

## ***Carcross - Wednesday, September 12, 2018***

### **Session #8 - Carcross area reclamation**

**Time** 325pm-410pm

**Topic** **Chooutla Residential School Reclamation and Reconciliation**

**Abstract** The Chooutla Residential School operated in Carcross from 1911 to 1969. While most of the buildings have been removed, the intergenerational legacy of the residential school operations remains in the soils and memories of Chooutla. To begin cleaning and healing the site, the Carcross Tagish Management Corporation (CTMC), in partnership with Crown---Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), implemented the National Best Practices Stewardship Pilot Project, focused on Stewardship, reclamation and reconciliation. Established in the spring of 2017, CTMC Stewards work alongside other environmental professionals to clean---up, remediate and reclaim sites in their Traditional Territory, including Chooutla. To date, we have hosted traditional healing ceremonies led by Elders, removed old buildings, solid and hazardous waste from the site, partially delineated the hydrocarbon contamination at site, completed archaeological studies and begun revegetation trials. This summer the delineation will be completed, and options presented for site cleanup to the mandated standard provided by the Carcross/Tagish First Nation Land Management Board. Elders, stewards and technicians facilitate communication and knowledge sharing; the combination of local, traditional and technical understanding leads to better project outcomes at Chooutla and in the community.

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