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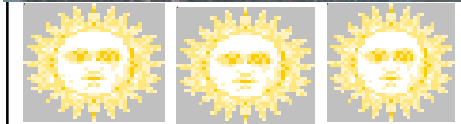
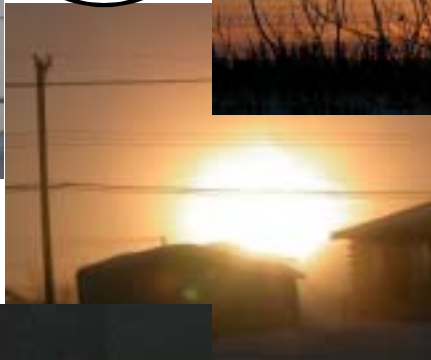


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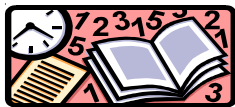
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Happy New Year everyone. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Christmas Season and a joyous New Year. All students reported to have a great Christmas at home, and everyone arrived back at school safe and sound and on time.

The temperatures here in Whitehorse, YT have been frigid for the first part of January, which may be a good thing as the students all have exams coming up, so the cold weather may encourage them to stay indoors and study.

Exams

Exam week started on January 24th, 2005 and went until February 3, 2005 for the grade 12 students. All other students should be finished exams by Friday, January 28th, 2005. Giving them Monday January 31st, 2005 off school (they may have more days off than that depending on their exam schedule.) All grade eight students will be finished on January 25th, 2005 so grade eights will have January 26th, 2005 – January 31st, 2005 off school. The first day of classes for all grades is February 01st, 2005. Some grade 12's will still be writing exams, but will not be marked absent from class if that is the case. The reason for this is because grades 12 departmental is administered by the British Columbia Department of Education and we overlap this year. This was an accident and The Yukon Government Department of Education is working to rectify the situation.

The VGFN Education Department has received funding from Crime Prevention Yukon to offer CPR

to our High School Students. So I would encourage any interested students who wish to receive their CPR to please come and see myself and we can look at sponsoring you to take CPR. LOOKS GREAT ON YOUR RESUME, AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU MAY NEED CPR!

I am currently in the process of planning an Education Fair in Old Crow for late winter early spring; I will keep the community posted on that. I am trying to organize several Education Institutions to come to Old Crow, as well as other partners in Education to present to people what is available out there and how people can reach their Educational goals.

On January 25th, 2005 the Education Working Group met at The Department of Education here in Whitehorse to continue our discussions and implement the Strategic Plan for Education in Old Crow, YT. This group is working extremely hard to implement positive changes within Education in our community.

All this cold weather is making me really think about spring! LOL. Just a reminder Spring Break is two weeks long this year for our students it commences March 21st, and school resumes on April 4th, 2005. Students will be flying home on Friday March 18th, 2005. What a good long break for the Students this year. IF YOU HAVE DIFFERENT PLANS FOR YOUR CHILD PLEASE LET MYSELF KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, so that we don't book their ticket home for the 18th of March by mistake.

There is quite a bit happening over Spring Break, Skookum Jim Friendship Centre is offering an "Out On The Land"

camp and is for youth ages 10-14 years of age. It will run from 9am – 4pm daily, and is a culture camp. Transportation will be provided. They will also offer a Spring Break Arts and Craft Camp again for youth ages 10-14 years of age, from 9am – 3pm. For more information or to register, call Nyla Klugie or myself at 867-633-7684.

Other workshops of interest are: March 5th & March 19, 2005 Winterland Adventures, with Jeff Luehmann. This will include sledding, snowmobile etc. Is for ages 10-16 years old from 12pm-4pm. This too is being offered by Skookum Jim Friendship Centre. Again contact Nyla Klugie or myself for registration information.

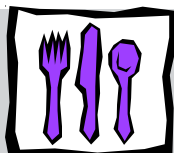
The F.H. Collins First Nation Basketball Team is hoping to come to Old Crow over Easter to play basketball and get out on the land. In addition to this, they would like to do a basketball clinic. Please stay posted for the dates and times of this trip.

In closing, I would like to congratulate my supervisor, Tracy Kassi as well as Mary Jane Moses on their trip to Norway to present their film "Imprints of our Ancestors" at the International Film Festival in Norway. Way to go! All your hard work is paying off. Good luck and safe travels.

Until next month, I hope everyone is doing well and staying warm. Take Care and feel free to contact myself with any questions or concerns you may have concerning the students or education.



Mabel Tetlich
CELCA Area - I



Good day every one.

For the month of January, VGFN has been providing a Hot Lunch Program every Friday. I would like to thank the parents who volunteer their time. Parents are welcome to volunteer and have lunch with their children.

The indoor culture activities take place every Wednesday and Friday. Under the elder program, Hannah Netro teaches

grades 6-9 girls sewing. At the moment they are sewing mitts. Gloria Nukon teaches grades 4 & 5 girls sewing. Their project is small, such as: necklace, earrings etc... Derek Kapuschak teaches grades 4 –9 boys industrial arts, such as carving, painting etc. Mary Tizya teaches traditional cooking to all grades. I would like to thank our resource people for teaching the students.

I have elders come into the school at a teacher's request, when students are working on component relating to

weather, trapping etc. Since the weather has been so cold a lot of the outdoor culture activities has been cancelled until the weather warms up.

The Homework Tutor teacher is Vaughn Slade, who is available to tutor your child in their homework or help student study. To make arrangements call 966-3151.

Thought for the day – Children is life's miracle, listen to your children and stand firm with pride. Until next time.

Melissa Valja

Natural Resources Planner

I will talk about some of the happenings from the past two months. It's been a busy time and in the middle of it Derrick and I were able to visit my family in Ontario for the holidays. It was really nice to be around family, and now they have plans to visit Old Crow next summer!

The Natural Resources Department took part in a couple of meetings via conference call.

First Nations Environmental Stewardship Committee (FNESC)

There was a one year pilot program for Environmental training for First Nations through Yukon College. It was really successful and the coordinators are planning to expand it into a longer program where students will then be ready to enter Renewable Resource programs.

Aboriginal Northern Communities Action Plan (ANCAP)

This committee has been in the process of defining its role and its relationship with the Pathfinder (who was here for the Climate Change Workshop). Energy Baselines are currently being done in four First Nation's communities, and

will wrap up by March 31. Old Crow will somehow take part in this process in the near future.

Climate Change Workshop

Last week VGFN Natural Resources department, NYRRC and CYFN Circumpolar Relations Department hosted this event. I would like to follow up with a newsletter with articles about each of the presenters and what community members said.

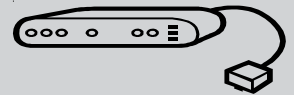
We were able to offer honorariums to all the elders that live in Old Crow. Invitations were delivered by two students (Chantal and Brandie) who were hired for project assistance. The elders honorarium was a very special and rare thing that we were able to offer to acknowledge the life long experience of so many. It does not mean that future events will be able to have the same offer, but that for this time only we were happy to make special invitations to so many. Chantal and Brandie made a wonderful computer presentation about Climate Change, and really showed what a good PowerPoint presentation looks like.

At the school the students were very busy learning about climate change and I would like to give a big congratulations

to the students for their well-researched posters. Also, a big thank-you to Elsie Hume's class for attending the workshop for two afternoons. Your presence was awesome, and I think it really made everyone appreciate the work we need to do. Speaking of which, a Climate Change Working Group was formed. If you are interested in being a part of this, the first meeting is scheduled for Monday Feb. 7 at 6pm (VGFN Office). Please look out in case there is a change in scheduling.

A big thank-you goes out to Cindy Dickson, Keith Maguire and Alisa Kelly of CYFN for all their hard work and organizing, Bev with the RRC who took part in organizing things on this end with me, Bertha and Louise who provided excellent catering, Jimmy for driving the bus, Tammy for her work with the students and volunteering at the event, anyone else that helped in some way and made the event turn out with such positive energy, those who took work off to attend, and to our presenters from out of town. Remember I will be soon creating a newsletter/ report all about the workshop.

Mahsi-cho.



Megan Williams

Heritage Manager

Visitor Reception Centre

The plans for the exhibits in the Old Crow Visitor Reception Centre are progressing. On January 25th we met with the detailed designer to review the proposed exhibit plans for the Centre. There are eight exhibits. The text development is taking place concurrently with the exhibit design. Parks Canada's design specialist coordinates all three governments input in to the exhibits. This is the most time consuming part of this project as we deal with the details of getting the information and items necessary for an excellent exhibit area.

Summer Students

Funding for summer students, as with funding for many heritage programs, will not be confirmed until after the end of the fiscal year. We hope to involve as many young people as possible in the sum-

mer heritage work but it will depend on our success in finding funding for this. Student Training and Employment Program funding has been confirmed for one post secondary student in the position of Heritage Assistant.

Cultural Geography Project

The main focus areas for this project right now are the publishable manuscript, educational material production, place name map production, report and proposal writing, and logistical planning for the next year.

Language Activities

Details regarding language activities run by the Heritage Department are covered in the Heritage Researcher's report. Everyone is welcome to take part in these free workshops and classes which are always full of laughter. Suggestions are always appreciated for ways we can work to preserve and promote the Gwich'in language.

Researchers

In March archaeologist Ray LeBlanc will be coming to Old Crow to do a presentation to the community on his work at Rat Indian Creek last summer. The crew found five house pits at the site and spent thirty days excavating them. Ray's presentation will cover the work from last summer at Rat Indian Creek and previous archaeological work from this area.

Palaeontologist John Storer has also been invited to come to Old Crow this



spring to do a presentation on the Beringian mammals from this area, including the woolly mammoth.

There are many other researchers who have applied to work in the VGFN traditional territory during the summer of 2005. These applications are currently under review and will be confirmed by the end of the month.

Mary Jane Moses
Heritage Researcher

Reserch

The beginning of this new year started off with researching information related to the Dempster Highway land uses. This information is needed for a brochure type document that is being put together by the Trondek Hwechin, Nacho Nyak Dun, Tetlit Gwich'in and Vuntut Gwitchin First Nations. This informational brochure will highlight information about some key land use areas, place names etc. for VGFN and the other respective first nations. I enjoyed going back into the interviews that were done some years ago about the Dempster Highway, VGFN land usage project by Erin Sherry. There are a lot of interesting stories that were shared by our Elders and by VGFN land users in the younger and middle age category. I always am intrigued by storytelling of our people. Stories are a natural part of who we are. It is through listening to these and other stories that we find out about our rich cultural and traditional heritage, about our land, waters and traditional uses, of survival and sustenance, of traditional knowledge, values and teachings. This is where we learn about our strong spiritual connection to our whole ecosystem, in living as one with the land and animals.

Filming

On January 14, I left to Whitehorse along with Co-director, Tracy Kassi on our journey to attend the Tromso International Film



Festival being held in Tromso, Norway from January 18-23, 2005. On January 15th, we left from Whitehorse for Vancouver with a six hour stopover before heading off for London Heathro Airport, a nine hour flight overseas. From London we caught the flight to Oslo, Norway, then on the last leg of the trip, finally got to Tromso, Norway, a city of approximately 54,000 people. This was my first ever international trip and it was an eye opener. I had a good guide, Tracy, she filled me in on what to expect, what to do etc. Apparently, I did very well traveling and am very grateful to her for "showing me the way." Our film entitled "Imprints of Our Ancestors, Parts 1 & 2" was screened on January 18 & 19/05. As Film Directors we were given the opportunity to introduce our films and while we had that chance we mentioned our need to protect the calving grounds of

Porcupine caribou herd. I was indeed honoured to be at the Tromso International Film Festival! The second screening had more people in attendance. We had good applause afterwards. This was very emotional for Tracy and I. A lady from the Sami nation approached us afterwards and gave us excellent feedback. That was my highlight, wanting to meet someone from the Sami people and to shake their hand. The lady told us "that finally Indigenous people are making films about their own people" She was impressed and congratulated us on our accomplishments with our film. Wow! Thank you to David Moen of Tromso International Film Festival for selecting our film for screening at such a world-wide event. Mahsi Choo to our travel funders for making this once in a lifetime trip possible.

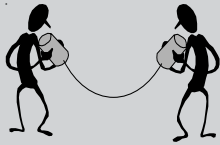
Reminders

To the general public that those interested can attend Gwich'in classes every Thursday evening at 6:30 pm at the college till March 31st. So mark your calendars and plan to be there and don't miss out on a grand opportunity to learn the Gwich'in language. Another reminder is about the Babiche Making Teachings, this traditional skills event happens every Saturday back

at the tents. Please come and help out if you can. We'll be happy to see you! The days are getting longer and warmer, so come on out to the tents, bring your cup, the tea is always on.



Glenna Tetlich
Councilor /
Director Health &
Social Programs



Greeting to all! Considering the cold temperatures it's great to see the beautiful sunshine, and that we are blessed with almost everyday. There is so much to be grateful for.

The Health & Social Department continues to work towards developing and coordinating programs that will help members build a more independent and healthy life style, this is done in a number of ways. A one month program called "Continuing the Road to Joy and Self Discovery" is in progress at the Alice Frost Community College. This program

will give individuals skills that will help them to move forward and live a more fulfilling life style. The two facilitators are Leslie Williamson and Jayne Taylor who are Vuntut Gwitchin. I had the privilege of participating in their workshop for the past couple of days and am thrilled about what they have to offer.

The Pre-treatment and Aftercare programs are ongoing for those that would like support. We recently had a "Parenting Workshop" at the community hall. This was very rewarding. A lot of interest was shown from the community.

Those that are interested in the drum making workshop and learning traditional songs, may sign up with Gladys Netro or myself. This will take place from Febru-

ary 9-16th. We are looking at evening and weekend sessions for those that work during the day.

There will be some amendments to the SA policy and delivery of the program. Community members will be informed of the changes which will be done over time.

I would like to encourage the community members to participate in these programs when they do come up. It never hurts to learn new skills that will only enhance your lives. With the sun and the warm weather coming upon us, we are looking at the possibility of a winter/spring trip out on the land somewhere. Keep tuned and we shall keep you posted on upcoming programs.

Wade Meszaros
Community Wellness Counselor

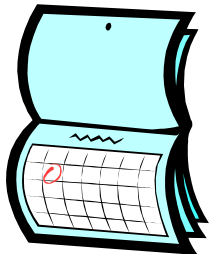
I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! My first experience in living in -40 weather for such a long spell. I think it's helping to toughen me up!

January has been busy with catching up on phone calls, emails and projects that have accumulated over the holidays.

Marla Kaye and I have been working on the "Stop Smoking Strategy" that Health Canada has funded.

We have developed a Calendar for Old Crow with some very special pictures of people and places that are important to everyone. I would like to take this time to make an apology to anyone that I or Marla were unable to contact in asking permission to use these pictures. Once I found out that I needed permission to use some pictures the Calendar was al-

ready out at the printers. Thank you for your understanding and I ensure you I will not let that happen again. The Calendar will be distributed by the end of this month. If you do not get one by early February please call me at my office (966-3418) and I will make sure you get one.



We are also developing a brochure that will be distributed to all households explaining the dangers of smoking and second hand smoke.

I will give a brief report on my attendance at the Children's Act Revision Forum #1 next month as well as the Health Commissions Director meeting.

If there is anything I can do to help, please do not hesitate in calling me and we can set up a time to meet confidentially. Mahsi Cho!

Gladys Netro
Social Administrator

Aboriginal Healing Fund

The Aboriginal Healing Foundation (AHF) has provided VGFN with funds to offer healing programs. There is a program happening at the Alice Frost Campus from January 25th - February 18th. Please encourage the participants and make welcome the facilitators Leslie and Jayne, who are Vuntut Gwitchin. It's an honor to have them come home with skills that are so valuable. The AHF budget has a few more dollars, please watch for the next short projects! The AHF funds come to a close at the end of April.

Social Assistance

People that are on Social Assistance were encouraged to attend, however not everyone felt they needed to be part of the group. The numbers of recipients were up, as normal in December and January.

Wood and Fuel Program

The wood program needs more wood! Thank you to those that sold us the cords we needed. This year the wood program ends at the end of March, as we started it a month earlier this year.

Mahsi cho!



Loretta Itsi
Home & Community Care
Coordinator



The Home & Community Care program will run a hot lunch program every second Friday. The lunch will be held at the hall for all community members to attend free of charge. Elders will be transported to and from the Community Hall.

All adult care workers are now under the Home and Community Care program.

First aid/ CPR course will be available to these workers February 5th & 6th from 9:30 to 5:00. All workers are encouraged to attend this very important course.

Elders tea will begin again Wednesday February 2nd at the Health Centre. The Home & Community Care van will be available to transport elders to and from the Health Centre. We will also have the Elders tea at the Health Centre when the doctor is here. We will let you know the dates.

Until then all take care!

Esau Schafer
Councilor

Hello to all community members we are back to our newsletters of the new year, I wish you all good health for the new year. Today our young generation brings their strength to let us know of their issues and that is very important that we communicate with them for the future well being of this community.

On January 18th /19 Government Service Department held a housing symposium with the members of VGFN. I feel

Harold Frost
Housing Manager

Here's my report for Jan, 2005. The on-going projects are coming along. There are five houses beening worked on, #'s 949, 835, 230, 887, 315. Four of the houses are near completion, the rough-in plumbing has been done, and the units have been paneled, ceilings are in, and flooring is done.

The electrician came on Jan 24, 2005 and was here until Jan 28, 2005. These projects are schedule to be done by end of march, 2005.

Barry Drury
Director, Government Services

Greetings to all from VGFN Government Services and Housing Department.

I would like to thank all who attended and participated in the frank and lively discussions during your housing symposium January 18 and 19th.

Your concerns and recommendations will be considered as we make plans for the upcoming year and further.

Your Housing Committee is studying the information that was provided by you and a full report will be made available as soon as possible.

The report will contain possible solutions, and added comments based on your questions and recommendations, that will enable continued discussion.

We will present the report at a public meeting as soon as possible.

Also the housing committee and GS/Housing wishes to discuss at a public

this is a start of healing and working together, planning and finding solutions to the problem of housing issues that we face for the many years to come. This will be a start to provide infrastructure and housing to the community of Old Crow. To develop policies and procedures that reflects fairness and equality. Develop a physical community land use plan that will guide the growth of this community. Development of the Housing Committee and authority to guide the development of the housing policies for the future. The past people that worked within

Also there was one RRAP application that was approved and this goes to unit # 605. This is for emergency repair only!

The Housing Symposium was held on Jan 18-19, 2005. This meeting went very well. The two days consisted of community concerns and issues. Some of the primary concerns were costs of rent, rent to own, cost over run, and the homeownership issues!

There was also the issue of homeownership responsibility to O&M and the maintenance of the building.

There was talk on how or if there is any way that we could bring material costs

meeting specifically Resolutions 15 and 16 from last August GA.

Resolution 15 -That the General Assembly directs the VGFN to: 1. Amend the housing policy to provide the opportunity for Old Crow citizens, who occupy units managed by the VGFN, to rent-to-own or purchase the units from the VGFN so that they can own and maintain their own homes; 2. Deal with the rent-to-own and purchase price of the housing units on a case-by-case basis that take into account the various federal and territorial funding programs that have been used to renovate, add on or fix the specific units.

Resolution 16 - Therefore be it resolved: That VGFN government hold a housing summit in the community of Old Crow to deal with recovering cost overruns and the fair and equitable collection of rent and to deal with the overall housing.

From the housing symposium, we

this department of Government Services have all done a great job in servicing you and working hard making projects happen each year.

In Government Services we have staff working very hard each day to provide services, Barry Drury as our Director, Harold Frost as our Housing manager, Ronald Frost as our Project Manager and our Secretary Tracy Bruce.

We have workers on the new houses and I see these young men doing a great job. Having pride in their positions. Keep up the good work.

down as the freight in some cases, is over the material costs.

These were suggestions in regard to one operation, to seriously look at opening the winter road!

There will be a review report on the symposium which we can put on the web site.

There is some funding remaining in the RRAP budget through CMHC. This is for a maximum of three projects for consideration.

If there are still Community Concerns and Issues re: housing please drop this off in writing at the office. Mahsi!

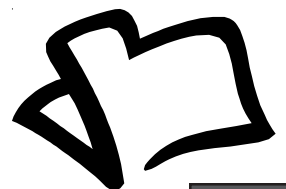
touched on portions of the resolutions, however we feel a specific meeting is required to provide clear direction on these issues.

GS/Housing has three Rural Remote Repairs - RRAP, projects to complete as we have just been notified by CMHC that funding is available.

Also through earlier proposals to INAC by Dorothy Frost, GS/Housing is allocated again in 2005, \$200,000.00 from INAC, to upgrade at least five washrooms in Old Crow. We will be starting these projects as soon as possible.

We look forward to receiveing your comments or suggestions at any time. Please feel free to come into our offices and have a chat any time.

Mahsi



Catherine Mwenda
Director of Finance

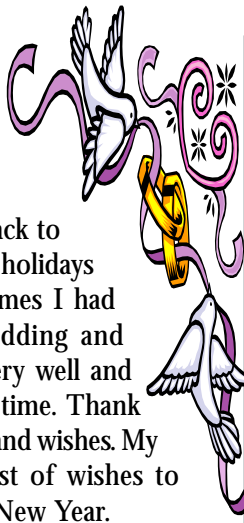
It is good to be back to Old Crow after my holidays and all the festive times I had back home. My wedding and honeymoon went very well and we had a wonderful time. Thank you for your prayers and wishes. My family sends the best of wishes to each of you for the New Year.

My husband will be coming to visit Old Crow for a few months from mid February. I sure hope the weather will have warmed up by then since he has been working in a remote community in Kenya where the temperature was +40C most of the time. It will be a big change for him, but I am sure he will enjoy his visit.

Work

January has started off on a busy note as we get the CCRA 2004 year-end work done. It is also the time we start getting ready for our fiscal year end and doing work plans for the next fiscal year. The coming three months will be extremely busy here in finance, please be patient with us.

A big thank you to Barbara, Ida and Majida for the good work they did during my absence. Keep warm.



Ida Tizya
Finance Payroll Clerk

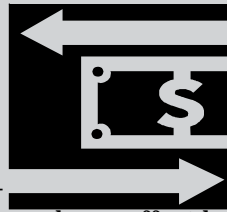
Hello to Everyone
I hope that everyone had a great holiday and start off with a great New Year. I would like to welcome Catherine back to Old Crow after spending time with her family and friends in Kenya over the holidays. Also on her special day.

January was a busy month for me trying to get caught up with some work that I left during the holidays. I'm enjoying the work that I do at the finance department and so far everything is going well for me.

It's good to see the senior class participate in the workshops that the community has here in Old Crow. This year the students at Chief Zzeh Gittlet School did a great job performing their concert in Gwitchin Language.

This is all until the next report in February

Have yourself a nice day.



Donna Frost
Employment & Training Officer

Good Day to one and all.
Well, it's nice to be back in the office. After the holidays everyone has to get back into their routines, which is kind of hard.

There was hiring of the Wildlife Monitor for Eagle Plains. Congratulations to Harvey Kassi for being the successful applicant. To those who did not get the position, please don't let it discourage you for applying for more opportunities within the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation.

Meagan Garrett has been hired as the Remedial Tutor for the Chief Zzeh Gittlet School. The best of luck to her in the new position.

The position of Natural Resources Land Manager has been posted again. There will be the hiring of this position sometime this month.

William Smith will be taking the Pre-employment Floorhand Training in Nisku Alberta. This course is seven days in duration. This will help find employment within the Oil & Gas Industry. The best of luck to him on the course.

That's all I have to say for the month of January. So take care everyone and stay warm. Mahsi Cho!

Majida Lord
Accounts Receivable



Happy New Year To All! Well it's nice to be back and busy at work, after a long and nice rest during the holiday season. Awesome job to all the students, for a very memorable Christmas concert, the best ever.

I was fortunate to take an Accpac course with Dana Naye Ventures in December that has helped allot with the work I do in finance. With our year-end approaching us, we'll be busier than usual.

In closing I would like to congratulate Catherine again our newest bride, and welcome her back to work. And wish everyone good health and keep warm.

Tracy Marie Bruce
Housing Assistant

Happy New Years to all!
I hope everyone had a very nice holiday! It is good to be back in the office and working again. As we are starting off a new year, I wish everyone well.

I would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Housing Symposium on January 18 & 19, 2005. It was a busy two days for us here in the Department, but was well worth it! We got a lot of information from the people and once again, Thank You!

I have just been doing my filing and catching up on some work that I have missed for a few days. I am doing well in the office as usual.

That is all I have for this months report. Hope you all have a good day! Mahsi Cho!

Check out the Moon!



Susan Drury
Acting Director, Human Resources

Hello, everyone!

I arrived in Old Crow the first of February to work in the Human Resources Department until the end of June 2005. I've been 'borrowed' from Yukon College in Whitehorse, where I've worked since 1984, mainly as Administrative Officer in the Developmental Studies Department.

I'm happy to be in Old Crow, not only because my husband, Barry Drury, is here, but also to return to life in a small community set in beautiful surroundings.

As soon as I arrived, I was immersed in the strategic planning sessions attended by other VGFN staff. The discussions in these sessions allowed me to gain a valuable insight into the vision, values and goals of the Vuntut Gwitchin. The experience was very positive.

My work in the HR department includes filling positions for Natural Resources Manager, and Recreation Assistant; updating job descriptions; updating personnel policies; creating procedures; working with the Human Resources Committee; and organizing staff training.

I welcome my co-workers to see me regarding any HR matter, and I encourage those who want employment with VGFN to ask about work opportunities.

Mahsi Cho

Tammy Josie
Computer Support Technician

Voicemail

As everyone is aware by now, VGG now has Voicemail. It was installed in late November and December. All staff were trained. I still ask that everyone be patient with VGFN while we familiarize ourselves with this new software, Mahsi.

Travel

On Wednesday December 8th, 2004, I was out of Office on vacation with my family, returned to office on Monday, December 13th, 2004 and in that afternoon.

Photographs

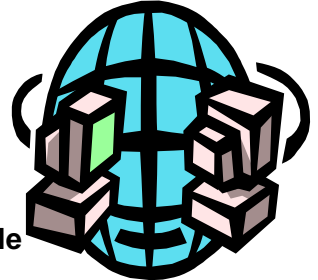
December is always exciting with the School Concert, Jail'n'Bail, and the VG open house. I took a lot of pictures which were displayed on Old Crow's Website over the holidays. I hope everyone got a chance to view them. Our Jail'n'Bail im-



ages are still up! To find the School Concert page look in the Archives section on the main menu. Also this month, I sent four pictures down to Andrea MacMullin in Oklahoma where their local TV station broadcasts weather from Old Crow, Canada! KOTV featured two of my pictures on air and Andrea has just received a copy of that days weather forecast! Is currently on it's way to us. The weatherman stated "You think we got it cold, look at Old Crow" and two of my pictures were shown for a minute at -51 Fahrenheit!

I would just like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone that I had missed so far! I had spent my holidays in Fairbanks, Alaska with family and had a great time over there.

Mahsi Cho for reading my January Report and have a wonderful month.



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Web Portal

CYFN Information Systems is hosting a Web Portal meeting in Whitehorse. A web portal is similar to a regular web page on the Internet but may have superior features such as allowing user-specific customizable pages. Tammy Josie, VGFN IS Employee and Ron Daub, Vuntut Development Corp. Executive Director, will be attending this meeting. We will have more to say on this in the next newsletter.

Information Sharing Strategy

The IS department is currently working on a strategy for sharing information between VG employees. That is, the sharing of documents, departmental goals, policies and procedures, to name a few. Stored electronically and with the "at the tip of your fingers" concept, employees will be able to access this information through their web browser.

...and
the sun
returns
to the
North!

