



# Liard Aboriginal Women's Society

## News and Upcoming Events

May 2018

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## Youth for Safety

This year we had 25 Youth involved with the Youth for Safety program at Watson Lake Secondary School. The program focused on engaging and empowering Youth to address violence against young women and girls. Over the last three years, the Youth have delivered the following campaigns:

- **2016:** Community dinner launch and presentation
- **2017:** December 6 Vigil Remembering the Montreal Massacre and 1200 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in the Yukon
- **2017:** March 8 Campaign to celebrate International Women's Day
- **2018:** March 7 International Women's Day Celebration at Watson Lake Secondary School
- **2018:** Memorial for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women in the Yukon
- **2018:** Community dinner and presentation

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the **Youth for Safety Community Launch** with a **Community Dinner**.

- **When:** May 10, 2018
- **Where:** Watson Lake Recreation Centre
- **Time:** 5:00pm

**Thank You:** This is the last year of the three-year project and we would like to acknowledge the many Youth who have been involved over the three years. We would also like to thank:

- WLSS Principle Jean McClean, teachers and staff
- Kaska language teacher Linda McDonald
- Great facilitators Julie Liliberte, Renee Claude-Carrier, Kate Odgers and Crystal Stewart
- Souga Sinla to Elders for teaching *Dena Ai Nazen* Leda Jules, Mary Charlie, Mary Porter, Rose Caesar, Fannie Vance, Mary Wolftail, and Jocelyn Wolftail
- LAWS Office Manater Travis Stewart for your hard work behind the scenes
- Beringia Community Planning Inc. for conducting the evaluation
- Art Stephenson for your help with program development
- Dr. Allan Wade for your dedication to the Kaska women and helping with curriculum
- Our funding agencies Status of Women Canada and Health Canada
- Thomas Slager and the Youth that prepare the lunches



## In Memory of Dult' Madeline Caesar

This is the third year of celebrating the achievements of our Youth through the Regalia Project. The Elders, parents, grandparents and community members come regularly to create special masterpieces for our Youth that are graduating from Grade 7 and Grade 12. We are so very proud of our Youth and feel very honoured to be celebrating with youth.

We have dedicated this year's **Regalia Sewing and Celebration** to our late sister Madeline Caesar whose absence has been felt deeply in our community and during our sewing circles.

- **When:** June 6, 2018
- **Where:** Watson Lake Recreation Centre
- **Time:** 5:00pm

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- We thank the Elders, parents, grandparents, friends, neighbours and Youth that sewed the Regalia.
- Thank you to our funders: YTG Innovation Funding, Gandhada Management, and Health Canada



## Residential School Counselling Services

Counsellor for IRS-RHSP and NIHB Mental Health

**Thank You:** Liard Aboriginal Women's Society would like to thank Maryann Stein for offering her services to our community for the last 8 years. We wish you well in your retirement.

We are pleased to welcome to our homeland Leslie Knight (MSW) who will be offering counselling for members who may be needing support. Leslie will be in Watson Lake and Lower Post from **May 14 to 18**.

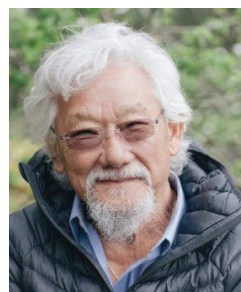
**If you need to see Leslie**, please call **867-334-6246**

## Mothers of the Land Gathering

Educational Traditional Teachings of Stewardship

In partnership with Liard First Nation, LAWS is excited to announce **the Mothers of the Land Gathering** with guest speakers David Suzuki and Danika Littlechild. **\*See poster attached for more information.**

- **When:** May 30, 31, June 1, 2018
- **Where:** Watson Lake Recreation Centre





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THE DATE**

# **MOTHERS OF THE LAND GATHERING**

**Educational Traditional Teachings of Stewardship**

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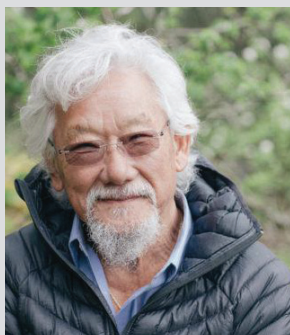


**MAY 30<sup>TH</sup> - JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018**

**Watson Lake Recreational Centre | Watson Lake, Yukon**



## **ANNOUNCING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS:**



**David Suzuki**

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**Danika Littlechild**

## **3-DAY FORUM: "PROTECT & PRESERVE WHAT WE HAVE"**

**Resource Management  
In the Liard Basin**

**Impacts & Our Path  
Together Education,  
Management & Action**

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