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Amending our Constitution and Bylaws

The Reason for Amendments

A new Yukon Societies Act and Regulation came into force as on April 1, 2021. The new Act requires existing Yukon societies to transition to the requirements of the new Act and bring their constitutions and bylaws in line with the new Act. The Act sets out new requirements for the governance of societies, and the obligations they must meet in order to remain in good standing.

About Constrictions and Bylaws

The constitution of a society describes its purpose, while its bylaws describe the role of governance in carrying out its purpose. A society's constitution is usually quite brief and confined to a paragraph or two. In contrast, a society's bylaws written in detail, reflecting the more complicated task of governing how its purpose is carried out.

Our Review

We have compared the requirements of the new Act with our existing Constitution and Bylaws dated from 2004 and have determined that a number of changes are necessary to conform with the new Act.

The purpose of our Society as given in our Constitution of 2004 continues with only minor suggested amendments in wording. However, suggested amendments to our Bylaws are much more extensive given that the new Act is almost entirely devoted to the topic of governance.

Approving Suggested Amendments

The amendment of a society's constitution and bylaws requires the approval of a special resolution presented at a special general meeting or an annual general meeting of a society's members.

We will be preparing a special resolution and arranging for a special general meeting to be held in March on a date to be decided. In the meantime, it is important that existing and new members register as members as required under the Act.

Eligibility for Membership in the Society

Any woman of Aboriginal ancestry is eligible to become a member of the Society.

Duties of Members

Every member must uphold the Constitution and comply with the Society's Bylaws.

Rights of Members

Members are entitled to the rights afforded to members under the Societies Act and the Bylaws of the Society, including, but not limited to, the right to vote on matters requiring a vote of the members, and the right to elect or appoint Directors of the Society.

[Click below link to review revisions to Bylaws and Constitution to register as a member](#)

Link: [Liard Aboriginal Women's Society - Become a Member](#)

Amendments LAWS Bylaws and Constitution

When: March 27th

Time: 11 am Yukon time

Where: zoom

Please email Lorie at **lawsadmin@northwestel.net** for a zoom link for meeting

Indigenous Counselling: Interviewing Skill

This course is meant to be an introduction to a set of “conversational” methods and ideas developed by the Response-Based Practice group and colleagues, over a thirty-year period. We have always combined practice and research/scholarship, using one to benefit the other, and borrowed on related work from too many colleagues to mention. We are primarily indebted to the many people who have consulted us for help in responding to, or desisting from, many forms of violence. It is an immense privilege to experience the dignity of the human spirit, visible even in the most abject circumstances, on a daily basis.

This curriculum is based on a 3-day course (March 14, 15 & 16, 2023), offering an introduction to systemic & response-based family counselling. This curriculum is derived from work in many literary genres; political essays, memoir and autobiography, journalism, social realist fiction, literary criticism, feminist theory and practice, social psychology, philosophy, law, psychiatry, and so on. Information that is largely lacking in the literatures of the helping professions, such as the fact that people tend to resist violence of all kinds and work to preserve and reassert their basic human dignity, is represented directly in these diverse literatures. The main tenets of Response-Based Practice are supported by many authors whose texts were written independently of one another and of our work. Where relevant, we have cited these sources.

Date: March 14, 15, 16

Time: 9 am to 4 pm

Location: Yukon University

Lunch provided



SAVE THE DATE: “CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF KASKA MMIWG POTLATCHES”

Liard Aboriginal Women’s Society is deeply honoured to be hosting our potlatches to honour and uphold the dignity of our Kaska stolen sisters through our traditional crow and wolf potlatches in Watson Lake and Ross River. We are grateful to the countless women in our communities of Watson Lake, Ross River, Whitehorse and Lower Post who have been busy sewing for the potlatches.

We are grateful to the women who have been helping with the sewing in Watson Lake, Whitehorse, Ross River and Lower Post.

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 22 – CROW POTLATCH - Ross River

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 23 – WOLF POTLATCH - Ross River

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 28 – CROW POTLATCH - Watson Lake

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 29 – WOLF POTLATCH - Watson Lake



SAVE THE DATE: COMMEMORATIVE FOR OUR MISSING SISTERS

In the spirit of hope of our missing sisters returning home we are creating beautiful traditional dresses to be installed in each of the Kaska Nation offices of Dease River First Nation, Ross River Dena Council, Daylu Dena Council and Liard First Nation.

When: October 4th – Liard First Nation Office

When: October 5th – Daylu Dena Council Office

When : October 6th – Dease River First Nation Office

When: October 11th –Ross River Dena Council Office



We will be providing more information as we near the dates of these important events. If you need support or want to get involved, please contact one of the community coordinators listed below:

Nora Ladue – Ross River

Crystal Bolton—Whitehorse

Victoria Metcalfe – Ross River

Alicia Vance – Whitehorse

Linda McDonald – Watson Lake

Carla Boss – Lower Post

Katelyne Porter – Watson Lake

Alicia Vance — Whitehorse

Drum-making Workshop with Dennis and Jenny

We pleased to offer another one of our popular workshops on drum-making with Dennis and Jenny. Please come out and support our MMIWG community potlatches in September by making your first drum for the potlatch and the second one for yourself.

Date: March 27, 28, 29 and 30

Location: 2 Mile Hall

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

