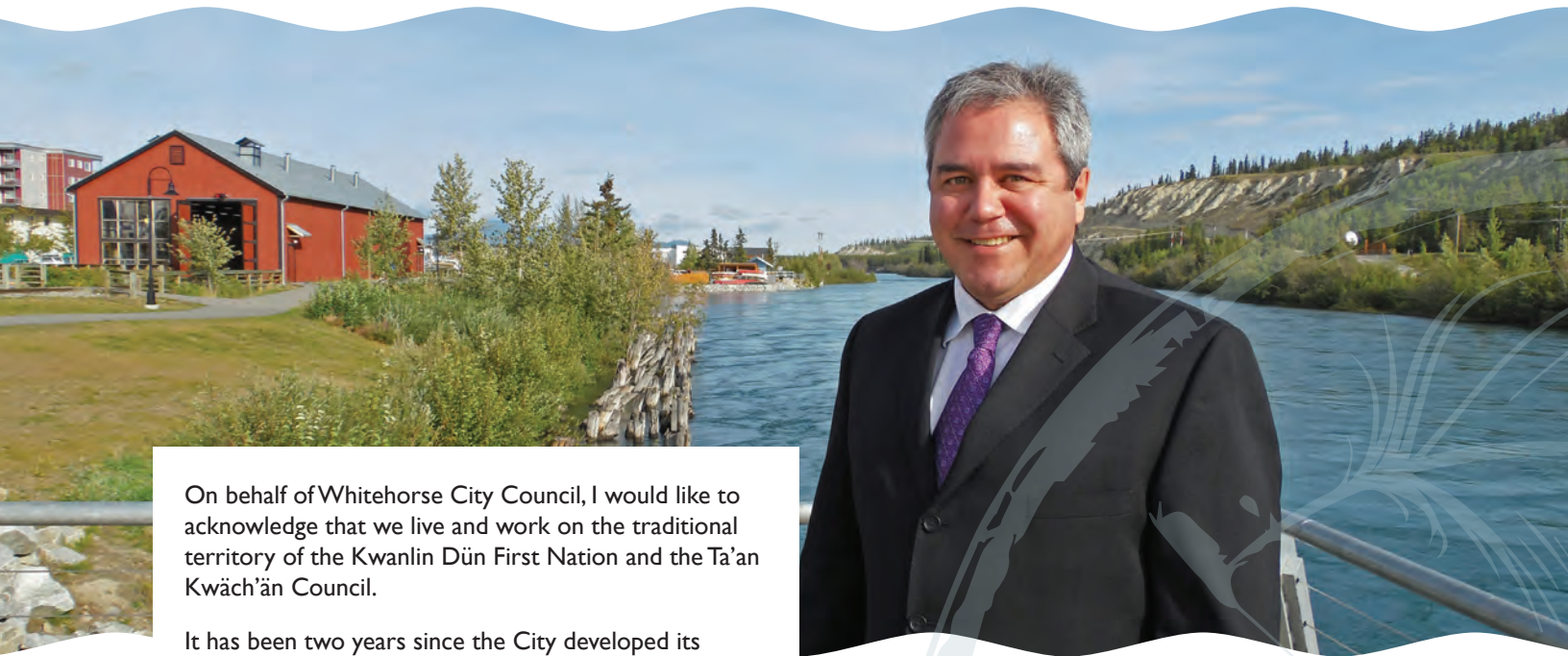




MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



On behalf of Whitehorse City Council, I would like to acknowledge that we live and work on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

It has been two years since the City developed its Action Plan addressing several of the Truth and Reconciliation's 94 Calls to Action. It raises the question: what actions has the City taken so far?

I am very pleased with the progress City Council and our staff have made during that time. Reconciliation is a journey, and we understand that. We recognize the lasting impact that Canada's Residential Schools has left on members of our community, their families and friends. We cannot change what happened in the past but we can continue to build relationships and come together to build a better future for us all.

When the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report we knew that we had to take action in healing those affected in our community. I know there is still work to be done, but I am satisfied with the progress we have made since we first announced our Action Plan.

Not only have we worked hard on specific calls, we have also undertaken a variety of other initiatives that we are very proud of.

The legacy of the treatment towards First Nations is a shameful mark in our nation's history. We also recognize that reconciliation is much more than words, it's about

understanding the past and changing practices that lead to better relationships with our First Nations partners and citizens.

We will continue to work with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council to ensure that our bylaws and policies will not have a negative impact on their communities, and that more support be given to the recognition of their cultural significance to the City of Whitehorse.

I want to thank the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council for participating in this long-overdue process. We are committed to real change, and a brighter future begins today.

Mayor Dan Curtis

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF DORIS BILL

It is inspiring to reflect on the journey that's taken us to where we stand today. Together we are building and strengthening a relationship based on community, recognition and respect.

There is no doubt that generations of Kwanlin Dün and Yukon First Nations people have faced challenges, heartbreaking struggle and suffering along the banks of Chu Ninkwän, just downriver from Kwanlin, in the place we today call Whitehorse. The effects of this struggle can be seen to this day and must never be forgotten. But the future is ours to make.

Today represents a historic opportunity. Through our modern-day treaties and in the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action, our citizens and governments will together define the path forward. This partnership, based on respect and recognition, will help shape the lives of those who live on and share this land for generations to come. It is up to all of us to determine what happens next.

As we move forward together, we must not be afraid to try new things or to take risks. The Final and Self-Government Agreements are a perfect example of what can happen when we take that leap into the unknown. Reconciliation is about both healing relationships and forming partnerships. It does not mean we will agree on

everything; it is a collective approach, a willingness to try, and the realization that we are all stronger when we work in unison.

I am proud of what the City of Whitehorse and Kwanlin Dün First Nation have accomplished over the past four years and, alongside the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, I'm proud to formalize our relationship. This community belongs to all of us. As partners, we each bring something unique to the table. This declaration is our commitment to work, learn and thrive with one another.

It is now time to learn from those who walked here before us and to put the past in its place. It is time to heal and rejuvenate proud and resilient First Nation traditions, teachings, languages, cultures, heritage and identities. It's time to become strong again and to share this strength with our neighbours.

In the spirit of reconciliation, let us agree to move forward together and make this community better than it has ever been before.

Kwanlin Dün First Nation
Chief Doris Bill

MESSAGE FROM CHIEF KRISTINA KANE

Dännc'h'a!

As one of the founding Nations along with Kwanlin Dün First Nation in the area of present-day Whitehorse, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council has seen our relationship with the City of Whitehorse grow over the past few years. In recent times, we have been pleased to see the City of Whitehorse recognize the First Nations' roots in the area through increased signage, intergovernmental meetings, events, and most recently, the signing of a *Declaration of Commitment* between the three governments.

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council would like to recognize the efforts of the City of Whitehorse to support reconciliation with Yukon First Nations through newly

strengthened relationships. The benefits to Ta'an Kwäch'än Council citizens include promotion of our artists and our language, increased information exchange, and greater recognition of our Nation. Strong partnerships with other governments can lead to new opportunities and benefits that one cannot achieve on their own. We look forward to continuing to find new opportunities to collaborate and to continue to build and strengthen our relationship with the City of Whitehorse.

Shaw Nithan

Ta'an Kwäch'än Council
Chief Kristina Kane

CITY OF WHITEHORSE ACTION PLAN



In April 2015, in partnership with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, the City hosted a “Vulnerable People at Risk” Forum. At this event the participants were reminded of the legacy of residential schools and the impact they had on many First Nation families and the community. On June 2nd, 2015 the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released the Final Report and Calls to Action to all levels of government and the parties to the Settlement Agreement. The City acknowledged the TRC Final Report at a Special Council meeting on September 28th, 2015. The City’s Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination advisory committee also recommended the City add its voice to the call for a National Inquiry on Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Girls and Women. In May 2016, the City released an Action Plan that addresses several of the TRC’s 94 Calls to Action.

CALLS TO ACTION

3 We call upon all levels of government to fully implement Jordan’s Principle.

Action: Facility Age Guidelines are under review and we expect completion by end of 2018. Recreation and Facility staff sit on the Community Safety Committee that has connected us to community groups, including First Nations. A portion of the meetings focus on First Nation groups and safety.

17 We call upon all levels of government to enable residential school survivors and their families to reclaim names changed by the residential school system, by waiving administrative costs for a period of 5 years for the name change process and the revision of official identity documents.

Action: The City committed to not charging administrative costs for name changes. A letter from Mayor Curtis to First Nations Chiefs notified them of this initiative.

43 We call upon all levels of government to fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as the framework for reconciliation.

Action: A letter was sent from Mayor Curtis to MP Bagnell and the Yukon Premier about the City being willing to participate in initiatives undertaken by the higher orders of government related to this call.

57 We call upon all levels of government to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples.

Action: The City made it mandatory for staff to complete the Yukon First Nations 101 course offered by the Yukon College. So far, 183 employees have completed the course.

75 We call upon all levels of government, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried.

Action: We advised Yukon Government and the Federal Government that the City was willing to participate where it may have a role.

76 We call upon the parties engaged in the work of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries to adopt strategies in accordance with Aboriginal protocols.

Action: We ensured input was received from First Nations governments regarding Cemetery Bylaw changes.

77 We call upon provincial, territorial, municipal and community archives to work collaboratively with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation to identify and collect copies of all records relevant to the history and legacy of the residential school system.

Action: The City has offered to send information it may have related to cemetery records and land ownership records.

82 We call upon provincial and territorial governments, in collaboration with survivors and their organizations, and other parties to the Settlement Agreement, to commission and install a Residential Schools Monument in each capital city.

Action: A meeting was held with a collective of Whitehorse church leaders, where they indicated they were working with First Nation leadership to determine an appropriate monument. Leaders indicated they were willing to take on fundraising.

88 We call upon all levels of government to take action to ensure long-term Aboriginal athlete development and growth, and continued support for the North American Indigenous Games.

Action: We continue to work with Yukon Aboriginal Sports Circle to develop Drop-in Activities at the Canada Games Centre (CGC). In the fall, Lacrosse and hopefully Arctic Sports resume as programs at the CGC.

92 We call upon the corporate sector in Canada to adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a reconciliation framework and to apply its principles, norms and standards to corporate policy and core operational activities involving Indigenous peoples and their lands and resources.

Action: We have developed a great working relationship with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council; we developed a First Nation-inspired bus wrap in collaboration with Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the Yukon First Nation Culture and Tourism Association.

OTHER CITY INITIATIVES



Proclamation that National Indigenous History Month is in June

At the June 11th, 2018 City Council meeting, Mayor Curtis proclaimed June 2018 to be National Indigenous History Month in the City of Whitehorse, recognizing the history of First Nations, Inuit and Metis as essentially the very history of our country.

E-mail signatures

City of Whitehorse employees will adopt a new e-mail signature in which it is acknowledged that we live and work in the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

Southern Tutchone on Welcome to Whitehorse signs

In early 2018, Whitehorse City Council voted unanimously to add Southern Tutchone to the Welcome to Whitehorse signs at the top of Robert Service Way, and the Two Mile Hill.

Southern Tutchone on stop signs in the McIntyre subdivision

In late 2015, Southern Tutchone was added to stop signs in the McIntyre subdivision and on Swan and Crow Roads, as part of a partnership with the City of Whitehorse.

Bus shelters

In early 2015, Kwanlin Dün First Nation partnered with the City of Whitehorse to feature artwork at three bus shelters. The artwork is an interpretation of the Kwanlin Dün Wolf and Crow clans, created by Kwanlin Dün First Nation artist Justin Smith.

Spay and neuter

Bylaw Services partnered with Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Humane Society to organize a Paws and Claws event, where pets were spayed and neutered, immunized with rabies and other shots, micro-chipped and given lifetime dog licenses.



Annual meetings

The City of Whitehorse has held intergovernmental forums with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation, and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council in 2014, 2016 and 2017.

Vulnerable Peoples Forum

The Vulnerable Peoples Forum was held in April 2015 and was followed by a business roundtable in September of the same year. From the input and ideas suggested at these meetings the Safe at Home plan was created.

Declaration of Commitment

In late 2016, Kwanlin Dün First Nation approached the City with a suggestion that Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council and the City enter into a written Declaration of Commitment between the parties. The purpose of the initiative is to further strengthen the relationship of the three governments and is based on an example from another Canadian municipality. The Declaration was signed by all three parties on June 19th, 2018.

Call for national inquiry

In June 2014, Whitehorse City Council voted unanimously to call for a national inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada.

TRC recommendations

In September 2015, First Nations leaders and elders attended a special city council meeting to acknowledge and recognize the Truth and Reconciliation report.

Full day at Kwanlin (Miles Canyon) and the S.S. Klondike with KDFN

In July 2017, City of Whitehorse officials learned about the history of the Kwanlin and the Whitehorse waterfront areas, and had a barbeque at the end of the day.

Millennial Town Hall

In February 2018, Mayor Curtis participated in the Millennial Town Hall, where he and other leaders took questions from youth on issues ranging from drugs to homelessness to mental wellness.

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