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*This newsletter is a way we  
are updating our citizens on  
land planning activities in  
the Department of Lands and  
Resources. We will provide  
more updates as we make  
progress on these important  
projects! Stay tuned!*

Photo from CCAP-CI Workshop,  
Nov 3, 2015.

Intro

“Dakwākāda” in our Southern  
Tutchone language means “high  
cache” and is home now to many  
citizens and the headquarters of  
our government. The community is  
located at the junction of the Alaska  
Highway and the Haines Highway,  
158 kilometres west of Whitehorse.

The Takhini River Subdivision,  
located 50km west of Whitehorse, is  
the newest CAFN community. While  
the current residential community  
has only been here since the early  
1990s, the location was long used  
as a summer camp. Traditional trails  
branch out from the area toward  
Whitehorse, Champagne, and Hutchi.

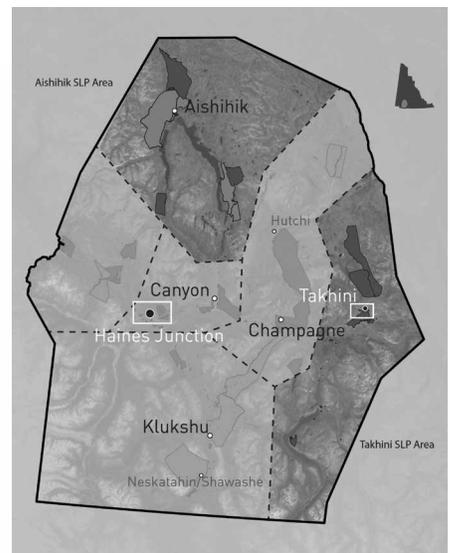


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Base Map



# DAKWÄKÄDA & TAKHINI COMMUNITY LAND USE PLANS

(HAINES JUNCTION)

## Planning Process

The process to create a community land use plan (CLUP) for Haines Junction (Dakwäkäda) and Takhini is underway.

The CLUPs will be created in two phases. We are working on Phase One now. Phase One will focus on three steps:

1. *kät'ä k'e* - Yesterday: Looking at ways we live on the land in the past and gathering background information and historic information about the planning area.
2. *äk'an dzänü* - Today : Looking at the current community conditions and current ways we live on the land.
3. *kät'ä* - Tomorrow: Looking at the CAFN vision, creating a community vision and establishing guiding principles for the ways we will live on the land in the future.

## Project Updates

Since the project began last spring, we have gathered information about Yesterday (ways we lived on the land in the past), and Today (ways we live on the land now). Community meetings were held on March 11th 2015 in Haines Junction and June 3rd 2015 in Takhini. At the meetings citizens were introduced to the project, shown old photos of the planning areas, and given a chance to provide input on the planning process and share knowledge about the area.

Tomorrow (community vision and guiding principles for how we will live on the land in the future) will be the focus of upcoming community workshops and meetings.

## Land Planning Working Groups

A land planning working group has been established for Dakwäkäda and the first meeting for the Takhini working group will happen soon. The holidays. The working groups are made up of CAFN citizens who have life experience in land use, environment matters, and knowledge of the planning area. The working group is working on behalf of the communities' interest and to ensure that local community values, concerns, and knowledge inform planning initiatives on CAFN Settlement Land.

There is at least one youth, one elder, and three other working group members. The citizens involved bring a lot of information and knowledge to the table and help us to incorporate the community's perspective on the history of the land, the land now and the land in the future.

The Dakwäkäda working group is a very important part of the project. They have helped inform the planning process, provided background information about the area, reviewed communications materials, looked at all of the settlement land parcels and talked about what would like to see there. This information has been incorporated into the draft Background Report that will be the foundation of the Phase One CLUP. Moving forward, they will be providing feedback from the workshops, reviewing the Background Report and the Draft Phase One Community Land Use Plan.

All of the information from the working groups will be brought back to the community to be confirmed before it is incorporated into the draft plans.

## Climate Change Adaptation Plan - Community Infrastructure

Climate change is directly impacting CAFN citizens. It affects our homes, environment, culture, health, and how we govern. The greatest concern is the uncertainty it presents for our children and future generations.

To help understand how to prepare and adapt our communities for climate change, Lands and Resources accessed resources through Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) to develop a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for Community Infrastructure. The purpose of this plan is to identify climate change risks to community infrastructure in Canyon, Champagne, Haines Junction and Takhini and recommend adaptation actions. Specifically, the CCAP-CI addresses the climate change vulnerabilities and risks of:

- Homes and community buildings,
- Roads, culverts and bridges,
- Drinking water systems, and
- Wastewater systems.

The Community Land Use Plans are an important way of putting this adaptation planning to work, and building the resilience of our CAFN communities. They will support an anticipatory response to the changes that will come about due to climate change. This will save us time and resources by avoiding risks, and the associated costs, of reactive responses, such as moving a house due to thawing permafrost and changes in hydrology. Instead, we will avoid building the house there in the first place, through good planning practices.



We will examine each of the vulnerabilities identified for Haines Junction and Takhini, and consider ways they can be built into policies and regulations in the Community Land Use Plans. For example, areas prone to flooding can be designated for uses other than development, such as habitat protection or open space.

You can get your copy of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan from the Lands offices in Whitehorse and Haines Junction or from the CAFN website CAFN.ca.

## Asheyi (Aishihik-Nisling) Settlement Land Plan

We began the process of Settlement Land Planning with the Asheyi-Nisling (Aishihik-Nisling) Settlement Land Plan. This process involved collecting background information and examining values on all of our Settlement Land in the Aishihik-Nisling area. The draft of the plan is almost complete and will be released in the near future. We will provide updates on this plan at the Settlement Land Planning meetings in late March and early April.

## Takhini Settlement Land Plan

We are creating a Settlement Land Plan for the Takhini area at the same time as the Takhini Community Land Use Plan. This plan will apply to all CAFN Settlement Land in the Takhini Settlement Land Planning region. This plan will help with decision making processes and will help inform future development of CAFN Settlement Land. It will also help us be prepared for Regional Land Use Planning when it begins in our Traditional Territory.

## Phase One CLUP Planning Process

### YESTERDAY — *kät'ä k'e*

- Consider Ways We Lived On The Land In The Past.
- Gather Background Information
- Review Previous Planning Work

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### TODAY — *äk'an dzänü*

- Consider Ways We Live On The Land Now
- Determine Land Constraints
- Determine Land Opportunities
- Assess Community Needs Now And In The Future

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### DRAFT BACKGROUND REPORT

### TOMORROW — *kät'ä*

- Consider How We Would Like The Land To Be For Future Generations
- Establish Community Vision + Values
- Establish Guiding Principles For Ways We Live On The Land
- Determine Land Use Objectives
- Establish Land Use Designations: The Different Activities That Can Occur On Our Lands, And Where They Are Allowed To Occur

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### Did you Know?

Following the Klune gold rush of 1903, a wagon road was constructed in 1904 to access the area. Some of this road likely followed First Nations' trails through the region. The road was significantly upgraded in 1908. Some CAFN citizens are known to have bought vehicles to use on the wagon road prior to the Alaska Highway being built.

There were different variations of the routing of the road, depending on the season and conditions. In 1913 and 1915, one of these routes was legally surveyed from the Whitehorse-Dawson Overland Trail at Little River (near Takhini) to Silver City.

One hundred years later, parts of the wagon road route and the wooden legal survey posts that were not disturbed by the Alaska Highway can still be found.



# NEXT STEPS & UPCOMING MEETINGS



*If you have any stories about Bear Creek or the Experimental Farm in Haines Junction, or any stories about the Takhini area, please contact us!*

*Get involved, your perspective is important!*

The Land Use Plan Team is working to ensure that citizens get the chance to voice their opinions and be a part of the process, you can do this by filling out our survey, coming to community meetings, talking to the working group members from your community, following our updates on Facebook and the CAFN website, or even just giving us a call or stopping by the office in Haines Junction or Whitehorse.

### *Engagement Activities:*

- Meet with departments
- Engage with other governments, agencies.
- Meet with Chief + Council
- Meet with Land Planning Working Group
- Community Meetings + Workshop
- Youth Logo Contest
- Youth Activity
- Elder's Tea
- Present to Elder's Senate
- Activity at Youth GA
- Table at General Assembly

### *Communication Methods:*

- Land Planning Newsletter
- Updates in Dakwani Newsletter
- Community Survey
- Facebook Updates
- CAFN website Updates
- Posters in CAFN offices
- Flyers to residents

### *Upcoming Engagement Opportunities:*

Stay tuned for dates, times and location!

- *Working Group Meetings in Dakwakada & Takhini*
- *Elder's Tea in Haines Junction*
- *Community Survey*
- *Youth activities in Takhini & Haines Junction*
- *Family Focus Groups*

### *Why it is important to have your say:*

- Your perspective is important, and we want to hear from you!
- You have the ability to inform the process, and shape the future of your community.
- To ensure that all voices in the community are considered in the plan.
- A well-informed community makes for well-informed decision making!



### *Did you Know?*

Following the disappearance of the last Glacial Lake Alsek from the Dezadeash River valley in the mid to late 1800's, extensive grasslands began to occupy the valley bottom. These grasslands provided ideal habitat for gophers, and this area was known to be a prime gopher harvesting area by First Nation people.

When vehicles began to be used on the Kluane Wagon Road, people would come from places like Champagne to hunt and trap gophers here. The grasslands have eventually given way to the spread of forests into the Dezadeash valley bottom, but there are still many remnants of the grassland ecosystem to be found.

### *Contact Us*

If you would like more information or would like to be involved in planning the future of Haines Junction or Takhini, contact Analie Lafrenière-Lemieux or Graham Boyd at: 867-634-4231 or [alafreniere-lemieux@cafn.ca](mailto:alafreniere-lemieux@cafn.ca) 867-456-6886 or [gboyd@cafn.ca](mailto:gboyd@cafn.ca)

