

## Sprockids Visits Northern British Columbia

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tahltan Band “Chief’s Ride” Event



Chief Rick McLean

This June Doug Detwiller, Sprockids founder and co-founder of the Aboriginal Youth Mountain Bike Program, spent 11 days visiting northern B.C. aboriginal communities to work with their youth and community members to help develop their mountain biking programs. The main focus was the Tahltan Band, located in Dease Lake and Telegraph Creek. As part of the adventure Doug took part in Chief Rick McLean’s “Chief’s Ride” from Dease Lake to Telegraph Creek, a total of 115 km. This was the fifth year for the event which raises funds for medical emergencies for Tahltan Band. The event was followed by an amazing dinner of freshly caught salmon from the Stikine River, moose roast, and bannock, along with traditional First Nations’ drumming and dancing. It was an honour to have been included in such an amazing cultural and community event. For further details and photos check out [www.aymbp.ca](http://www.aymbp.ca)







At the junction of the mighty Stikine and Tahltan Rivers there is a very sacred rock formation called “Siskia’cho.” If you look at the face of the rock formation you can clearly see the outstretched wings of a raven. About half way up the cliff there is a cave, and according to Tahltan legend this is the place where Raven tricked the sun to come out of the earth and ascend to the sky, thus giving humans sunlight. At this location the Tahltan Band have their ancestral fishing village, where each year at this time they gather to harvest their yearly supply of salmon.

