



# Ut łūn Gwelē

(Galore Pack Sack)

## 5th GCMC/ Tahltan Nation Bursary Awards

GCMC would like to thank the 31 eligible applications this year for their participation with the bursary awards. There were 5 judges this year with four of these judges being Tahltan. GCMC would like to congratulate the winners as stated in the list below.

Amanda Quash  
1st place– Academic Award  
\$2500

Chantel Quock  
2nd place– Academic Award  
\$2500

Dustin Tashoots  
3rd place-Academic Award  
\$2000

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## 100TH YEAR TAHLTAN DECLARATION



Picture by Ann Ball

GCMC was a very proud supporter of the 100th Year Tahltan Declaration on October 15th to 18th, 2010. GCMC participated by providing financial support, by having GCMC senior management along with Teck and NovaGold senior management come to the event via a charter flight, and by having their Tahltan employees come out of camp

and attend the event.

An amazing demonstration of support that has united the Tahltan people in their struggle for Rights and Title for their Territory was brought forth in an unparalleled force in Telegraph Creek. Over 600 people were in attendance. Many dignitary chiefs and their entourages from other Nations, mining executives, mayors, and Provincial and Federal government officials were amongst the crowd celebrating the 100 years since the Tahltans' originally signed their Declaration in 1910.

The Tahltan dancing was especially outstanding with several different groups involved. Dempsey Bob brought his group from Prince Rupert and joining them were any adult dancers who wished to dance at the event. The Tahltan Dancers youth dance

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group that originated with David Rattray's teachings from 1993 and has continued on to Lena Sharko who has looked after the group for several years and now Michelle Blackburn has joined in helping continue the teachings. Another surprise brought forth at the celebration was the new group brought together by Sonia Dennis the new Tahltan Language teacher at the Dease Lake school. She has incorporated a group



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Tahltan Elder at 101  
Charlie Callbreath

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that has all ages and does not only have Tahltans dancing with the group; her group includes anyone who is interested in the Tahltan dancing and culture. This new group along with the others was a huge success. Having all of these groups along with anyone else who wanted to dance into the Telegraph hall for the Opening Ceremonies was utterly breathtaking. The pride that was emanating from the room had everyone smiling with enthusiasm.

The Tahltan Nations oldest person, Charlie Callbreath at 101 years old, was the only person to be in attendance at both the original signing in 1910 and the 100th year ceremony of October 18, 2010. He spoke wise words and told great jokes; having him at the event was awe inspiring to all who attended. The Nation's unfortunate loss of this great Elder was felt a few days after the event

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Carolyn Doody	4th place - Academic Awards	\$2000
Carlene Quock	5th place - Academic Awards	\$1000
Natalia Dennis	1st place -Non- Academic Awards	\$1000
Clifford Slater	2nd place -Non-Academic Awards	\$1000
Kamaria Dennis	3rd place - Non-Academic Awards	\$1000
Miranda Jackson	4th place - Non-Academic Awards	\$1000
Teneal Nole	5th place - Non-Academic Awards	\$1000

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and the realization of his presence at the 100th Declaration Ceremonies meant even more to the Nation.

There were several speeches from Leadership of all aspects. The Tahltan Leadership was present for the event and were also dressed in their regalia for the monumental event. They were well composed and



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pride glowed from them. Dignitary Chiefs also made some speeches that were enjoyed by all. Of course the mayor of Terrace Dave Pernarowski, Bulkley-Stikine representative Doug Donaldson and MP Nathan Cullen also made their mark in the history of the event with messages given from them in the form of speeches.

Although the weather did not cooperate fully in order to have the monument placed at the Old Tahltan Village as



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originally planned, that left an opening for a very prestigious event by the participants walking in unity from the Telegraph hall to the Tahltan Band Office, which was a spectacular sight.



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Declaration of the Tahltan Band Chief of the Tahltan Nation  
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## PASSING OF LOCAL BUSINESSMAN

Local businessman, Bill Markle passed away at his 8 mile ranch on the Telegraph Creek road, November 9, 2010 at the age of 67. Bill and Darlene moved to the Dease Lake area in 1976 when he was working for BC Rail. He later worked in Cassiar for a year; travelling back and forth between their new home in Dease Lake and Cassiar. A year later he began his own business in Dease Lake, Arctic Excavating, which was still operating until about two-weeks before Bill passed. Bill was involved in the early years of Dease Lake, and did several years of volunteer time with the Community Club and other organizations, he was also a renowned mechanic and wood sawyer. Bill will be truly missed by all. GCMC offers condolences to the Markle Family.



Picture by Lorraine Mroch

## TRAGIC LOSS OF GALORE CREEK WORKER

It is with deep regret that GCMC learned of the passing away of a dear co-worker Marty Marion at Telegraph Creek on October 30th, 2010 and it was a difficult situation to handle for many people within the project. Marty had made his mark on the Galore Project back in the early days with NovaGold, in 2003. He worked for several different companies on the project including VIH, Heli-For and Quantum, as a loadmaster. He worked for TNES and operated equipment, and was a truck driver when needed and was an overall hand on the Project. Marty had a special place in everyone's hearts on the Project and will be dearly missed by all.

At the GCMC end of year get together on October 30, Paul Cocklin, GCMC Project Mine Manager, called for a moment of silence in memory of Marty. Condolences go out to the Marion Family.



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## **GCMC DONATES 12 LOGGING-TRUCK LOADS OF FIREWOOD TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

This fall GCMC made arrangements to have 12 logging truck loads of wood distributed to the local communities of Dease Lake, Telegraph Creek and Iskut.

To date the Galore Creek Mining Corporation has brought 48 logging truck loads of firewood to the communities in a four-year period. This is wood that was cut on the road right of-way for the Galore Creek Project in 2007 when the road construction began. GCMC is pleased to have been able to help Elders, Single Parents and families in need of firewood these past 4-years.

## **GCMC's ROSE SMITH LEAVES PROJECT**



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Rose Smith has been a dedicated employee on the Galore Project since 2004 where she originally joined the team as part of the SRSC team. Her amazing organizational skills when in the early tent camps of Galore brought attention to her from the NovaGold team. Rose was hired

directly the next season as the camp manager. When Teck Resources became part owner of the project in 2007 and Galore Creek Mining Corporation was formed, Rose moved over to GCMC with her position and took on even more responsibilities as



Picture by Hank Asp

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more camps were involved. GCMC would like to thank Rose Smith for her devotion to the Galore Project and Team. Her decision to move onto other ventures in her life will leave a hole within the Team that will be difficult to fill with the same enthusiasm that she brought forth to the job. GCMC wishes Rose the best in her future endeavors in what-ever she chooses to move onto.



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## UPDATE ON THE PROJECT FOR 2010

The Galore project remained in Care and Maintenance in 2010. The road to km 40 was maintained and some of the temporary bridges were replaced. No new road was constructed this year. Revegetation and slope stabilization was conducted at numerous locations.

A drill program was undertaken to collect additional metallurgical samples from the deposit to support the new Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS).

Geotechnical drilling was conducted to evaluate rock characteristics for the new tunnel alignment, the water dam downstream of the open pits, the plant site and the western end of the tailings impoundment. This necessitated having the Espaw camp open for almost 5 months in addition to Ch'yone. Espaw was closed in early October and Ch'yone was closed by the end of October.

More work was done on the dating of the archaeology finds at the Iskut River and the

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results will be available soon.

We will be reopening the Ch'iyone camp in February 2011 to support construction of our Fish Compensation ponds at km 28 (wetlands near Moose Creek) – construction of which will have to be done in the winter months when the area is frozen.



Picture by Paul Cocklin

### Plans for 2011

Next year, the project will remain on Care and Maintenance. The Pre-Feasibility Study will be completed in March 2011.

Depending on the results, our intention is to proceed with a Feasibility Study by mid-year, once the results of the prefeasibility study have been reviewed and additional funding is approved by the owners (Teck and NovaGold). The program will involve additional field work to continue the investigations for various engineering and environmental studies for the project. We will also at that time revisit the Environmental Assessment process. There will be opportunities to review and discuss the project at various open houses which will be held next year.

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