

# TULITA MAY NEWS

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## TULITA NEWSLETTER WOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE A GREAT DAY.

Most of the information in the newsletter is taken from Wikipedia, and/or books mentioned.

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FOR BEAR SIGHTING  
OR FIRE: (867) 588-  
3441 or 374-0505.**

## New to Tulita or Just Bored?

We have news for you! This newsletter is out for the people of Tulita and its newcomers who just want to know what is going on in the community or need something to read to pass the time. Have vital information that you want in the next newsletter? Want a correction? Call us at the office at (867) 588-3734 or email [tlfc.2018@hotmail.com](mailto:tlfc.2018@hotmail.com). Want to see the older issues of the newsletter? Check out our website at [www.tulitalandcorp.ca](http://www.tulitalandcorp.ca) or at [www.tulitahamlet.ca](http://www.tulitahamlet.ca) or call us to send you the issue in paper.

## Events and Announcements:

**May 23rd, 2024:** Mental health and addiction counselling will be available at the Tulita Wellness Centre. To schedule an appointment, please call (867) 444 - 6665.

**May 25th, 2024:** TLC Radio Show, 1-4pm.

**May 29th, 2024:** Blood Pressure Clinic, get checked and you may win a chance to win a food basket full of veggies and fruits. 1-4pm at the Health Centre.

**May 31st – June 6th, 2024:** Teresa Strong is coming back for the Mental Wellness Program. Her new business number is (867) 766-6005.

**Every Tuesdays Evening, 7pm:** Alcohol Anonymous at the Preschool.

**Elders Day** is every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:30pm at the Preschool. Lunch and having fun with the preschools!

## COMMUNITY HOURS:

**Fire: 588-2222**

**Health Centre: 588:4251**

**RCMP: 588-1111**

**Arena:** Mon-Sat. 1pm-9pm.

**Aurora College (588-4313):** Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5pm.

**BJs Market & Take Out (subject to change):**

Check Tulita Buy, Sell, Trade on FB.

**Chief Albert Wright School (588-4361):** Mon-Fri. 8am-4pm. Closed for summer months.

**Cornerstone Oilfield Services Inc. (588-3001):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**ECC (588-3441):** Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5pm.

**Fort Norman Metis Land Corp (588-3201):**

Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Gas Station (588-3044):** Mon-Fri. 11am-12pm, 2pm-4pm. Sat. 11am-12pm. 1pm-2pm (**For call outs, 867-688-7934 or 867-374-0371**)

**Government Service Office (588-3002):** Mon-Fri. 1pm-5pm.

**Hamlet of Tulita (588-4471):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Harriet Gladue Health Centre (588-4251, or after hours, 374-0004):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Income Support (588-3211):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**IPCA (588-3053):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Mackay Range (588-3051):** Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**MYB (588-3048):** Mon-Sat. 8am-5pm.

**Northern Store (588-4331):** Mon-Sat. 10am-6pm.

**NWT Power Corp (588-4291):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Parks Canada (588-4884):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Pentecostal Mission (374-0451):** Sun. at 11am at the Cultural Centre.

**Post Office (588-4331):** Mon-Fri. 1:30-5:30pm.

**Preschool (588-3401):** Mon-Fri. 1pm-3:45pm. Closed for summer months.

**Radio Station (588-3233).**

**RCMP (588-1111):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**RRC (588-4724):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**SRRB (374-4040):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**St. Therese of Avila Church (588-4241):** Sunday at 11am.

**Two Rivers Hotel (588-3320):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Tulita Airport (588-4555):** Mon-Fri. 8:30am-10:30am, 4pm-5:30pm.

**Tulita CARS Station (588-3191):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Tulita Dene Band (588-3341):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Tulita Housing (588-4111):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Tulita Land Corp (588-3734):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Wellness Center (588-4271):** Mon-Fri. 9am-5pm.

**Wright's Convenience (588-4927):** 7pm-11pm or check Tulita Buy, Sell, Trade on FB.

## RECREATIONAL TIMES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

**Fitness Hours:** Mon. to Fri. from 1pm to 9pm at the arena. Sat. from 3pm to 9pm.

**Crib and card games:** Mon. and Wed. at 7pm at the Arena. In the summer, casual card games are at the arbor on clear weather days.

**Bingos** are usually Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, depending on organization and funds needed. It would be posted at the Northern Store or on-line on Facebook's Tulita Buy, Sell, Trade.



### 🎉🎂 Birthday/Anniversary Messages (16th-31st) 🎂🎉

🎂 Shelly Widow would like to say Happy Birthday to the most awesome mother/mama **Caroline** for their day, May 20th. We love you so much and thank you for everything you do for us.

🎂 Dawn Widow would like to say Happy Birthday to her beautiful mother, grandmother, & great grandmother **Caroline** for their day, May 20th. We love you tons and hope you have a wonderful birthday. Love Dawn, Dean, Preston, Tianna, & Zerryn.

🎂 Tanis Niditchie would like to say Happy Birthday to her mother **Cathie** for their day, May 20th. ❤️

🎂 Reanna Campbell would like to say Happy 8th Birthday to their baby **Sedzé** for their day, May 20th. We love you forever. From Momma, Dad, and Quinny.

🎂 Shannon Andrew would like to say Happy Birthday to **Sedze** for their day, May 20th. I hope you all enjoy ur day and every other day, happy birthday love y'all from E, Yeah, and I.

🎂 Shannon Andrew would like to say Happy Birthday to uncle **Wally** for their day, May 20th. I hope you all enjoy ur day and every other day, happy birthday love y'all from E, Yeah, and I.

🎂 Lucy-Ann Antoine would like to say Happy Birthday to a loving n caring sister **Cathie** for their day, May 20th. May u be blessed with more wonderful years. We love u, love Lucyanne n urban n family.

🎂 Shannon Andrew would like to say Happy Birthday to aunty **Cathie** for their day, May 20th. I hope you all enjoy ur day and every other day, happy birthday love y'all from E, Yeah, and I.

🎂 Rena Chapple would like to say Happy Birthday to her sister **Cathie** for May 20th. We love you!

🎂 Travis Menacho would like to say Happy Birthday to himself, **Travis** for their day, May 20th. Lol.

🎂 Rebecca Robin would like to say Happy Birthday to her mom **Freda** for their day, May 20th.

🎂 Rebecca Robin would like to say Happy Birthday to her niece **Marisa** for their day, May 20th.

🎂 Nicole Andrew would like to say Happy Birthday to **Terence** for their day, May 21st. We wish for many more blessing years to share with you, we are so blessed to have such a loving,

caring, supportive, and hard-working dad/husband part of our lives. ❤️ From Sienna, Kingston, Zaul, and your wife, Nicole.

 Shannon Andrew would like to say Happy Birthday to her one-of-a-kind brother **Terence** for their day, May 21st. I hope you all enjoy your day and every other day, happy birthday love y'all from E, Veah, and I.

 Kristianna Andrew would like to say Happy Birthday to **Terence** for their day, May 21st. All the best, Ashton and I love and miss you!

 Rena Chapple would like to say Happy Birthday to her granddaughter **Kes** for May 21st. Happy Birthday and we love u!

 Tamara Tatti would like to say Happy Birthday to **Zadeya** for May 23rd. We wish you have the best day and get spoiled rotten. ❤️❤️ Love auntie Mara.

 Stacey Naedzo would like to say Happy Birthday to her auntie **Helen** for their day, May 24th

 Debbie would like to say Happy Birthday to her sister **Helen** for their day, May 24th.

 Tina Etchinelle would like to say Happy Birthday to **Helen** for their day, May 24th. From Tina and Family.

 Stacey Naedzo would like to say Happy Birthday to her mum **Elsie** for their day, May 24th.

 Debbie would like to say Happy Birthday to her sister **Elsie** for their day, May 24th.

 Tina Etchinelle would like to say Happy Birthday to **Elsie** for their day, May 24th. Love Tina and Family.

 Rachelle MacCauley would like to say Happy Birthday to **Jonathan** for their day, May

24th. We love you, hope you have a great day. From Ava, Rachelle.

 Stacey Naedzo would like to say Happy Birthday to **Celestine** for their day, May 24th

 Michelle Ayah would like to say Happy Birthday to her sister **Celestine** for their day, May 24th. May your day be full of love! From the whole family, many, many blessings years to come.

 Tina Etchinelle would like to say Happy Birthday to **Celestine** for their day, May 24th. From Tina and family.

 Allan Menacho would like to say Happy Birthday to **Ness** for their day, May 25th. From Big Al lmao.

 Marlene Menacho would like to say Happiest Birthday to her baby brother **Dennis** for their day, May 25th. Love you n enjoy to the fullest cheers to many more yrs. ❤️

 Betty Hardisty would like to say Happy Birthday to her grandson **Colton** for their day, May 27th. May you all have a wonderful day and many more to come.

 Jeannie Bavard would like to say Happy Birthday to **Cory** for their day, May 29th. Many more blessing always from Family.

 Charmaine Bavard would like to say Happy Birthday to **Cory** for their day, May 29th.

 Betty Hardisty would like to say Happy Birthday to her great great granddaughter **Mia** for their day, May 30th. May you all have a wonderful day and many more to come.

 Tina Etchinelle would like to say Happy Birthday to **Dora** for their day, May 30th. Coming from mom, dad, family, and esp. baby.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to my mother **Cecilia** and all my aunts, sisters - **Judy, Kim, Ann,** and **Cheryl**, and my niece **Shae**. Love Kerri.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to **Theresa Etchinelle**, love Michael and family.

♥ Would like to wish my mom **Glenda** a very happy Mother's Day. Love you today and every day. Hugs from Leland. ♥

♥ Mother's Day to her sister **Melinda/Auntie/ Mom**, we're forever thankful for everything you do for us all, we hope you enjoy this special day. We love you always! From Jessica MacCauley, the babies, and the girls.

♥ Mother's Day Greetings to her ama **Shirley Bernarde, Esther Bernarde & my sister Sharon Bernarde!** Mahsi cho for everything you ladies have ever done for baby and I ♥ We are forever blessed ♥x0x0 😊 Love Angela Bernarde.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to all. My sisters and daughters niece **Felicia**. Love Jeannie Bavard.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to her mother **Corrina Corrina, Auntie Bernette** and to all the special hard-working mommas. Love Cassandra Kenny-Andrew.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to **Elsie**, love Tina and family.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to Auntie **Caroline**, love Michael and family.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to my beautiful mommy **Evelyn Peter** and also my beautiful sistas in High Level and **Trina** in Tulita also to

my granny **Theresa Clement** we miss u so much and wish u have a wonderful day lots of love. ♥ Mandy & Lee and the kiddos.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to my momma **Rose Mary**, yo my grandma **Charlotte**, my sister **Shannon** and sister-in-law **Nicole**. Also, to **Rachelle** and **Seanna**. Love you all.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to my mother **Rose Mary Andrew**, my baby sister **Kristianna**, to my GMA **Charlotte** and to my aunties and cousins who are moms and happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there, enjoy! Love Shannon Andrew.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers/Aunts and Grandmothers/Godmothers. Happy Mother's Day to my mom **Jeannie Bavard** and **Terri Bavard** and all my sisters, from Charmaine Bavard.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to my mom **Helen** ♥, to **Jane**, to **Kristianna**, to **Karla**, and to **Tracy**. Hope you all have a wonderful day. Love you all.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to my mother and to all the mothers out there, mahsi! Love Rena Chapple.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to my mom **Vicky** and I love you so much have a great day and too **Melin, Stephanie, Anna, Re, Seanna Kim, Jess, Shan! Rachelle, Crys, Lyd**, my auntie **Jessie**, auntie **Rose Mary**, and auntie **Sally** love you all and hope u all have the bestest day! Love Erica MacCauley.

♥ Happy Mother's Day to my mom **Helen** and sister **Rachelle**. Love Rosalee.

# Map of Tulita for newcomers!



**There is many places to walk or visit to talk to people. You can walk along the Two Rivers Trail located past the Parks Canada Trailer Building. You can walk through the town, as well as towards Plane Lake Dr to the airport and from Water Intake to the Gas Station. You can walk along the shore, all the way to the bank where the boats load off and where the Barge stops.**



# Funny Stories

## **Egg**

The police called us in the middle of the night. "Where is your son?" The officer asked. "In bed?" We said in confusion. "He's with us," came the reply from the police officer. Our 10-year-old had unfortunately egged the local school with a friend. How was he caught? He was nabbed running back to the school with the empty cartons because, as he told the cops, "There wasn't anywhere else to recycle them."

## **Boss**

My boss was honest with me today. He pulled up to work with his sweet new car this morning and I complimented him on it. He replied, "Well, if you work hard, set goals, stay determined and put in long hours, I can get an even better one next year."

## **Rose**

One day Max went to see Carl. Today, he noticed that Carl had a big swollen nose. "Whoa, what happened, Carl?" Max asked, worried. "I sniffed a brose." Carl replied. "What?" Max said, "There's no 'b' in rose!" Carl replied, "There was in this one!?"

## **Kangaroo**

After a prolonged drought when the rain came, all the animals in the forest were happy except the Kangaroo. When the others asked what the reason was for such sadness, the Kangaroo revealed that the rain meant that all its kids would be playing inside.

## **Mother's Day**

Two children ordered their mother to stay in bed one Mother's Day morning. As she lay there looking forward to breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen. But after a good long wait, she finally went downstairs to investigate. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs. "As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "we decided to cook our own breakfast."

## **Art Collector**

A New York attorney representing a wealthy art collector called his client and said to him, "Saul, I have some good news and I have some bad news." The art collector replied, "I've had an awful day; let's hear the good news first." The attorney said, "Well, I met your wife today, and she informed me that she invested \$5,000 in two pictures that she thinks will bring a minimum of \$15-20 million. I think she could be right." Saul replied enthusiastically, "Well done! My wife is a brilliant businesswoman! You've just made my day. Now I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?" The attorney replied, "The pictures are of you with your secretary."

## **School**

A kid was going to his first day of school, he looks worried. His dad asks him, "What's the matter?" Nervous, the kid asked, "How long do I have to go to school for?" "Until you're 18," says the father. The kid nods and thinks about this quietly. When

they get to the front gates of the school, the kid says, “Dad, you will remember to come and get me when I’m 18, won’t you?”

## **Cruise**

A cruise ship passes by a remote island, and all the passengers see a bearded man running around and waving his arms wildly. “Captain,” one passenger asks, “Who is that man over there?” “I have no idea,” the captain says, “but he goes nuts every year when we pass him.”

## **Oldest**

Britain’s oldest woman turned 114 today. When asked the secret of her longevity, she attributed it to taking a walk at midnight every night. When quizzed on whether she was concerned about the increase in muggings in recent years, she said that she was not, and would continue mugging people as long as her health holds out.

## **Crows**

Two crows were in a field when they noticed a figure that looked like a man in the distance. “See that over there? What is that?” Says the first crow. The second crow takes a long look, “That’s a scarecrow. Looks authentic, doesn’t it.” “How can you tell it’s a scarecrow and not a person?” Asks the first crow. “Look at its hand. No cellphone.” Says the second crow.

## **Circus**

A husband and wife who work for the circus go to an adoption agency looking to adopt a child, but the social workers there raised doubts about their suitability. So, the couple produced photos of their 50-foot motor home, which is clean and well

maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery. The social workers are satisfied by this but then raise concerns about the kind of education a child would receive while in the couple’s care. The husband puts their minds at ease, saying, “We’ve arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin, and computer skills.” Next though, the social workers express concern about a child being raised in a circus environment. This time, the wife explains, “Our nanny is a certified expert in pediatric care, welfare, and diet.” The social workers are finally satisfied and ask the couple, “What age of the child are you hoping to adopt?” The husband says, “It doesn’t really matter, as long as the kid fits in the cannon.”

## **Nasa Training**

When NASA was preparing for the Apollo project, they did some astronaut training on a Navajo Indian reservation. One day, a Navajo elder and his son were herding sheep and came across the space crew. The old man, who only spoke Navajo, asked a question, which the son translated, “What are you guys in the big suits doing?” A member of the crew said they were practicing for their trip to the moon. The old man got really excited and asked if he could send a message to the moon with the astronauts. Recognizing a promotional opportunity for the spin-doctors, the NASA folks found a tape recorder. After the old man recorded his message, they asked the son to translate. He refused. So, the NASA reps brought the tape to the reservation, where the rest of the tribe listened and laughed, but refused to translate the elder’s message to the moon. Finally, NASA called in an official government translator. He reported that the moon message said: “Watch out for these guys; they’ve come to steal your land.”

**Slavey Words to Learn for Kids or Beginners (as taken from A Grammar of Slave by Keren Rice) (Hr-Hare, Bl-Bearlake, Sl-Slavey, Mt-Mountain)**

**Interdialect variation:** There are regular and predictable correspondences between consonants in the four dialects.

a. The Proto-Athapaskan \*ts series develops differently in the dialects.

<b><u>Bearlake</u></b>	<b><u>Hare</u></b>	<b><u>Slavey</u></b>	<b><u>Mountain</u></b>	
Gw yenígwe	gw yerígwe	ddh eníddhe	b eníbę	“We want.”
	B yeríbę			
Kw -kwí	f -fí	tth -tthí	p -pí	“Head.”
Kw’ kw’ih	w’ w’ih	tth’ tth’ih	p’ p’ih	“Mosquito.”
Wh whé	w wé	th thé	f fę	“Star.”
W ʔewé	w ʔewé	dh ʔedhéh	v ʔevéh	“Hide, skin.”

b. Hare has few phonetic voiceless aspirated affricates. Where these affricates occur in other dialects, Hare generally has voiceless fricatives.

<b><u>Hare</u></b>	<b><u>Bearlake</u></b>	<b><u>Slavey</u></b>	<b><u>Mountain</u></b>	
Łe	tle	tleh	tle	“Lard.”
Se	tse	tse	tse	“Firewood.”
Shọ	chọ	chọ	chọ	“Rain.”

As mentioned before, [ch] is sometimes deaffricated to [sh] in Slavey. While this deaffrication is irregular and unpredictable in Slavey, it is predictable in Hare.

c. Where Bearlake, Mountain, and Slavey have [ɫ] and [wh, f, th], Hare has [l] and [w].

<u>Hare</u>	<u>Bearlake</u>	<u>Slavey</u>	<u>Mountain</u>	
L le	ɫ ɫe	ɫ ɫe	ɫ ɫe	“Smoke.”
luge	ɫue	ɫue	ɫue	“Fish.”
W we	wh whe	th the	f fe	“Belt.”
Wa	wha	tha	fa	“Tent pole.”

d. In a few words, /gh/ is restructured to /y/ in some dialects. In the Wrigley Mountain and Fort Providence Slavey dialects, the word is shown down below which has an underlying initial /y/, while in the other dialects the underlying initial consonant is a velar fricative.

<u>Bearlake</u>	<u>Wrigley</u>	<u>Hare</u>	<u>Slavey -</u>	<u>Slavey -</u>	
<u>Norman</u>	<u>Mountain</u>		<u>Simpson</u>	<u>Providence</u>	
<u>Mountain</u>					
-ghú	-yí	-ghú	-ghú	-yú	“Tooth.”

In the next issue, we will go over vowels, nasal vowels, long vowels, and vowel correspondences.

*Did you know? “Whenever the word ‘savages’ appeared in a French text it has been translated as ‘Indians’ for the following reasons: the word ‘sauvage’ derives from the Latin word, ‘silva,’ meaning forest, and originally meant someone able to manage his economic life in a forest, or in a wilderness, alone.” Later, it became a word of negativity, cruelty, and brutal. – As Long as This Land Shall Last, pg. 6.*

# TLC Housing Projects



The Tulita Land Corporation's Indigenous Housing Project is going strong! Look at how nice a job of Joe Horassi's deck that they built. Thank you Roy MacCauley, Dean Stewart, and Lawrence Menacho. This is just the beginning



of the project as there are many more housings to help and we hope that everything does well!

# IPCA Elder's Meeting – May 22

The IPCA (Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas) had a meeting with the elders yesterday to discuss:

- 1.) Mapping for Nio'ne'pene,
- 2.) Mapping for Norman Wells, and
- 3.) IPCA Activities List.



Danny Yakeleya and Angela Bernarde had a presentation to converse with the Tulita Elders on their opinions and ideas to make sure that they are up to date, and to make sure that their important impact is added and appreciated.

They also discussed future projects and meetings, as well as activities and training for May and June 2024. Hopefully everyone felt represented and the discussions were positive!





# Job Offers

**Tulita IPCA Steering Committee  
PO BOX 63, Tulita, N.T. X0E 0K0**

## **Job Description**

### **IPCA Steering Committee Program Assistant (term)**

**Reporting to: Tulita Land Corporation  
Executive Director**

#### **Qualifications:**

1. High school diploma or equivalency and work experience
2. Understanding of and respectful of Dene and Métis traditional knowledge and culture
3. Effective verbal and written communication skills
4. Able to work flexibly and adapt quickly to evolving work objectives
5. Proficient computer skills or willing to learn– Word, Excel, Power Point, Social Media, Sage 50
6. Excited to support multiple projects
7. Committed to creating a welcoming and positive work environment
8. Ability to work in a team collaboratively and work effectively with all partners including governments and contractors
9. Ability to arrange travel within and beyond region or willing to learn
10. Ability to support the management of a financial budget and financial and written accounting; experience preferred but not required
11. Open to ongoing collaboration and training in the office and on the Land
12. Ability to communicate in Dene Kede an asset

Program Assistant to perform a variety of administrative and program-related tasks. The Program Assistant's main functions are to support the IPCA Steering Committee, the IPCA Working Groups, the staff and the Guardians. Main tasks include: Program support for in-town and bush programs such as trainings, meetings, monitoring, and ongoing administrative support. Positive collaboration with IPCA Coordinators will be an important part of this work. Work will include physical work (hauling, lifting, packing), and office tasks. □

#### **Responsibilities**

Program Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help to write and distribute email, correspondence memos, letters, faxes and forms</li> <li>• Assembling and distributing meeting information</li> <li>• Take meeting minutes</li> <li>• Updating inventory list of office and program supplies and materials, and making orders as needed</li> <li>• Act as a point of contact for community and partners</li> <li>• Consistent presence in IPCA Office</li> <li>• Support IPCA Steering Committee and Working Groups coordinating meetings, travel and requested information</li> <li>• Support Guardians and Bush programs</li> </ul>
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#### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

This is a term position in Tulita, NT with regular office hours from Monday to Friday; some work may be required outside of these hours, and will be tracked using Tulita Land Corporation guidelines regarding overtime and lieu time. Closing date for this posting is May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Preferred start date is June 3, 2024. Term end date March 1, 2025.

Please submit your resumé to Jessie Yakeleya, IPCA Coordinator, at [ipca.coordinator@outlook.com](mailto:ipca.coordinator@outlook.com) and Angela Bernarde, IPCA Administrative Coordinator [tulitaipca@outlook.com](mailto:tulitaipca@outlook.com)



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### SSI Youth Life Promotion Conference Invitation

June 3 – 6, 2024

Tulita, NT

Following the successful Drugs Workshop in Fort Good Hope, NT held on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Sahtu Secretariat Inc. is hosting a Youth Conference in Tulita, NT. This Youth Conference will build on the work started in Fort Good Hope and will focus on supporting and empowering our Youth. The Youth Conference will be facilitated by Alyssa Carpenter.

The conference dates are June 3 – 6, 2024, with the travel days being Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024,

SSI is inviting each community to select three youths, ages 14 – 18, and one adult chaperone to participate in the conference.

SSI will pay for all travel costs including travel (charter), accommodations, meals and honoraria (\$400 per chaperone, \$250 per youth delegate).

Should alternate travel be requested, we can accommodate. Please reach out to Valerie Gordon to discuss.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please contact either:

1. Valerie Gordon (867) 445-7852 [SSILNR@sahtu.ca](mailto:SSILNR@sahtu.ca) or
2. Mary Masuzumi [SSI.HEALTH@sahtu.ca](mailto:SSI.HEALTH@sahtu.ca)

Ayoni Keh Land Corporation – Deline Gotline Government – Norman Wells Land Corporation – Fort Norman Métis Local #60 Land Corporation – Tulit'a Land Corporation – Yamoga Land Corporation – Fort Good Hope Métis Local #54 Land Corporation.



## Graduation Ceremony

Parents, please mark your calendars for the Grade 12 Graduation that will take place on Friday, June 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the school. Come help us cheer on our graduates. Feast to follow...



*Congratulations!*

## Our Graduates for 2024:

- Damian McPherson
- Gosahte Bird
- Jaiden Wrigley
- Tristan MacCauley-Ayah
- Jaden Lennie
- Lacey Wrigley
- Rachel Horassi



## Kindergarten Graduation

**Monday, June 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**  
**cookout to follow...**



- Christine Yakeleya-Modeste
- Harriet Yakeleya-Modeste
- Edward McPherson
- Walter McPherson-Pierrot
- Trinity McNeily-Bernarde

- Naze Andrew
- Gracie Yakeleya
- Andrew Stewart

## Awards Ceremony

Will be after the Kindergarten Graduation...

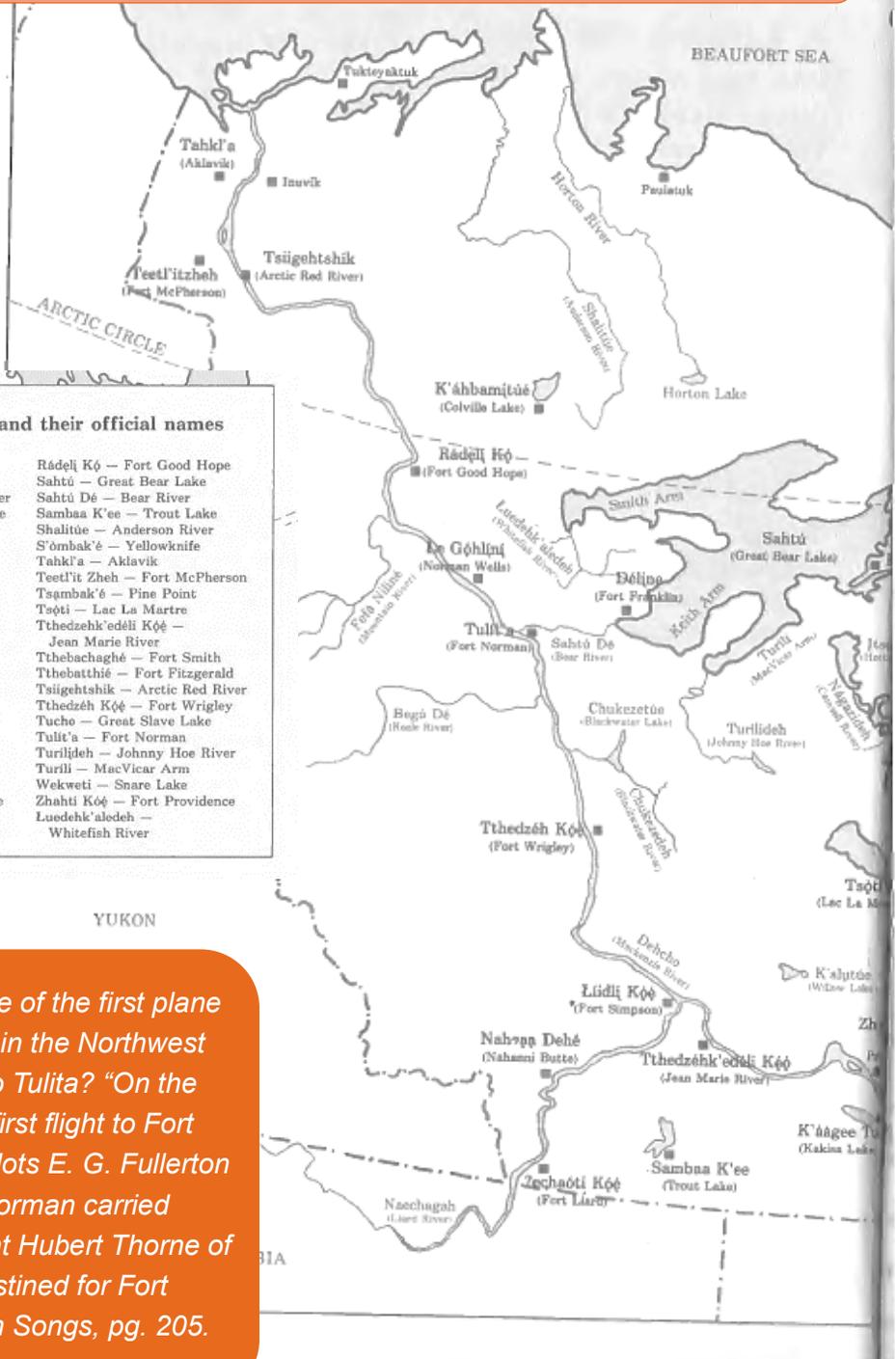


***Congratulations Graduates,  
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Teaching Staff!!!***



# Tulita History Corner

**Pictures and story**  
**From “When the**  
**World Was New” by**  
**George Blondin.**



## Dene place names and their official names

Béheho Kó – Rae	Rádehí Kó – Fort Good Hope
Begá Dé – Keels River	Sahtú – Great Bear Lake
Chukezede – Blackwater River	Sahtú Dé – Bear River
Chukezetúe – Blackwater Lake	Sambaa K'ee – Trout Lake
Dehcho – Mackenzie River	Shallitúe – Anderson River
Déline – Fort Franklin	S'ómbak'é – Yellowknife
Deminu – Fort Resolution	Tahk'l'a – Aklavik
Desnedé – Slave River	Teet'l'it'zheh – Fort McPherson
ʔechaóti Kóó – Fort Liard	Tsámbak'é – Pine Point
ʔedzo – Edzo	Tsápti – Lac La Martre
Fefá Níliné – Mountain River	Tthedzéh'edéli Kóó – Jean Marie River
Gameti – Rae Lakes	Tthebachaghé – Fort Smith
Itsereutúe – Hottah Lake	Tthebatthié – Fort Fitzgerald
Iturotó – Good Hope Bay	Tsúighehtshik – Arctic Red River
K'áágee Tu – Kakisa Lake	Tthedzéh Kóó – Fort Wrigley
K'áhbamítúé – Colville Lake	Tucho – Great Slave Lake
K'alútúe – Willow Lake	Tull't'a – Fort Norman
Kátl'o Dehé – Hay River	Turilídeh – Johnny Hoe River
Le Góhliní – Norman Wells	Turilí – MacVicar Arm
Lídlí Kóó – Fort Simpson	Wekweti – Snare Lake
Lútselk'e – Snowdrift	Zhahti Kóó – Fort Providence
Naháa Dehé – Nahanni Butte	Luedehk'aladeh – Whitefish River
Naechagah – Liard River	
Nágazideh – Camsell River	

*Did you know? One of the first plane flights scheduled in the Northwest Territories was to Tulita? “On the occasion of the first flight to Fort Norman in 1921, pilots E. G. Fullerton and George Corman carried passenger Sergeant Hubert Thorne of the RCMP, destined for Fort Simpson.” – Drum Songs, pg. 205.*

# The Story of Yamoría

Many years ago, before the white man came into this country, a special man named Yamoría travelled our land, putting everything into its rightful place. The animals and human beings were separated from each other, and Yamoría also got rid of whatever was harmful to people. In doing this, he set laws for Dene to follow, which we still do to this very day.

In the time when Yamoría came, there were giant beavers living in Sahtú. The beavers were harmful to the Dene, who travelled across the lake by canoe to hunt caribou. The beavers did not like people to cross their lake. They would get as close to their canoes as possible and splash their tails, hoping to tip them over. They often succeeded, and got rid of many people. When Yamoría learned of this, he came to Sahtú and told the people he would chase the beavers away.

Yamoría began chasing the beavers around the lake, and the old ones swam immediately to Sahtú Dé, hoping to escape down the river. The younger beavers were harder to chase towards the river, and during the time Yamoría was busy with them, the old beavers built a dam to block his way. You can still see where they did this, at the rapids on Sahtú Dé.

At last Yamoría got the young beavers to head for Sahtú Dé, and then he chased all the beavers down the river.

Near the place we call Tuli't'a, at the confluence of Sahtú Dé and Dehcho, the Great River, Yamoría killed two medium beavers and one small one. He stretched and nailed their hides to the south face of Bear Rock Mountain, where you can see them to this day.

Meanwhile, the two large beavers continued to swim down Dehcho, building two more sets of rapids along the way.

From the top of Bear Rock Mountain, Yamoría shot two arrows at the confluence of the two rivers, saying, "As long as this earth shall last you shall call them Yamoría's arrows." You can still see them: two big poles that stick out of the river, even after the ice breaks up in spring.

After shooting the two arrows into the river, Yamoría took the beavers he had shot to a place about 30 kilometres from where the two rivers meet, and there he camped. He cooked the beavers, and the grease that drizzled from them started to burn. To this

day, Yamoria's fire continues to burn, and the people say that if you can see the fire when you travel past by night, then you will live a very long life. This fire is not visible to everyone.

Stanley Isiah of Łiidli Kóé used to teach that the symbol of the three beaver pelts on Bear Rock Mountain, and the ever-burning fire upriver from that mountain, are signs of the land set there as a reminder of our ancient Dene stories. Stanley said that if we remember the teachings of the stories and live them, and if we Dene take the sign set on the land as our symbol, we will never have any trouble surviving as a nation.

### *Yamoria, the Great Law-Giver*

Some medicine people were more powerful than others. We could perhaps divide medicine people into four classes. The most powerful would be called number one. Being number two would mean that a person had more than average power. A number-three person would have average power, and a number four would have medicine for only one or two things. A number-four medicine person would be the weakest, but would still possess more power than an ordinary human being.

It is thought that all Dene law comes from the most powerful of medicine people. Yamoria, about whom many legends are told, was one such man who made laws for people. Yamoria was possibly the strongest medicine man of his time. Some say that even the early missionaries had respect for him — they, too, believed that Yamoria had been sent by the Creator to help people.

Yamoria was so powerful that he was able to transform himself into any animal, and he was also able to communicate with the animals. He spent a long time with the beaver, the owl, and other animals, in order to investigate their methods of survival and their laws. He was able to compare them with human beings and to pass information on to the people. In some ways, his exploration of the animal kingdom was similar to what the scientist of today does, but he was able to do it in a different, better way. Yamoria spent his life studying and teaching the laws of nature.

Yamoria explored the country looking into what might be dangerous. When the world was new, there were dangerous animals around — some you don't see today. Some of these he got rid of outright. Others he chased to the other side of the world.

Yamoria took the trouble to look into what might be evil in

the country. There were many strong, powerful medicine men and women at that time, and not all of them were good. Some of them wished to be heroes, and would go about the country looking for war. Others with great strength would frighten or even murder people who were weaker than themselves. Yamoria would not tolerate these people.

“You have no right to terrorize people just because they are weaker than you are. You don’t have to kill them. You don’t have to make them afraid. If you keep on, I will get rid of you. The country would be better off without you anyway,” he told them.

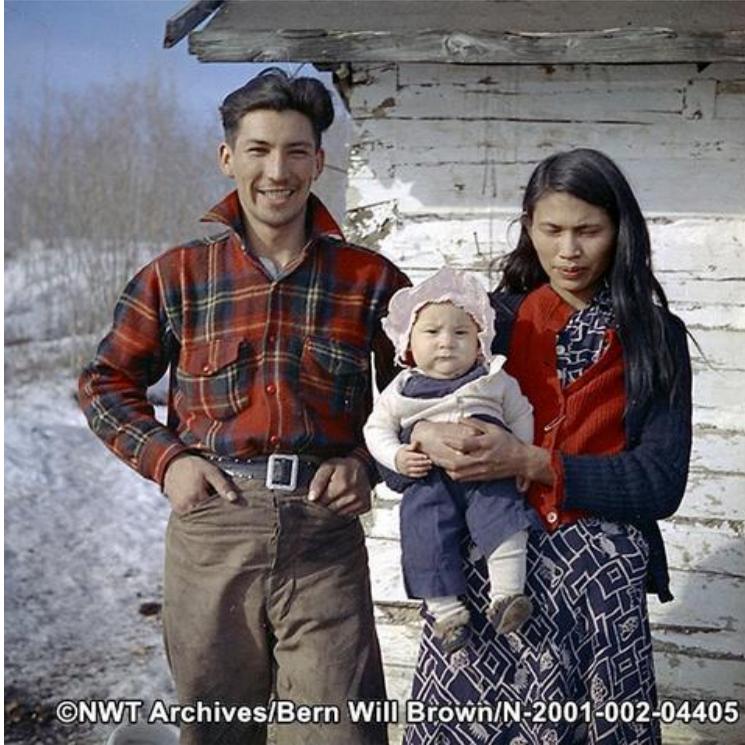
Some of these evil medicine people listened to Yamoria, because he was respected and had powerful medicine. But some of them would not listen, and were killed. Yamoria tried to rid the new world of wicked medicine people.

This was a lawless time in history. There were many bad medicine people who had the power to frighten or kill. People did not have big meetings or hold court at that time. Groups of relatives or communities relied on strong medicine people to keep order and seek revenge. It was a difficult time.

Yamoria set out laws to guide people and help them. He gave instructions to parents about raising children. He set out laws for gaining medicine. Most people were glad to have his guidance, and they tried to live by his teachings.

*Did you know? The Canadian Government knew that the land belonged to the Indigenous and made sure to make treaties or signed documents to support this. In the United States of America, it was not as good, often cruel and started warfare. “Drastic measures were employed by the Americans, usually characterized by force and cruelty. In Canada, British traditions remained strong. The British practice of recognizing the title of original inhabitants to their ancestral land were generally adopted by the Canadian Government.” As Long as This Land Shall Last, pg. xxiii*

# Old Photos of Fort Norman

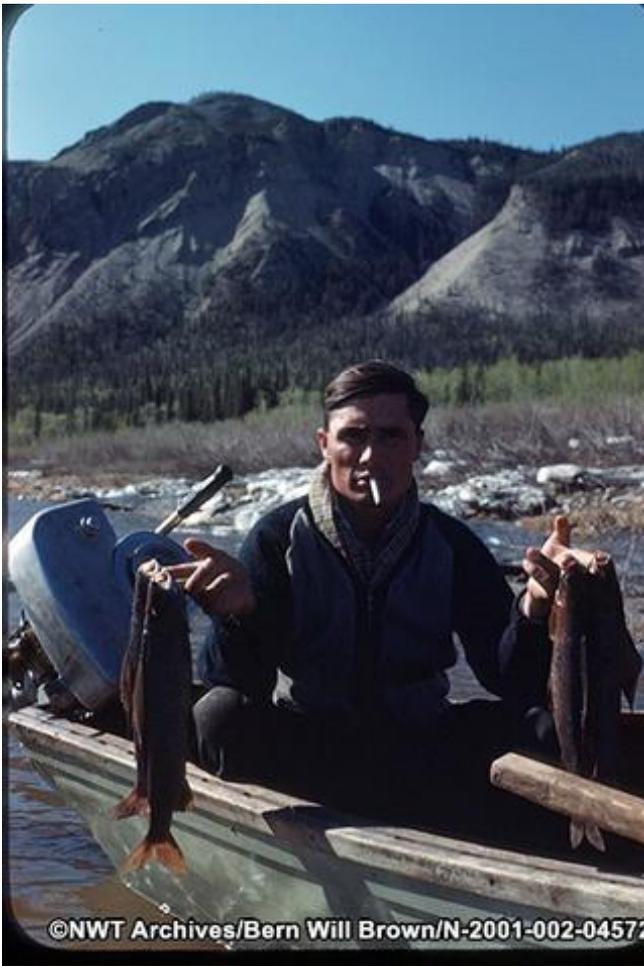


Fort Norman, 1949. Alfred Lennie and Julie. Photo by Bern Will Brown.

*Did you know? "Even when the Indians posed no threat, treaties were still signed as a moral or ethical gesture; a gentleman's way to take without grabbing." As Long as This Land Shall Last, pg. xxv*

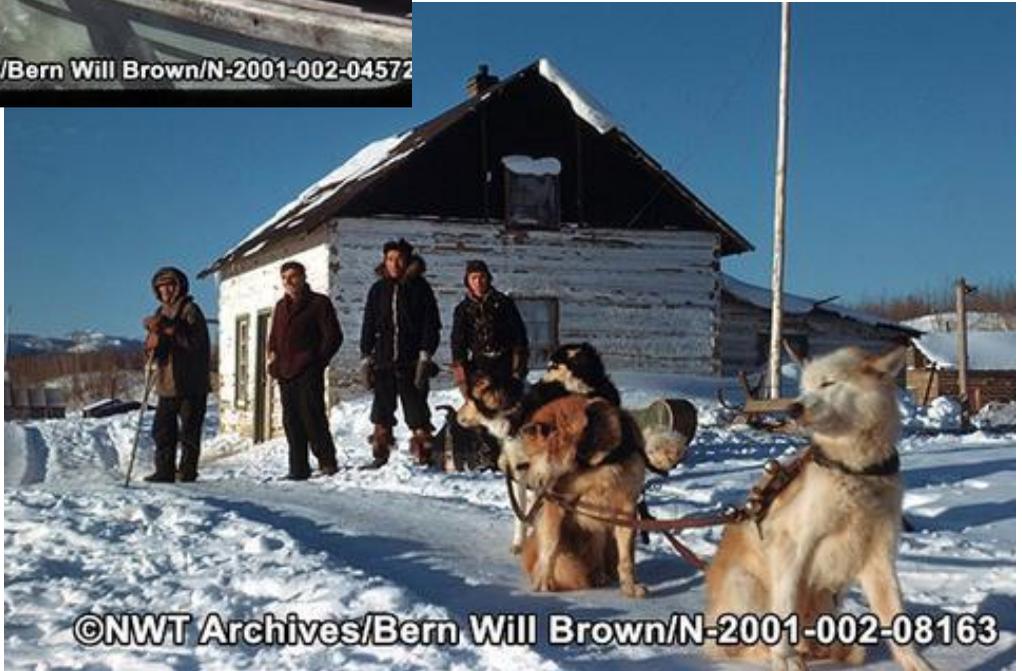
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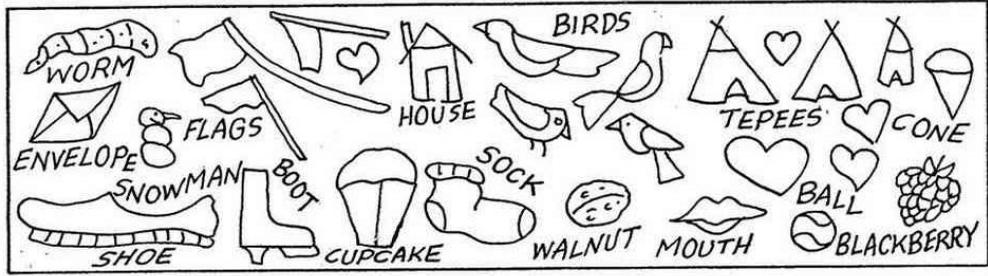




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**Words:** Apple Juice, **Barqs Root Beer**, Canada Dry, **Clearly Canadian**, Coca Cola, **Coca Cola Zero Sugar**, Crush Cream Soda, **Crush Grape**, Crush Orange, **Dr. Pepper**, Fanta Orange, **Five Alive**, Fresca, **Ginger Ale**, Grape Juice, **Liptons Iced Tea**, Mountain Dew, **Nestea**, Orange Juice, **Pepsi**, Pepsi Zero Sugar, **Red Bull**, Rockstar, **Root Beer**, Seven Up, **Sprite**, Sunny D

## *Dene Laws*

*~Share what you have~*

*~Help each other~*

*~Love each other as much as possible~*

*~Be respectful of elders and everything around you~*

*~Pass on the teachings~*

*~Be happy at all times~*

*~Sleep at night and work during the day~*

*~Be polite and don't argue with anyone~*

*~Young boys and girls should behave respectfully~*

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