

Teslin is a small village located at Mile 804 (Km. 1296) on the Alaska Highway. It is bordered by the waters of Nisutlin Bay and Teslin Lake. Until the turn of the century this was the summer camp or meeting place of the Tlingit tribe from southern Alaska.

During the Gold Rush of 1898 the Teslin campsite boomed briefly as a stopover on the Canadian route to the Klondike. For the first time Teslin had permanent residents. The Hudson Bay Co. established a trading post for the villagers and those travelling the Klondike Trail...

By 1903 the Hudson Bay Co. post closed and Nisutlin Trading post was opened by Tom Smith and George Geddes. Teslin continued to grow with the arrival of the Northwest Mounted Police.

In 1906 the Anglican Church opened a mission to serve the community. That early Log building is still in use as a parish hall. In 1938 the Roman Catholic Mission was opened with a resident priest.



Today, in 2002, Teslin is home to approximately 450 people. These inhabitants enjoy a prosperous community with such facilities as a museum, R.C.M. Police Detachment, school, community centre, health unit, post office, motels, restaurants, and a general store.

“Teslin” is the Tlingit word for “Long Narrow Water.” The Lake is 78 miles (125 Km.) long, 2 miles (3+ Km.) wide and reaches a maximum depth of 700 feet (213m.). It is home to 11 species of fish with Lake Trout being the favourite catch of the sports fisherman. In late summer Chinook and Chum salmon travel up the Yukon and then the Teslin Rivers to spawn. Autumn brings many hunters to this area for ducks, geese and moose. A public boat ramp and launch are situated on the North side of the Nisutlin Bridge. This bridge is the longest span on the entire Alaska Highway.



We invite you to stop and visit our friendly community on your Northern Vacation!

The Village of Teslin



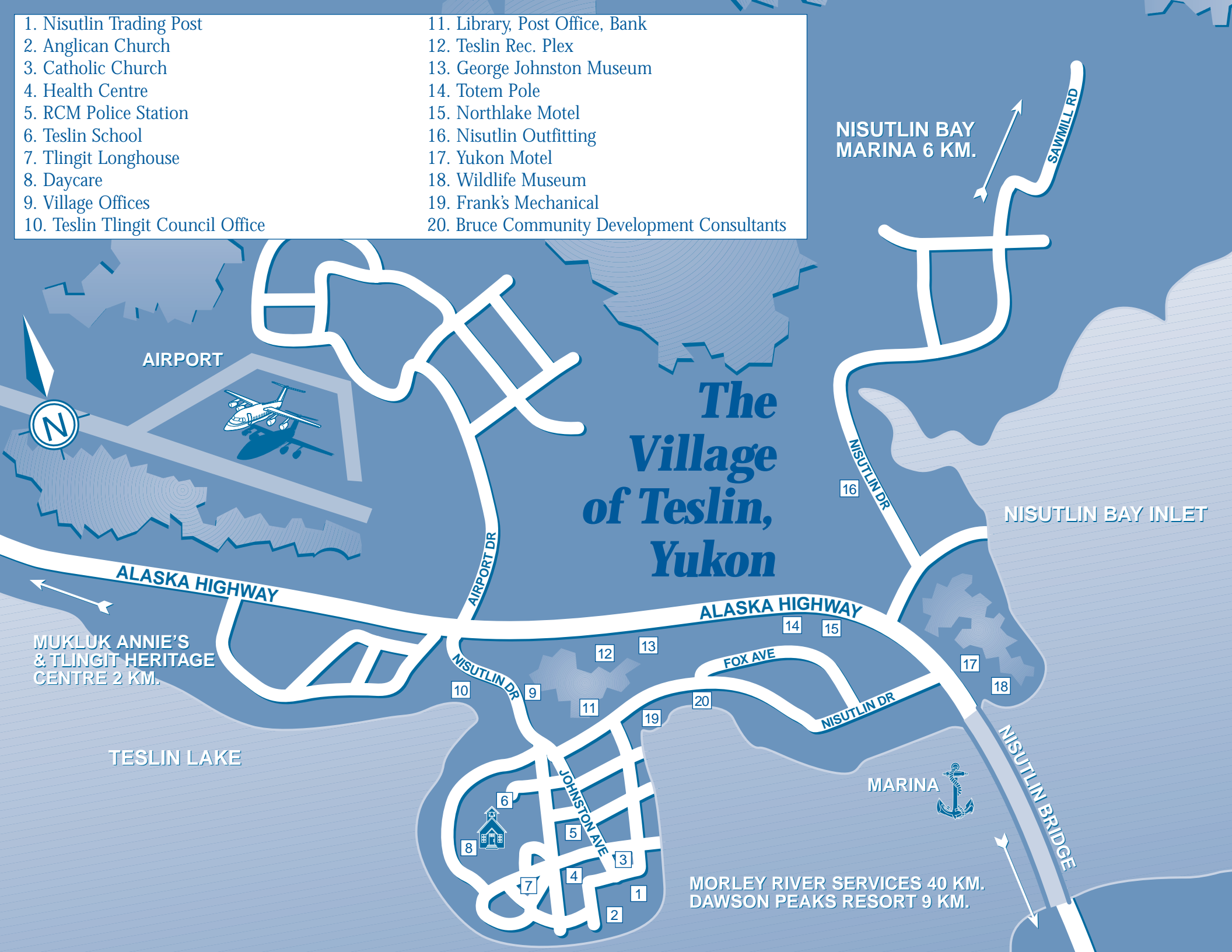
A Community Map and Description

Provided by the Teslin Regional Chamber of Commerce



1. Nisutlin Trading Post
2. Anglican Church
3. Catholic Church
4. Health Centre
5. RCM Police Station
6. Teslin School
7. Tlingit Longhouse
8. Daycare
9. Village Offices
10. Teslin Tlingit Council Office

11. Library, Post Office, Bank
12. Teslin Rec. Plex
13. George Johnston Museum
14. Totem Pole
15. Northlake Motel
16. Nisutlin Outfitting
17. Yukon Motel
18. Wildlife Museum
19. Frank's Mechanical
20. Bruce Community Development Consultants



The Village of Teslin, Yukon

NISUTLIN BAY MARINA 6 KM.

NISUTLIN BAY INLET

MUKLUK ANNIE'S & TLINGIT HERITAGE CENTRE 2 KM.

TESLIN LAKE

MARINA

MORLEY RIVER SERVICES 40 KM.
DAWSON PEAKS RESORT 9 KM.