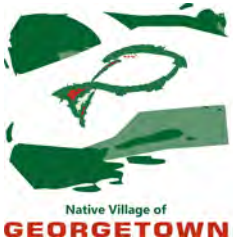


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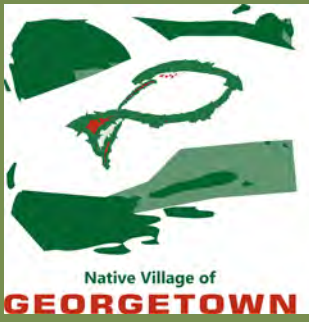


### Community Building Update

As many of you know, construction on the community building was put on hold due to the pandemic, material costs and supply chain issues. The council is happy to report Phase 2 construction was completed in September by Jerry (Dada) Fredericks and crew. Although the weather wasn't fully cooperative, we now have a fully enclosed building complete with siding, ADA ramp, woodstove, floor insulation and much more.

It is great to see progress being made on this project and talks about the completion phases will begin in the immediate future. Keep a lookout for pictures of the building on our Facebook page as well as in this newsletter.

A HUGE thanks to the council, staff, and construction crew who brought us one step closer to a fully functioning community building!



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## COUNCIL

### Chairperson

**David Kutch**  
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**Vice Chairperson**  
Jonathan Samuelson  
Seat D/ Term expires: 2025

**Treasurer/Secretary**  
Valerie Dudley  
Seat B/ Term expires: 2026

**Member**  
John Fredericks  
Seat C/ Term expires: 2026

**Member**  
Gary Fredericks  
Seat E/Term expires: 2024

## STAFF

**Tribal Administrator**  
David Kutch (acting)

**Environmental Coordinator**  
Barbara Johnson

**Program Director**  
Eric Dietrich

# Updates

## Georgetown Committees

All committees consist of a mixture of 4-5 council and tribal members. Each committee is tasked with reviewing business at hand and making recommendations to the council on how to move forward. Committees meet at least once a quarter (sometimes more) virtually, telephonically or in person.

Below is a list of current committees:

- ARP
- Community Building
- Enrollment
- Environmental
- Finance
- Land
- Policy

Interested tribal members are encouraged to reach out to the council or office for information and/or possibilities of joining a committee.

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## 2023 Annual Meeting Recap

This year's Annual meeting was held on August 19 at the Russian Jack Chalet in Anchorage. The meeting started a few minutes late to allow for every to grab something to eat from the snacks provided. After the meeting was called to order and the agenda and last year's meeting minutes were approved, Charlene, from Great North CPAs, announced that quorum had been reached for this year's election.

Next came the election results also presented by Charlene. This year, members voted for council seats B and C. Valerie Dudley was re-elected in for seat B, and John Fredericks was elected to council seat C. Both will serve until the term ends in 2026. Following the election results came staff presentations.

Barbara, the Environmental Coordinator, gave her presentation aided by the members of the Environmental Committee. The committee members took turns talking about the water testing that was done in the spring and the use of the water temperature loggers. Barbara talked about the upcoming proj-

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# Council Meeting

## Georgetown Tribal Council October 14, 2023 Quarterly Meeting

The Georgetown Tribal Council, the governing body of the Native Village of Georgetown, met on Saturday, October 14th, 2023, for their quarterly meeting. Council Members that attended in-person were John Fredericks, Valerie Dudley, Jonathan Samuelson, and David Kutch. Others in attendance (by phone) Helen Vanderpool, Rebecca Wilmarth, and Renee Wilmarth.

During the meeting the Council:

- Approved the agenda with added agenda items.
- Approved the meeting minutes for June 24, 2023, quarterly meeting.
- Approved the meeting minutes for the September 22, 2023 special meeting.
- Reviewed Administrative reports from the Tribal Administrator and staff members.
- Heard committee reports from the Environmental Committee, Land Committee, Policy Committee, Finance Committee, and Community Center Committee.
- Approved the pending enrollment application.
- Received an update on filling the vacant Tribal Administrator position.
- Received an update on the Opioid Settlement/THO funds. With Jonathan Samuelson to follow up with YKHC to see if they received funds on our behalf.
- Received an update on the ATS Broadband plan.
- Received a summary of the AVCP Annual Convention held in September.
- Ratified Resolution 23-03 - a resolution to contract with SALT to host a kick off meeting for the Kuskokwim Watershed Council.
- Held an Executive session on the vacant Tribal Administrator position.
- Decided to repost the position with updated salary and description.
- Set the next meeting date for February 3rd, 2024.
- Adjourned

# 2023 Annual Meeting





# Phase 2 Community Center



# Assistance Programs

## ARP Assistance Programs

We would like to remind everyone the following assistance programs are still available for Georgetown tribal members: housing assistance, utility assistance, vocational education and off grid assistance. If you haven't taken advantage of these programs already, all of the applications can be found on the NVG website ([georgetowntc.com](http://georgetowntc.com)) under the ARP Assistance Tab. Some members have not used their complete utility assistance, so if you are unsure, we encourage you to reach out to a council member or the office for more information.

The ARPA Vocational and Workforce Development Program provides job and vocational training opportunities for Georgetown members. Up to \$25,000 can be set aside per approved applicant for use before the end of 2024. Funds can be used for online certificates, trade schools, flight training and many other job skill trainings that would expand employment opportunities for tribal members. This is a great opportunity and we highly encourage members to take advantage of it.

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ect of developing a Kuskokwim Watershed Council that will be having its kickoff meeting in December. The next presentation was for Georgetown programs.

Eric, the Program Director, gave updates on the transportation program, phase 2 construction for the community center, and discussed the current ARPA assistance program. Following the presentation, he then fielded questions from those in attendance with the majority of the questions going to ARPA programs. Since Georgetown had recently lost its Tribal Administrator, the Council and committee chairs gave a brief update. After all the presentations and discussions concluded, came this year's tribal member of the year which went to Kattie Wilmarth. The final item on the agenda before the meeting wrapped up was door prizes.

Members in attendance had a chance to win tee shirts, tote bags, life jackets, water bottles, and a few ball caps. The winners of the early bird prizes were Caden Dudley, Linda Evans, Connie Vanderpool, and Traci Maczynski. Each winner was sent a \$50 after the meeting. Barbara brought a few copies of the TEK book that we did for those that wanted a copy.

We would like to thank all those that participated in this year's council election and annual meeting. Next year's election will be for Seat E. We hope to see you at next year's annual meeting!



# Updates Continued

## **Middle and Upper Kuskokwim Watershed Council**

The environmental department has received a grant to develop a Middle and Upper Kuskokwim Watershed Council. An initial “Kick-Off” meeting is scheduled for December and it is great to see interest from other tribes, local landowners, nonprofits and others in our region. With the ever-changing landscape and the importance of the Kuskokwim River to the region and its people, it is vital that something like this exists.

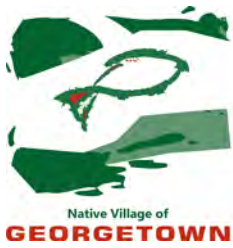
For more info and to keep up on new developments, visit the website ([kuskowatershed.org](http://kuskowatershed.org)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/kuskowatershed](http://www.facebook.com/kuskowatershed)).

## **Keep In Touch**

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number or email address? Contact our office by phone or email and update your contact information.

Have question or suggestion for the staff or the council? We would love to hear from you!





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# Upcoming Events



Check us out on Facebook!

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## November

10 Veteran's Day (office closed)

23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday (office closed)

28-30 BIA Providers Conference

## December

25-26 Christmas Holiday (office closed)

## January

1 New Year's Day (office closed)

15 Dr Martin Luther King Day (office closed)

## February

2 Groundhog's Day

14 Valentine's Day

19 President's Day