and given their aggression — including forays to assert sovereignty over polar regions in the recent past — nothing less than a full-fledged military upgrade is warranted. Canada needs, in his words, its own “hard power” and not to rely on the United States.

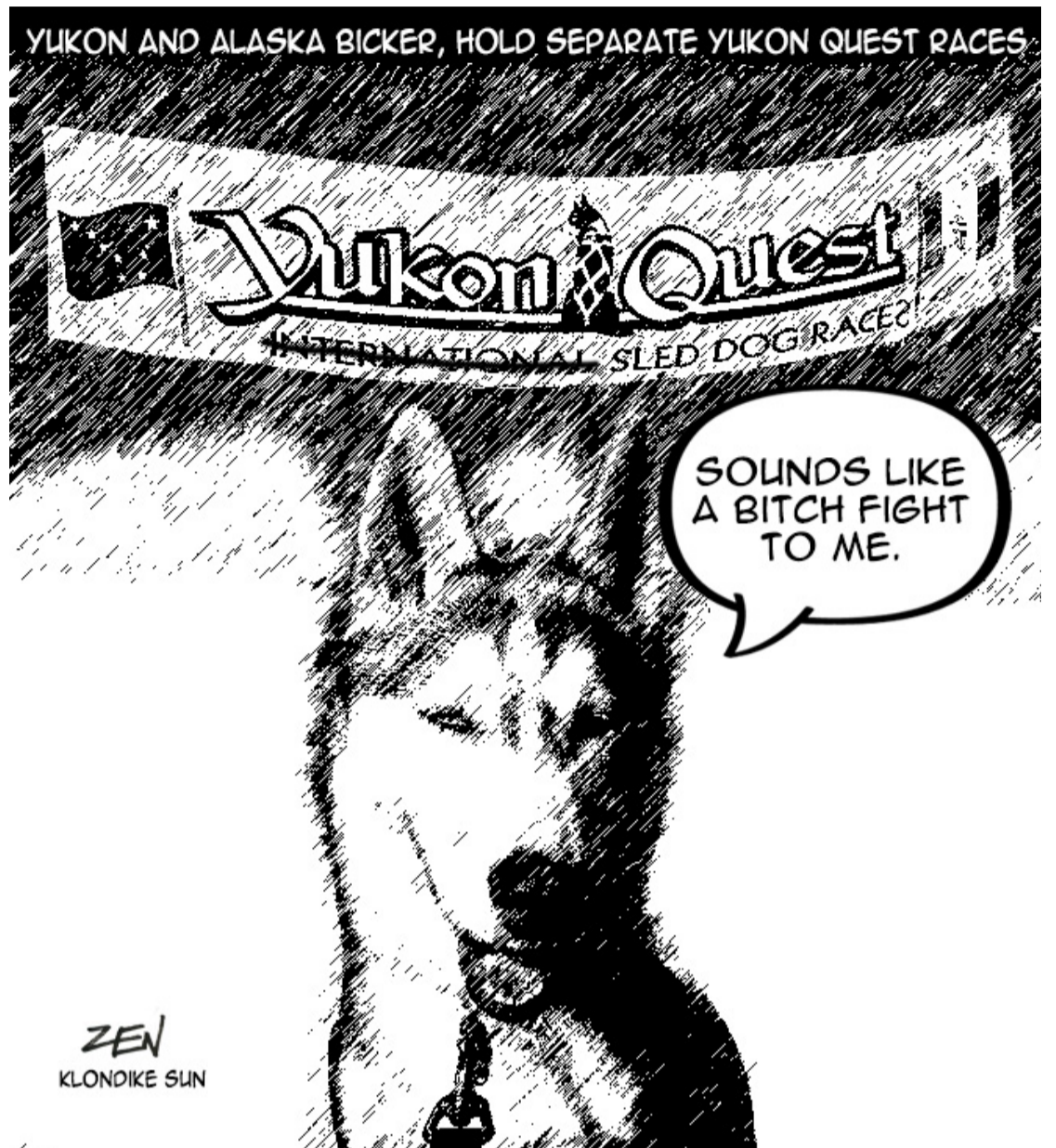
While Mr. Dixon raises some good points about aging infrastructure, there is also some fearmongering in his arguments. The notion that Russians might come pouring over the top of Canada is far fetched at best. Given the lack of success Russia has had invading a country this is only a few hundred miles away over benign terrain, it is doubtful their troops could successfully sustain supply lines across the North Pole.

It's also worth pointing out that there is no evidence the cat-and-mouse game that China is playing with its recent balloons — the purpose and endgame of which still need to be discovered — has anything whatsoever to do with Russia and Putin's neo-imperialist ambitions.

Early warning is the most prudent measure we can undertake, and since Mr. Dixon's article was published, the federal government did indeed announce a \$4.2 billion upgrade of the North Warning System chain of radar sites.

Also, earlier this year, Canada announced the \$14 billion acquisition of 88 F-35 stealth fighters. Surely this is the sort of hard power we need in our modern age.

Where Mr. Dixon is correct is that Canada does also need



to secure its northern territorial waters. Russia, however, is not the only nation that we have to be concerned about. Even our own allies, the United States and the European Union, have frequently challenged Canadian claims to sovereignty over the Northwest Passage. With climate change also comes the probability that the Northwest Passage may become increasingly more navigable.

Meanwhile, the first of a new class of Polar Class 2 heavy ice breakers first proposed for the Canadian Coast Guard under the Harper Government in 2008, has yet to come to fruition. This truly is a disgrace — and severe

negligence of our national security.

Mr. Dixon suggests construction of a deep-water seaport at the western end of the Passage, specifically King Point on the Yukon's North Slope. He says that the location is consistent with the Inuvialuit Final Agreement and should present “a tremendous opportunity for the Inuvialuit people.”

Assuming this is truly the will of the Inuvialuit people, such a port makes sense, if only to logistically provide support to all maritime activities in the region, not just the military. It may also have commercial benefits, the Yukon to a deep-water port.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## HOWLING AT THE MOONS

Dear Klondike Sun:

WTF. I read the other day that they've discovered 12 new moons of Jupiter, bringing that planet's total to, like, 92 total. Now, I'm a laissez faire kinda gal, who says live and let live and we're all in this together. I try not to discriminate against anyone or anything, no matter where they come from, but I'm starting to think that Jupiter's getting a little too big for its britches. So, what if it's the biggest planet, and it's got the biggest moon (Ganymede) as well as the 3rd-and

4th biggest moons (Callisto and Io), but now it's got to have the largest number of moons to boot. Like, who the hell needs 92 moons?!

I'm not saying that size doesn't matter (sorry, boys), but sometimes less is more. I mean, it's like every celebrity who hits the big time then figures they need some huge house with 30,000 square feet and 50 rooms. Really? Isn't that just showing off, not to mention having a carbon footprint the size of a dozen sasquatches. (I meant that metaphorically compared to the size of a normal human

footprint. I'm sure sasquatches actually live a pretty net zero lifestyle compared to we humans).

I'm happy with my little one-room cabin, and walk everywhere. I'm a vegan and try to eat local produce whenever I can. I don't need more than the basics in life to be happy. I adore our perfect little planet, with its one moon (5th largest in the solar system isn't bad) that gives us moonlight and moon dances and loveable lunatics and the tides (both the ones in the oceans and the ones inside ourselves) among other things,

I'm pretty content to be here. Could you imagine living with 92 moons?

Of course, it's too bad we're screwing up our perfect little planet, and it would serve us right if we did end up having to move to Jupiter. (Just kidding. I know, I know. The gravity would crush us and the atmosphere's poison and it's too far away from the sun). Anyway, just wanted to say what's on my mind. Thanks for printing this letter if you do.

Peace and love,  
Pandora Gruber,

# PROGRAM FOR NORTHERN YOUTH CARVING OUT CAREER SKILLS

By Chris Holt

For those wondering about the beautifully-carved snow sculptures they saw being worked on last week in the parking lot of Gerties, it turns out it was part of a tri-territorial program for building employable skills for Northern youth aged 15 to 30.

The Empowering Northern Youth through Career Development (ENYCD) program is a joint effort between the Yukon Literacy Coalition, the NWT Literacy Council, and Ilitaqsiq Nunavut Literacy Council. This project is funded by the Government of Canada's Youth Employment and Skills Strategy.

For this exercise, they chose snow sculpting as the subject for the youth skill building. "The idea of this project was to integrate the season of winter with Art and what a better way to do than Snow Sculpting," says David Martin, the Program Coordinator.

The coordinators purposely chose Dawson City during the (s)hiver Winter Arts Festival as the venue for the program so the youth involved could see the festival's various installations and activities, and gauge possibly choosing the arts as a career path.

After two days of setting up the snow blocks and designing the sculpture, the team of five youth were ready to carve. Working with different carving tools and techniques they learned the artform over seven days with professional carver Michel Gignac.

"As a multidisciplinary artist I know the value of the Art as a skills building activity," says Martin. "Mark Steudle, my fellow program coordinator, is the organizer and creator of this project and I have been fortunate enough to help him coordinate along the way."

Martin credits fellow artist and friend, Michel Gignac, who has a lot of experience with snow carving. It was Gignac who vocalized interest in hosting a Youth Workshop in Dawson during (s)hiver.

According to Martin, the success of the program shows in the quality of the final product crafted over nine days total— so much so that they will be back. "We are excited to host a similar program next year in Dawson," he says.

ENYCD aims to deliver "exciting and engaging activities" where the participants will be working through various fields of interest and bolstering their resumes through completion of various certificates and workshops. The goal is to get participants to recognize and further develop their skills and learn other ways to integrate them into an employment setting.

"Our program will create a network of organizations and community contributors to help with the recruitment process and perhaps be specialists for certain activities of the program, if interested," says Martin.

The Yukon Literacy Coalition Youth Employment Program began in March of 2022 and have successfully connected with over 40 youth in the last 11 months. You can get more information about the program by visiting the Yukon Literacy Coalition Youth Program website.



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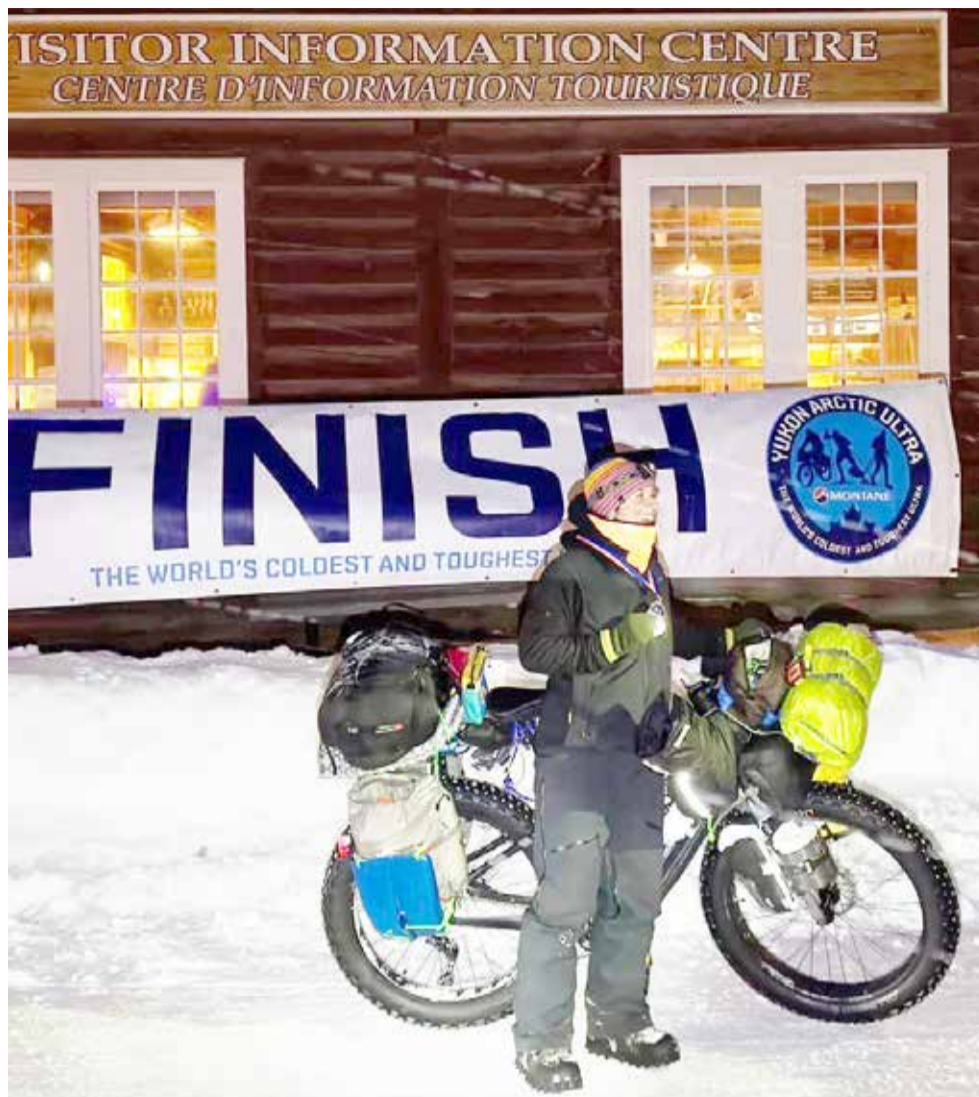
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## STAR PETS OF DAWSON

By Kath Selkirk



WINNING VIDEO, DILLY ON A RACK



PUP POP-STAR MIDNIGHT



BLUBERRY CONTEMPLATING

Cute and comical pets of all sizes were celebrated at Humane Society Dawson's community event casino at Diamond Tooth Gerties on Saturday. HSD had 14 video submissions and 36 photos showing the community's cutest and funniest pets.

There was a clear winner in the video category. Crickett and Steve Wilder's kitten, Dilly's, precarious antics on a clothes rack won the hearts of the audience. For the photo competition, three photos received an equal number of votes. These were Leanne Mason's pup-pop star Midnight, Natalja Blanchard's beautiful cat Blueberry in a contemplative moment and Debbie Wight's shot of the latest puppy litter at the shelter. The winner of the photo competition's cash prize was selected by a draw that kitty Blueberry won.

HSD would like to thank the Klondike Visitors Association for providing an opportunity for their fundraising event, and the band The River Bends for live musical entertainment.

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THE HSD FUNDRAISER ALSO FEATURED THE DOGBALL HIGHBALL. VOLUNTEER GABY SGAGA DISPLAYS THE TESTICULAR TEST FOR TIBBLERS THAT TROUNCES THE SOURTOE COCKTAIL. PHOTO BY KAREN MACKAY.





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# DAWSON STARTS

By Jimmy Boddie

So, we managed to hold the 6th edition of the (s)hiver arts festival after three years of cancellations due to the modern plague. It felt, in some ways, like our first two editions (2015 & 2016) in that the past three years of inactivity led to some rustiness and poor coordination. Otherwise, the robustness of the offerings and the overall vibe were fresh and new. Let's do a quick summary of the event.

We had three days of art and performance in various venues throughout Dawson, both inside and out, including burlesque at Peabody's, a night of techno at the Westminster tavern (a first!), projections on the ice (also a first!), a large number of artists who were exhibiting for the first time, and a contingent of artists in various media from points south. Our first night of music at KIAC featured a Balkan dance demonstration, country-western music, and good old-fashioned electronic dance music to round it out. Additionally, there were outdoor dance performances, a three-day Warhammer 40,000 game, photography and painting, and a psychedelic Care Bear. Overall, it was considered by most to be a cornucopia of sights and sounds, both benevolent and malign.

Barring any unforeseen catastrophe (and the candidates are plenty and menacing, for sure), we'll host the festival again next winter, probably with some repeat exhibitors but, as has happened in the past, a packed roster of people who have never exhibited or performed in the festival thus far. The constant supply of first-time exhibitors exemplifies the idea that this region is full of artistic talent. And hopefully before then we'll put on some events at which one can shake one's booty. If you have any ideas about something you would like to do, please contact us at dawsonshiver@gmail.com. Peace!



CHERIE COQUETTE, UNTITLED. PHOTO BY MIRIAM BEHMAN



MIKE ERWOOD, THE CATHARSIS MACHINE. PHOTO BY MIRIAM BEHMAN.

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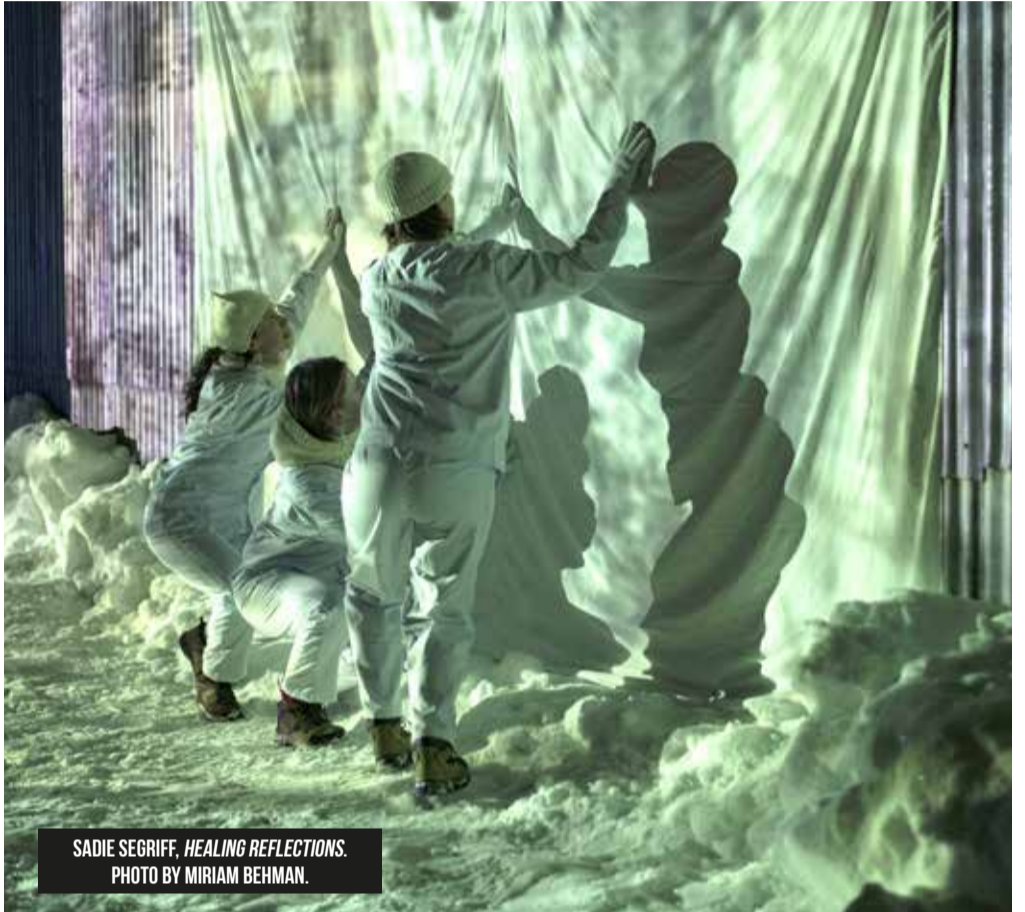
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ABOVE: "A" CHAMPIONS THE PLAN B'S: YANNICK GAGNON, DIANNE GAGNON, KIM SHARPE, KYLE BRUCE  
TOP RIGHT: SHARKS IN THE WATER!!! OR MAYBE THE ICE!  
BOTTOM: RIGHT: A GAME OF INCHES  
PHOTOS COURTESY DAWSON CITY CURLING CLUB.

February 2-5 saw the running of the 124<sup>th</sup> Dawson City International Bonspiel. 16 teams competed over the four days with the "Plan B's" taking the championship. A big thanks to Chuck and Bonnie Barber who kept the curlers fed throughout the weekend (including the fabulous prime-rib banquet) and to the ice-makers and bartenders who kept thing sliding in the lounge and on the sheets.

# OLDTIMERS HOST HOCKEY JAMBOREE



THE GENERALS BEAT THE PREVIOUSLY UNDEFEATED BLACK BETTIES IN THE FINAL TO WIN THE 2023 OLD TIMERS TOURNAMENT.

The Dawson City Old Timers Hockey Association held their annual tournament last weekend. Again this year, they used a jamboree format, which mixes up a pool of interested players rather than pitting pre-set teams against one another.

To flesh out their numbers, the Old Timers league also invites kids under 16 and women of any age to play with the over-35 men. The tournament was highly competitive, and a lot of fun for all involved — even if four games in 28 hours was hard on some old bodies.

The Black Betties went undefeated through the tournament's round robin stage, but were upset in the final by the Generals. The Rams took the Bronze medal, while the Tidy Whites ended up in the rear.

A big thank you goes out to organizer Mike Suito who worked tirelessly to make the event happen.

# FULL CROP OF BERTON HOUSE WRITERS HEADED TO DAWSON

By Danny Dowhal



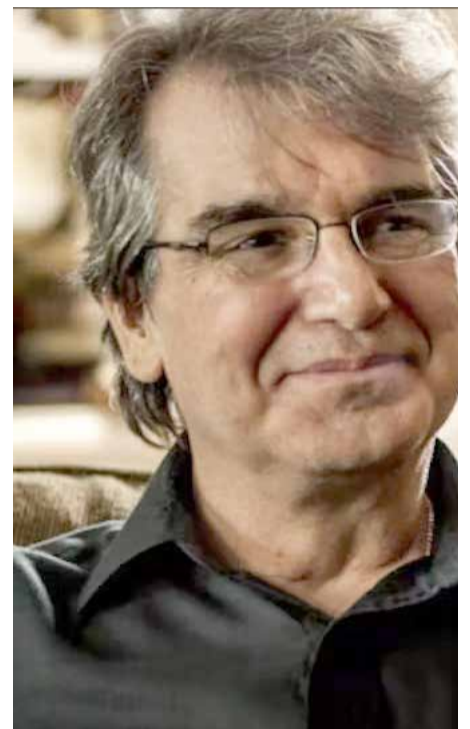
ELIZA ROBERTSON



MARIA SABA



CHARLIE PETCH



GORD GRISENTHWAITE

With a renovated Berton House and a revamped Writer-in-Residence program from the Writers Trust of Canada, Dawson City will soon see the first of four writers who will occupy. Eliza Robertson, a pre-pandemic choice, will be the first of the contingent, arriving in mid-March. She will be followed by the three writers selected for 2023 — Maria Saba, Charlie Petch and Gord Grisenthwaite. They were chosen by a jury that consisted of authors and Berton House alumni Carleigh Baker and Greg Bechtel, plus Dawson City filmmaker Lulu Keating.

Originally from Vancouver Island, Robertson now lives in Montreal, where she works remotely as the Director of Content for the CHANI app. Eliza was a joint winner of the 2013 Commonwealth Short Story Prize and was a Journey Prize finalist in 2013 for “My Sister Sang. Her 2014 debut collection, *Wallflowers*, was shortlisted for multiple awards, and selected as a New York Times Editor’s Choice. Her first novel, *Demi-Gods*, was a Globe & Mail and National Post book of the year and the winner of the 2018 QWF Paragraphe Hugh MacLennan Prize.

She will be followed by Ottawa-based writer, storyteller, and arts

educator Maria Saba. She is a writer from Iran who now lives in Ottawa, and has published three nonfiction books in Persian, and over a hundred essays, interviews, articles, and stories in print and online media. Her short stories have appeared in *Ambit Magazine*, *The New Quarterly*, *The Bombay Review*, and the *Cosmonauts Avenue*. Her manuscript for the short story collection *My First Friend* was

**“BERTON HOUSE SAW A RENOVATION OF THE FACILITY TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND COMFORT FOR FUTURE WRITERS-IN-RESIDENCE.”**

a semi-finalist for the Iowa Short Fiction Prize and the title story won the Pushcart Prize in 2017 and won Scoundrel Time’s Editors’ Choice Award in 2018. She also won the PEN Canada Scholarship for Writers in Exile.

The summer writer-in-residence will be Charlie Petch, a writer, filmmaker, spoken word performer, musician and playwright from

Toronto. In 2020, they won the Sheri-D Wilson Golden Beret Award for lifetime achievement in spoken word from The League of Canadian Poets. Their books include the poetry collection *Why I Was Late*, which won the 2021 ReLit Award. In 2021, they were longlisted for the CBC Poetry Prize for the poem *Hey You Lucy Liu*.

As part of the relaunch of the

program, the Writers’ Trust also committed to bring Indigenous writers to Berton House in the fall to honour the traditional storytelling time of the Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in. Willow Cree writer, editor, and journalist Paul Seesequasis spent two months in Berton House last fall and was the only resident in 2022.

This fall, the resident will be Gord Grisenthwaite, a writer from Lytton

First Nation. His debut novel, *Home Waltz*, was shortlisted for a Governor General’s Literary Award for fiction. In 2021, he was longlisted for the CBC Short Story Prize for the story *Splash Patterns*.

Last summer, Berton House saw a renovation of the facility to improve accessibility and comfort for future writers-in-residence, thanks to a Yukon Community Development Fund grant spearheaded by the Dawson City Community Library, who are partners in Berton House along with the Klondike Visitors Association.

The Writers’ Trust of Canada has run the residency since 2007. Based at the childhood home of the late acclaimed Canadian author Pierre Berton, the residency has hosted nearly 100 writers since 1996. Writers receive a two-month stay, are provided a \$4,000 stipend and travel to and from Dawson City. There is no stipulation as to what, if anything, they must write while in Dawson, but they are required to deliver two public readings. As the summer resident, Charlie Petch will participate in the Dawson City Print & Publishing Festival and the Authors on Eighth Writers Tour.



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SUBARCTIC WINTER GAMES



KICKSLED RACING

Kicksleds are getting pretty popular, and we can't believe this hasn't been turned into a competitive event yet. There could be short sprint races as well as long distance events ... carrying a passenger.

TUESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 21, 2023. Grid of TV channels and programs from 5:00 to 1:30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 22, 2023. Grid of TV channels and programs from 5:00 to 1:30.

WEEKDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 23, 2023 TO MARCH 1, 2023. Grid of TV channels and programs from 8:00 to 4:30.

THURSDAY EVENING FEBRUARY 23, 2023. Grid of TV channels and programs from 5:00 to 1:30.

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SUBARCTIC WINTER GAMES logo with a stylized mountain and moon.

OUTHOUSE RACE No, this wouldn't be like the touristy event the KVA holds every summer where racers carry an outhouse. Instead, this competition would involve seeing how fast you can get to an outhouse, 50 yards away, undress, pitch a loaf, and get back to the starting line. Did we mention it would be held at -40C?



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TANDEM BUNDLING

Winter is a time for bundling up. This would be a pairs event where a couple would be timed to see how fast they can don boots, snow pants, coat, neck warmer, hat, and gloves (not necessarily in that order) plus get a coat and four booties on their dog.

Main TV schedule table with columns for dates (FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 24, 2023, SATURDAY MORNING-AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 25, 2023, SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25, 2023, SUNDAY MORNING-AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 26, 2023) and rows for channels (2) through (44) with program titles and times.

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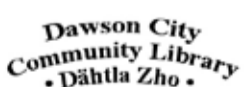
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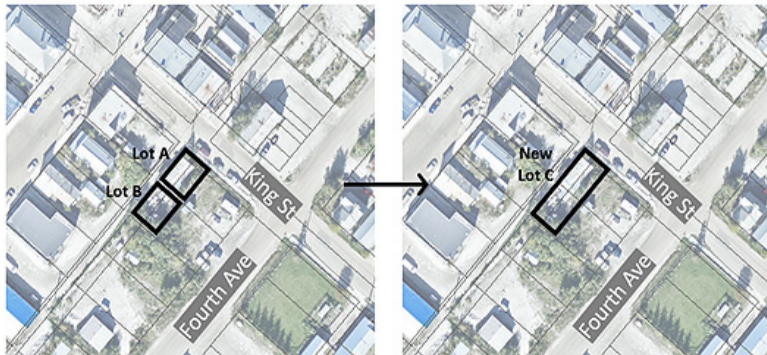


## Notice of Public Hearing Subdivision Application



Date: February 15, 2023  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Subject Property: Westerly Portions, Lots 11 and 12  
Ladue Estate, Plan #8338  
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall  
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