

TULITA JUNE NEWS

Issue 1: June 2023



NEW LOOKS!

This little newspaper will hopefully be out every month, if possible, of current news, events, and announcements. This also has puzzles, games, and history facts to keep the people of Tulita entertained.

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NEW TO TULITA OR JUST BORED?

We have the 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.

Events and Announcements:

Treaty Day: June 1st, 2023. From 10am to 4pm at the Arena. Come down and get your \$5 from the government or update your status card. Did your newborn get their status yet?

Fire Day: June 6th, 2023. COME OUT AND CELEBRATE WITH THE COMMUNITY OF TULITA! We celebrate the day we almost lost Tulita (Fort Norman at the time) in 1996 to enormous forest fires that overtook the area.

IPCA (Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas) Public Meeting: June 8th, 2023, at the Community Arena from 9-5pm. This meeting will be for the community to make decisions about the next steps for the potential IPCA for the area including Willow, Lennie, Kelly, Mahoney, Clement, and Doctor Lakes. Representatives from Deline and Tulita will be in attendance to present their experiences.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner served. Everyone is welcome. Email IPCA.coordinator@outlook.com for more information.

Preschool Graduation: June 14th, outside the church. Come out and celebrate with the toddlers of their great achievement!

High School Graduation: June 16th at 6pm, at the school. The High School Grads this year is Makhla Antoine and Mason Bayha-MacCauley.

Father's Day: June 18th, 2023. Happy Father's Day to all the Tulita dads, uncles, and grandfathers who help the children in their family.

Kindergarten Grad/Awards Ceremony: June 19th at 2pm, at the school. Everyone is welcomed! The kindergarten grads this year is Athena Horassi, Maci Tale, and Kallie Antoine-Etchinelle.

National Indigenous Peoples Day: June 21st, 2023. Announced in 1996 by then Government General of Canada, Romeo LeBlanc in support of various Indigenous groups of Canada. It was originally Aboriginal Day but on June 21st, 2017, the Prime Minister renamed it to National Indigenous Peoples Day.

Sahtu Day: June 23rd, 2023. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the Sahtu Dene and Metis Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement. It was signed on September 6th, 1993, in Tulita and came into effect June 23, 1994. This is a Modern Treaty which is protected by Section 23 of the Constitution of Canada. This gave the Sahtu ownership of 41,437 km of land in the Mackenzie River Valley and lets the Sahtu Dene and Metis rights to continue hunting and fishing.



COMMUNITY HOURS:

Harriet Gladue Health Centre (588-4251): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

RCMP (588-1111): Mon-Fri. 9am -12pm, 1pm-5pm.

Hamlet (588-4471): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

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

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

Two Rivers Hotel (588-3320): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

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

Tulita Housing (588-4011): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

Tulita Land Corp (588-3734): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

Mackay Range (588-3051): Mon.-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

Chief Albert Wright (588-4361): Mon-Fri. 8am-12pm, 1pm-4pm. Closed for summer months.

Preschool (588-3501): Mon-Fri. 1pm-3:45pm. Closed for summer months.

BJs Market & Take Out (subject to change): Call 588-3504 for hours or check Facebook.

Wright's Convenience (subject to change): Call 588-4927 for hours or check Facebook.

Pentecostal Mission: Sun. at 11am and Wed. at 6pm for Bible study.

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

ECC (Environment and Climate Change) (588-3441): Mon.-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

Parks Canada (588-4884): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

SRRB (374-4040): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

IPCA (588-3053): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

Fort Norman Metis Land Corp (588-3201): Mon-Fri. 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm.

Gas Station (588-3044): Mon-Fri. 11am-12pm, 2pm-4pm. Sat. 11am-12pm. 1pm-2p

RECREATIONAL TIMES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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

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 Tuesdays, Fridays, or Saturdays, depending on organization and funds needed.



Mackay Range

Mackay Range is working on different projects here in Tulita.

The Tulita Tourism Cabins are In Progress, and so far have local workers from Tulita on finishing the cabins. They are currently trying to get all 5 cabins built by the year 2024. More information will be out as they get closer to completion.



The Biomass engineer is going to come in to Tulita to get a look at the buildings.

The Cultural Centre behind the Police Station is being currently worked on. They are at the foundation level and hope to be done soon.

The Solar Projects are completed.

You can contact Andrew Oler or Tamera Bernarde at the Mackay Office for further details or information on the Mackay Projects.

Mackay Office Number: (867) 588-3051

Email: tamera.bernarde@tulitalandcorp.ca or andrew.oler@tulitalandcorp.ca

IPCA – Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas

The IPCA are lands and waters where Indigenous governments have the primary role in protecting and conserving ecosystems through Indigenous laws, governance, and knowledge systems. They also do more such as environmental monitoring and harvesting. It is about Language, Culture, nationhood and self-determination, jobs, and well-being for communities.

The Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas is located on the left door at the Two Rivers Hotel, and the office number is (867) 588-3053, if you want to ask about any information. Email IPCA.Coordinator@outlook.com as well if you have any questions.





Funny Little Stories

Helicopter Ride:

Walter took his wife Ethel to the state fair every year, and every time he would say to her, “Ethel, you know that I’d love to go for a ride in that helicopter.” But Ethel would always reply, “I know that Walter, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars.”

Finally, they went to the fair, and Walter said to Ethel, “Ethel, you know I’m 87 years old now. If I don’t ride that helicopter this year, I may never get another chance.” Once again Ethel replied, “Walter, you know that helicopter is 50 dollars and 50 dollars is 50 dollars.”

This time the helicopter pilot overheard the couple’s conversation and said, “Listen folks, I’ll make a deal with you. I’ll take both of you

for a ride; if you can both stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won’t charge you! But if you say just one word, it’s 50 dollars.”

Walter and Ethel agreed and up they went in the helicopter. The pilot performed all kinds of fancy moves and tricks, but not a word was said by either Walter or Ethel.

The pilot did his death-defying tricks over and over again, but still there wasn’t so much as one word said.

When they finally landed, the pilot turned to Walter and said, “Wow! I’ve got to hand it to you. I did everything I could to get you to scream or shout out, but you didn’t. I’m really impressed!”

Walter replied, “Well to be honest I almost said something when Ethel fell out but, you know, 50 dollars is 50 dollars!”

How Bugs Feel:

When I was about 5/6 my mom and stepdad bought my sister and I bikes for Easter. After church they were like “do you wanna learn how to ride them?” And I was like??? Duh?? I had finally gotten the hang of it and I was riding around the circle showing off, and my mom was like “say cheese” so I look over at her for a second and I RAM INTO A CAR AT FULL SPEED. A parked car that I didn’t even see, like at all, so I just rammed into this car and I fell off my bike and I was crying and all I could think about was “this must be how bugs feel” like they’re flying around living life and then SPLAT. Looking back that was my first existential crisis.

Funny Tale of a Lost Senior Citizen:

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old man sitting on a park bench sobbing his eyes out. I stopped and asked him what was wrong. He told me, “I have a 22 year old wife at home. She rubs my back every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and freshly ground coffee.” I continued, “Well, then why are you crying?” He added, “She makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favourite biscuits, cleans the house and then watches sports TV with me for the rest of the afternoon.” I said, “Well, why are you crying?” He said, “For dinner she makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my

favourite dessert and then we cuddle until the small hours.” I inquired, “Well, why in the world would you be crying?” He replied, “I can’t remember where I live.”

Preacher’s Wife:

A couple were going on a vacation together but the wife had an emergency at work. So they agreed the husband would go as planned and his wife would meet him at the hotel the next day.

When the husband got to his hotel and had checked in, he thought he should send his wife a quick email letting her know he’d got there ok.

As he typed in her email address, he made a typo and his email was sent to an elderly preacher’s wife whose instead. It just so happened that her husband had sadly died just the day before.

When the grieving old preacher’s wife checked her emails, she read the one from the holiday maker, let out an awful, loud, piercing scream, and fainted on the floor.

At the sound of her falling, her family rushed into the room. They tended to her and then looked at her computer and saw this email on her screen:

Dearest Wife,

Just checked in to my room. Everything is prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

P.S. It sure is hot down here.

Driving Test:

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and asked his Dad if he could start using the family car.

The Dad said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car"

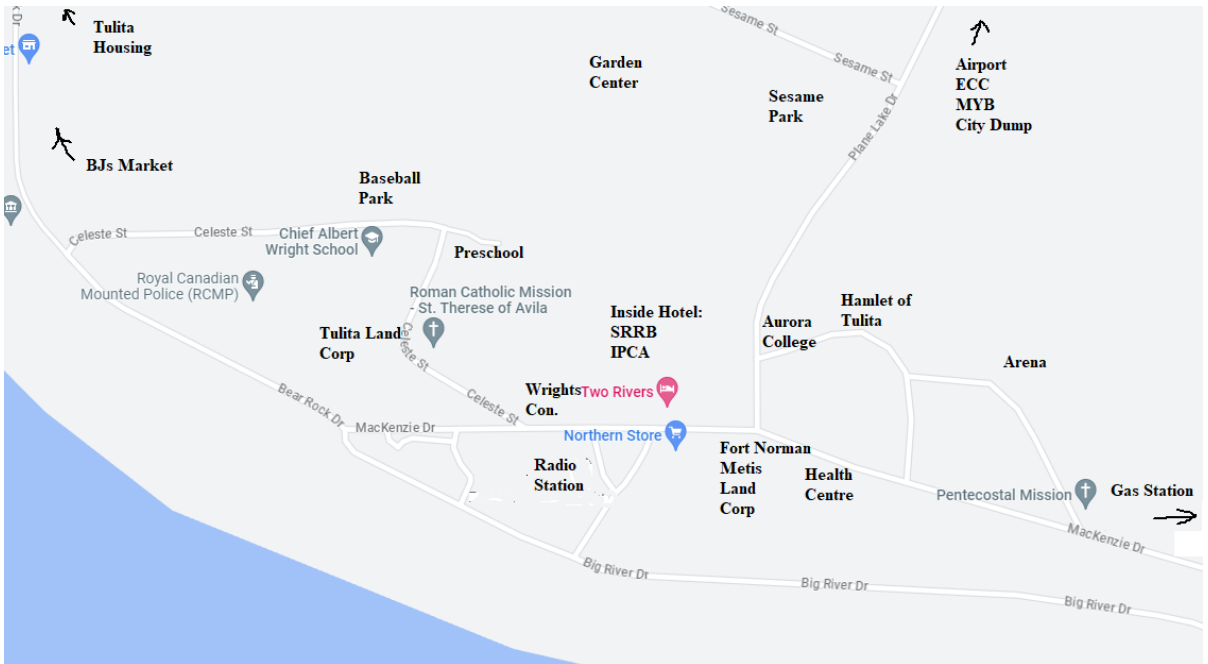
The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks, the Dad said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

His Dad replied, "Did you also notice that they all walked everywhere they went?"

Friendly Map of Tulita for newcomers!



Tulita Historical Facts

That Tulita was originally named Fort Norman until January 1st, 1996 because the people had wanted an original Dene name. It was an original Hudson's Bay Post and moved at least once in the last hundred years. It used to be closer to Deline, right near Great Bear Lake but was moved in 1869 to what we know now by Nichol Taylor, the commander of the fort at the time.

It rose to importance in 1920s oil strike which forced the Canadian government to make a treaty with the Mackenzie River district. As a result, Treaty 11 was signed in 1921 by the people of the Mackenzie and their Chiefs, Treaty Commissioner Henry Anthony Conroy, Bishop Gabriel-Joseph-Elie Breynat of the Apostolic Vicariate of Mackenzie, and the Government of Canada.

The blue clear water flows from Great Bear Lake and the tan water comes from Great Slave Lake in the south. They merge at Bear Rock and create a beautiful scenic landscape for many to view on the Two Rivers Hiking Trail that starts right behind Parks Canada.

POSITIVE SHOUTOUT FOR TULITA!

Edward McPherson-Manuel would like to say hello to his grandma, Cecilia McPherson and thank you for helping him finish his puzzle!

Alexis McPherson would like to say hi to her mom and grandma and is happy that BJs Market is open again!

Maverick Baton-Charlo would like to say hello to his grandma and hopes she still have candy in her drawer.

Hollie McPherson-Manuel would like to say that she loves her mom and hopes she buys more tuna!

Walter McPherson-Pierrot would like to say Happy Birthday to his grandma, Judy McPherson and that he loves her!

Andrew McPherson-Stewart would like to say that he loves his mom very much and hopes that she buys more slush.

Andrew Etchinelle would like to shout out to his auntie Stacey Naezdo Happy Birthday for June!

Rita Doctor would like to say a belated happy birthday to Charlene Chapple and that she loves he

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Homemade Frozen Yogurt Pops

2 Containers of your favourite yogurt, 2 cups of fresh fruit cup up, and 1 tablespoon of honey (or sugar, water, or apple juice to your tastes).

1.) In a blender, place all ingredients. Cover and blend until smooth.

2.) Divide mixture among plastic cups. Cover cups with tin foil and insert craft sticks into center (the tin foil is making sure the sticks stay in place). Freeze for at least 6 hours or until frozen.



Kid Friendly Yogurt Parfait Recipe

Ingredients: Your favourite yogurt, your favorite fruits all cut up, and your favorite granola (cereal, oats, or flakes).

Directions: In a small cup, add your yogurt, sprinkle the fruit and granola in layers until you see fit.

Grab a spoon and enjoy!



Bannock Recipe

Ingredients: 3 cups of flour, 2 tablespoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 ½ cup water, and ¼ cup butter or shortening, melted (add blueberries or raisins if you want).

Directions: Stir together flour, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Pour water and melted butter over flour mixture. Stir with a fork then hands to make a ball.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface; knead gently about 10 times. Pat into a flat circle, ¾ to 1-inch thick.

Warm a greased frying pan over medium heat.

Place dough in a hot pan and cook until browned, about 15 minutes per side. Use two lifters for easy turning.

OR! The bread can also be baked on a greased baking sheet at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 25 to 30 minutes.



POST JOURNALS OF FORT NORMAN FROM 1837

Did you know that in the Post Journals from 1837 for Hudson's Bay Company, the Post Master wrote most often about food and the weather. Food was scarce and hard to come by and the weather was often cold and wet. With the lack of communication from the outside world, other than letters that came once in the summer, the isolation and cold often got to them.

On Tuesday, July 25th, 1837, he wrote, "*Three Indians arrived from willow Lake, they brought as follows viz six made Beaver in Furs. 59 dry Fish they got a small supply of ammunition and went off.*" The Dene inhabitants that lived and moved around the area would come to the fort to supply them with fish or meat, trade their Made Beaver, the unit of account used by the forts. It was the best quality pelt of one adult beaver. The concept of money was not known to the Indigenous in the past, so traded items was used at best.

Here is a list of what the fur traders could roughly get from 1 Made Beaver (MB):

1MB = 3/4 pounds of coloured beads

1MB = 1 1/2 pounds of gun-powder

1MB = 1 brass kettle

1MB = 2 pounds of sugar

1MB = 1 gallon of brandy

1MB = 2 yards of flannel

1MB = 12 dozen buttons 1MB = 1 pair of breeches

1MB = 1 pair of shoes 1MB = 20 flints

1MB = 8 knives 1MB = 2 pair looking glasses

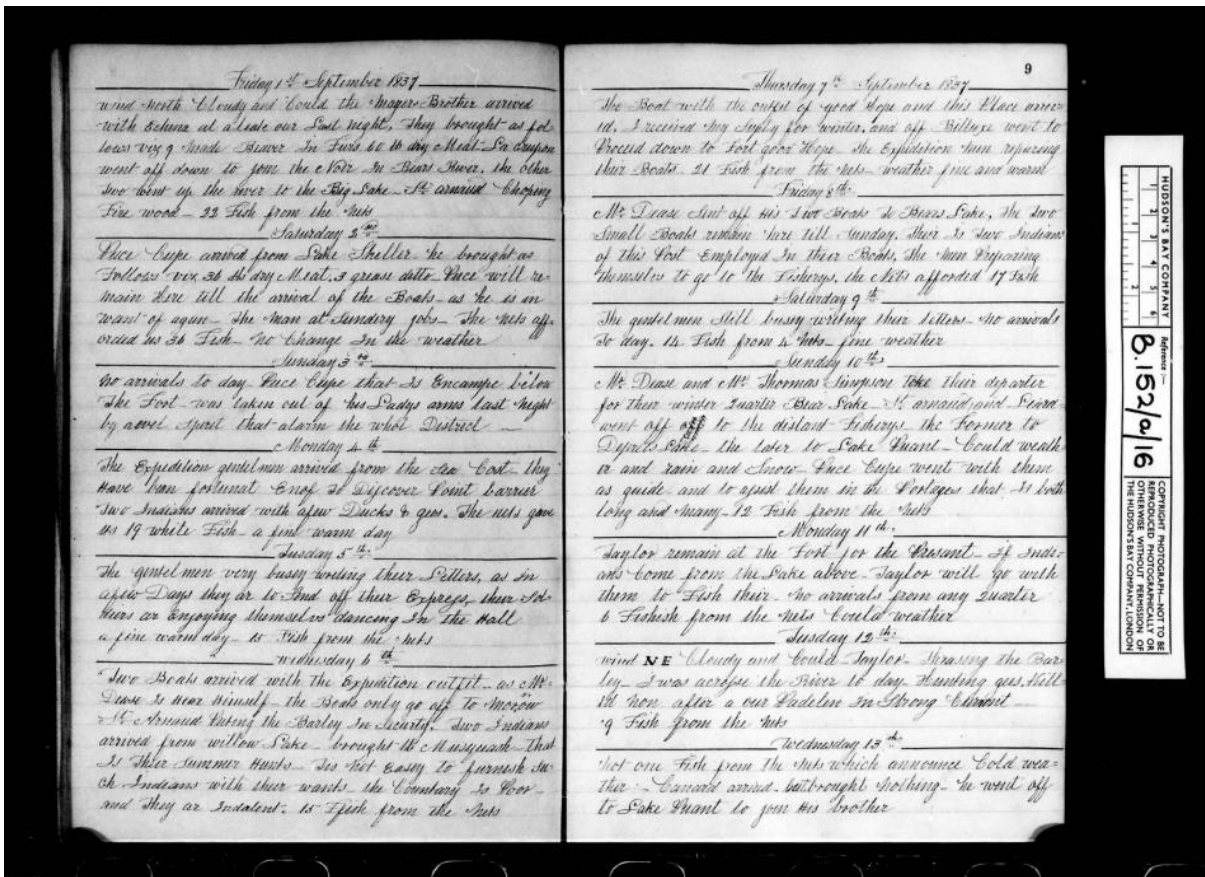
1MB = 2 hatchets 1MB = 20 fish hooks

1MB = 1 blanket 4 MB = 1 pistol

1MB = 2 shirts 11 MB = 1 musket

On October 17th, 1837, he wrote, "*a woverine was Trying to force his way in the Store last night but the Dogs sent the Poor Starving animal off without his supper. Perhaps he'll pay another visit then we Shall receive our Stranger with upper arms.*" Often animals would get into storerooms and houses, looking for food to survive and had to be scared off with guns or loud noises.

The most alarming post is on Sunday, September 3rd, 1837. He wrote, "*[indescribable name] that is Emcampe below the Fort was takin out of his Lady's arms last night by a evil spirit that alarmed the whol District.*" Scary times.



Picture of a HBC 1837 Post Journal

We will write more from the posts of Hudson's Bay Company's Post Journals. If you would like to know more about other around the Northwest Territories like Deline, Wriglet, or Fort Good Hope, please call (867) 588 3734 or email tlf.c.2018@hotmail.com.





Émile Petitot from 1860s

Father Émile Petitot was a Missionary Oblate priest that wrote a book titled, “Travels around Great Slave and Great Bear Lakes-1862-1882.” It was originally written in French, but translated to English in 2005. His book begins with his inexperience of travelling the North of Canada while meeting the local Indigenous along the way. He quite enjoyed the residents and had a sharp sense of wit when writing about the wonders of the Northwest Territories.

His missions included Fort Norman, Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, and Fort Good Hope. Émile Petitot was the one that worked on the design, decoration, and construction of Fort Good Hope’s Church of Our Lady of Good Hope. He wrote extensively about the North, but suffered from bouts of sanity.

Here are some passages from his book that might amuse you.

When Émile and another priest named Louis Boisramé travelled across on Great Slave Lake with their Native guide, he wrote in his book that he was a Tenderfoot due to his inexperience using snowshoes and damaging his feet because he was too stubborn to tell anyone that he was in pain. *“I thought I was already an expert in their use and I had refused the services of the Indian who, when we left, wanted to adjust them to my feet. I was so sure that I had arranged the binding well! My presumption as an inexperienced tenderfoot was about to receive a famous humiliation.”*

When they had camped for the night, he and his companion froze during the night, hugging the sled dogs for warmth. *“Then, how I envied the lot of our guide who, wrapped up in a single woollen blanket and leaving his scarcely clothed spindly legs in the open air, snored like a German spinning top. How many degrees warmer is the blood of this remarkable specimen of humanity so that he enjoys an abundance of warmth while we freeze to death.”*

The next day, they bundled with everything they had on them. *“So, with my double shirts, double socks, double shoes, double overcoats, etc., I looked more like a white bear or Normandy’s legendary old Santa Claus than a traveller in the Danite [Chipewyan] country.”*

Hungry, they ate anything they came across. *“I killed a grouse, the only one that I had ever seen at The Rapid where they had never been found before. Actually, in the snow I saw the body of an old raven frozen for the previous two months. It had seriously insulted us on day and I had tried to kill it because of its impertinence... I carefully gathered it up, piously plucked it, cut off its head and feet, and I baptized it, thus transformed, a capercaillie grouse, to give him to a white partridge as a companion.”*

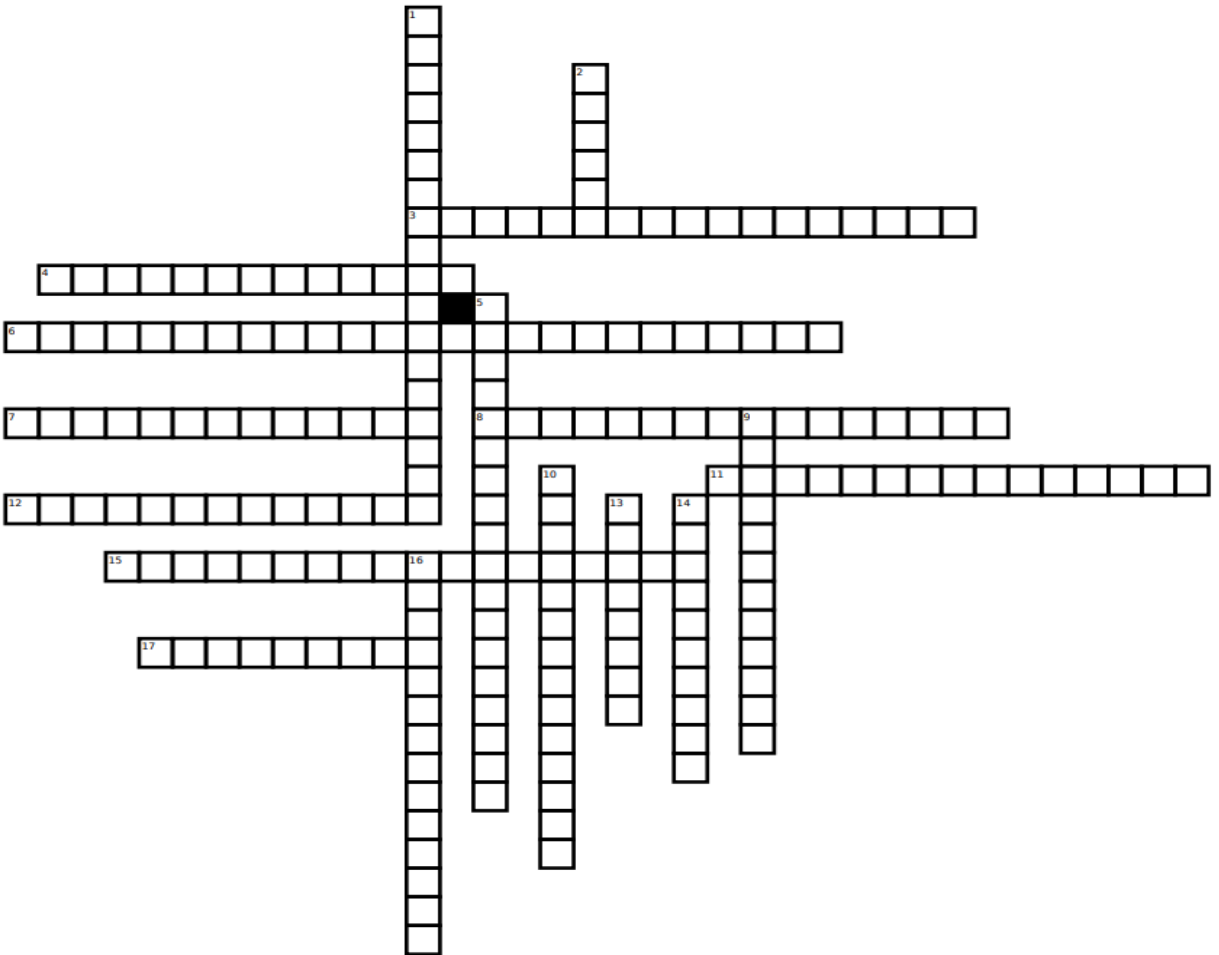
Lastly, *“Further, I had noticed a certain ermine and a certain mink in the fish shed, who had got in there surreptitiously and could not get out because of the fat they had gained at our expense, and who undoubtedly lived there in immoral concubinage, or at the least in a relationship too suspect to be tolerated any longer. I put an end to the scandal with my gun; I had Baptiste, one of the young boys, skin them and also sent them to our chief cook, calling them young rabbits.”*

Language lesson. What was the Mackenzie’s original name in Dene? Émile Petitot wrote in 1862 that it was Nakotsia-Kotcho, meaning Big River, a Dene name for the Mackenzie. Is this right or did time change the language?



Missionaries travelling on Great Slave Lake

TULITA CROSSWORD (use official names)



Down:

1. Where you go for fast food during the night near hotel.
2. Where you live on the map.
5. Where you pray uptown.
9. Where you get your power for your house.
10. Where out-of-towners go to sleep.
13. Tulita symbol.
14. Where you go for fast food downtown during the day.
16. Where you go for business and bills.

Across:

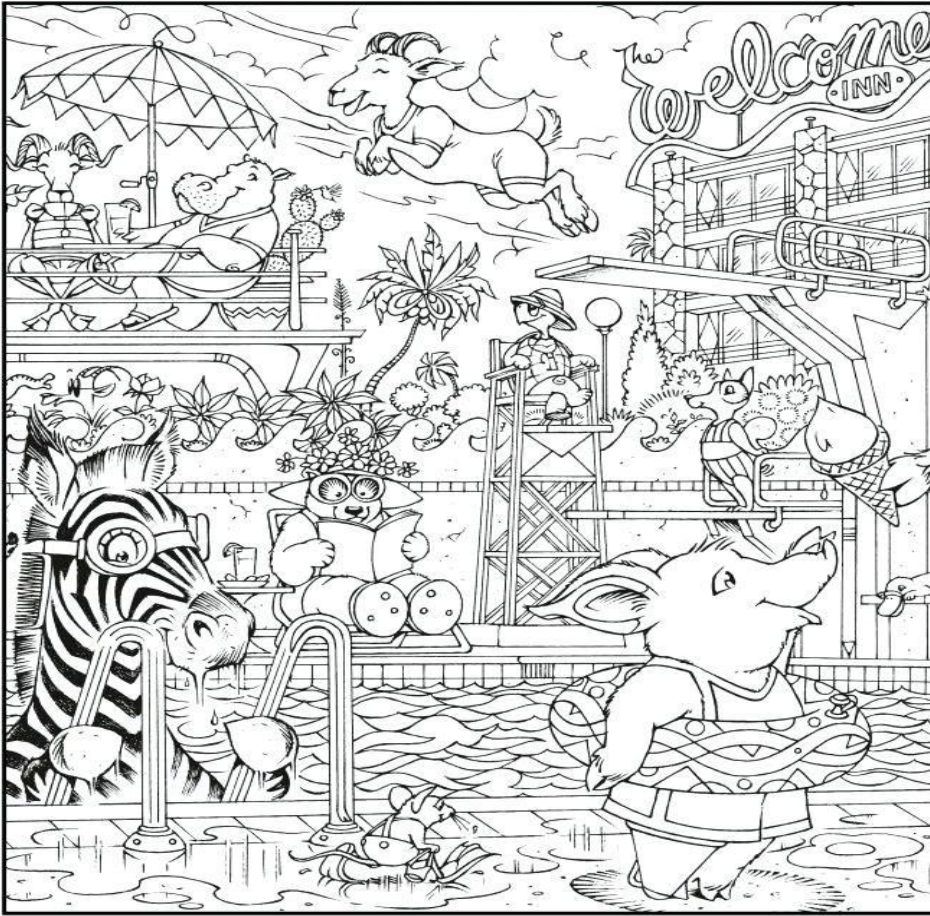
3. Where the kids go during the day.¹
4. Where you go to apply for a house.
6. Where you go if you get hurt.
7. Where you go if you need groceries.
8. Where you go for activities and feasts.
11. Where you pray uptown.
12. Where adults go for school and courses.
15. Where you go to get on a plane.
17. Where babies and toddlers go for school.

¹ Answers at the end.

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Making a Splash

By Mark Corcoran



Can you find these
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fried egg



wishbone



acorn



paper clip



comb



coffeepot



toothbrush



scissors



bird



boomerang



wooden shoe



kite



pliers



crowbar

BONUS!

Can you also find the baseball bat, envelope, pencil, and hockey stick?

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Words to Find:

Northwright Airways, Chief Albert Wright, St Therese Church, Gladue Harriet Health
 Center, Arthur Mendo Arena, Nother Store, Aurora Collge, Sesame Street, Pentacostal, BJ
 Services, Wrights Convenience, FT Metis Land Corp, NWT Power Corp, Parks Canada,
 Indigenous, Two Rivers, Fort Norman, Bear River, Bear Rock, Red Dog, Mackenzie,
 Tulita, Trees, Bannock, Dene, Plane Lake, River

Can you find these objects hidden in the picture?



fish



pointy hat



ghost



screwdriver



banana



hot dog



crescent moon



crown



tube of toothpaste



horseshoe



ice-cream cone



sheep



teacup



teapot



glove



snake



book



artist's brush



spoon



Answers to crossword: Tulita, Chief Albert Wright. Tulita Housing, Harriet Gladue Health Centre, Northern Store, Arthur Mendo Arena, St. Therese Church, Aurora College, Northwright Airways, Preschool, Wrights Convenience, Pentacostal Mission, NWT Power Corp, Bear Rock, BJ Services, Two Rivers Hotel, Hamlet of Tulita.

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