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## PARTNER LETTER

With a new government taking shape in Ottawa, there have been a number of programs opening up that will provide the necessary funding for all manner of initiatives. Our research team is on top of these and we will be forwarding them as they come out. In addition, we are planning trips to Ottawa in February to advocate with our clients to ensure that their projects are front and center. We want to wish everyone a happy holiday season and look forward to a successful 2020.

*Grant Barley*



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## STRATEGIES NORTH IN THE YUKON

President Grant Barley and Senior Advisor Lynn Hutton traveled to the Yukon in November for an exciting week of meetings with our client, Carcross Tagish Management Corporation.

While they were there, they visited Whitehorse to attend the Yukon Geoscience Forum & Technology Trade show, which brings together First Nations, government and industry together under one roof to discuss geopolitical themes. This year's conference themes focused on First Nations, innovation, infrastructure development and environmental reclamation.



Photo credit: Anne Turner, Yukon Mining Alliance

## IS YOUR COMMUNITY A QUALIFIED DONEE?

As a qualified donee, you are eligible to issue official donation receipts, receive gifts from registered charities, and receive funding from government programs reserved for qualified donees.

First Nations are considered a Qualified Donee if they constitute a "public body performing a function of government." A function of government generally means any activity or group of activities undertaken to meet a governance role or purpose within a geographic area.

In a First Nations context, a public body is generally an Indian band as defined in the Indian Act with procedures to elect Chief and council or other Aboriginal governments with election procedures.

To be recognized as qualified donees, municipal and public bodies must apply for registration and be added to a list maintained by the Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA).

Contact any member of the Strategies North team to get a copy of our guide to becoming a qualified donee!

## FIRST NATIONS GUARDIAN INITIATIVE

The **First Nations guardians initiative** is a pilot program which funds First Nations communities to exercise their rights and responsibilities to the land, waters, and ice of their traditional territories through on-the-ground, community-based stewardship initiatives.

The national call for proposals for new **Tier 1** First Nations Guardians' Initiatives is now open. Tier 1 is for **new initiatives**. Previous applicants to Tier 1 can reapply, but funding in one year is not a guarantee of funding in a subsequent year.

The following criteria is used to select projects:

- Clarity of proposal
- Governance
  - Capacity
- Cultural Inclusion
- Community support and engagement
  - Partnership

**Details:** Maximum allocation \$60,000 per year for activities completed by March 31, 2021.

**Application deadline:** The deadline to apply for Tier 1 projects is January 10, 2020

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-funding/indigenous-guardians-pilot-program/first-nations.html>

## KEY DATES

**December 13: UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund**

Deadline to apply under the Indigenous Cultural Safety & Cultural Humility Training stream

**December 25:** Christmas Day, Statutory Holiday

**January 1:** New Years Day, Statutory Holiday

**January 10: First Nations guardians initiative**

Deadline to apply for Tier 1 projects (new initiatives)

## TAKLA NATION

### Our December client profile is Takla Nation!

The traditional territory of the Takla First Nation is located in North Central British Columbia, a rich environment of lakes, rivers, forests, and mountains bordered by the Skeena Mountains to the west and the Rocky Mountain trench to the east. The main community of Takla Nation is at Takla Landing, a picturesque community where more than 200 residents live on the northeast shore of Nadleh Bun, or Takla Lake.

Takla is constantly expanding its business ventures through its economic development arm, Sasuchan Development Corporation, which seeks to benefit the Takla Nation's membership through interests in logging, fuel, construction, tourism, and real estate.

To learn more about Takla, visit:  
<https://www.taklafn.ca/>



Photo Credit: Takla Nation

## QUEEN MARGARET'S CAREER DAY

Policy Analyst Zayge Klein was recently invited to speak about public policy during the annual Career Day at Queen Margaret's School, where she graduated from in 2014. She spoke to the students in Duncan, BC, about the career possibilities within public policy, and how through public policy we can shape a brighter, more sustainable and inclusive future for everyone. She encouraged the students to volunteer in their community and pursue a post-secondary education where they can learn about all of the ways they can make a difference in the world using policy.



Photo credit: Hayley Picard, Queen Margaret's School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Dease River Development Corp. has a new website!

Check it out at:  
<http://deaseriverdc.ca/>

### Lobbying

We are planning a number of lobbying trips in the new year. Contact any member of our team to learn more about what lobbying can do for your community!

### Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season! Our office will be closed December 23-27 so that we can spend valuable time with all our families. If you require immediate assistance during this time, please contact Anna at 250-793-7648 or [anna@strategiesnorth.ca](mailto:anna@strategiesnorth.ca)