

Dàkwänia

(what they say)

April/May 2009 Newsletter
Tsäl N-zhā (April - Gopher Month)
N-t'ay N-zhā (May - Leaves Month)



CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK
FIRST NATIONS

Successful Community Bison Hunt in Aishihik

Community hunters successfully harvested five bison during the Aishihik Community Bison Hunt in late March.

"The annual community harvest helps strengthen our role in the community, and maintain our intimate relationship with the land and its resources," says CAFN Renewable Resources Officer Michael Jim.

This was the fifth annual Aishihik Community bison hunt organized by CAFN Renewable Resources, and continues to be



Photo by Michael Jim

The hunting party enjoys the spring sunshine during a lunch break near the headwaters of Albert Creek.

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one of the most successful in terms of community turn-out. The First Nations was allocated five permits for community bison in the Aishihik area, and all five were harvested. The five hunters were Chief Diane Strand, Chuck Hume, Chris Williams, Mickey Beattie and Harry Smith. Lawrence Joe, Michael Jim and Lonnie Laroque also helped.

The bison meat was distributed to CAFN families in Haines Junction, Champagne, Takhini, Kloo Lake and Whitehorse. The group also set a net in Aishihik Lake and had a good catch of lake trout and whitefish, which was distributed to Elders.

The community hunt was based out of Aishihik's "Äsheyì Shäkat Kų" Harvest Camp.

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Photo by Michael Jim

Michael Jim with the bison he harvested for his personal permit in January

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As of March 24, 118 bison were harvested from the Aishihik herd this winter. The harvest target is 200 animals and the season closes on March 31, 2009. This year's hunt was the first "open hunt", meaning that bison permits were issued to all eligible Yukon hunters and the harvest ends when the target of 200 animals is reached. The goal of this tactic is to increase the number of animals harvested.



Photo by Michael Jim

The community hunters also netted a few trout and whitefish for Elders from Aishihik Lake

The Aishihik Wood Bison herd in the Yukon is the second largest healthy, free ranging wood bison herd in Canada with a minimum of 1,100 animals. Work is underway to collar some of the bison to learn more about them. This spring a few bison were collared, but weather permitting more bison will be collared this year. CAFN co-manages the herd in cooperation with the Yukon Government and Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation.

"A big thank you to the CAFN community permit holders who participated and contributed their time to our Annual Community Hunt program," says Michael Jim. Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to our successful bison hunters.



Photo by Michael Jim

One of the five community bison harvested this March



Message from the Chief

Dear Fellow Citizens:

Dännch'e?

Over the past two months the Council and I have been busy working on behalf of CAFN Citizens in many areas, including strengthening our housing programs, developing a responsible budget, lobbying for improved funding, receiving guidance from our Elders, and better defining long term mandates for more of our programs.

With housing and home ownership as one of our top priorities, the entire Council and I attended the Northern Aboriginal Housing Conference in Whitehorse in February. It was an excellent forum to learn more about ways we can encourage our citizens to be more self-reliant through our housing programs.

Developing the budget for the new fiscal year has been a major focus in recent months. It is a challenge to meet the needs of our citizens with limited funding, but we approved a budget for 2009-10 that we believe makes the most responsible use of CAFN program dollars. The budget process is changing this year to allow more discretion to Council members to ensure the priorities are reflective of our strategic plan. The overall priority of the 2009-10 budget is planning and prudent spending. With limited dollars we must plan and review carefully to get the most "bang for our buck".

During February and March I met with some of our countries' top leaders to keep moving forward toward an agreement for the appropriate level of funding for CAFN. I met again with Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) Minister Chuck Strahl, who committed to continue work on this issue at an Intergovernmental Forum this spring. I was also glad to have the opportunity to advise National Chief Phil Fontaine, and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff on our situation. At present, our

Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA) with Canada has been renewed at the same funding level for fiscal year 2009-10. The mandate to negotiate a new agreement is going to caucus soon, so I am hopeful we will begin negotiations for the new agreement right away. We look forward to a new FTA as soon as possible so CAFN will have adequate funds to carry out the programs and services we are responsible for delivering. This is my most important task as Chief.

The Council and I have met with the Elders Senate Executive twice since the new year to collaborate on ways we can communicate and work together. The Elders Senate is part of our government created by our Constitution, and we want to make sure this important branch of our government is included. The Elders Executive will have opportunity to report on progress at the 2009 General Assembly.

Our Council continues the process of "visioning" to identify clear long-term plans for programs and departments. In March we met with Heritage, Lands and Resources Department staff to develop a mandate. We will meet to work on our mandate for language programs in April. Mandates have already been completed in other areas, including economic development, justice and housing.

CAFN was proud to host the Kwǎday Dǎn Ts'inchi (Long Ago Person Found) Winter Event in March. Relatives, neighbours and partners from our own community and from Alaska, British Columbia and other parts of the Yukon gathered for two days to learn more about studies since the 1999 discovery and to begin planning for the Memorial Potlatch this September.

Our First Nations also co-hosted the Climate Change in Our Backyard 2 conference in March with the Alsek Renewable Resource Council. This important event brought together scientists, resource people and community members to help us find ways to adapt to climate change in the CAFN Traditional Territory.

CAFN Justice staff also hosted an excellent justice workshop on options for resolving disputes or conflicts. The workshop was very informative and citizens shared excellent insights into our future administration of justice. Thank you to all who contributed.

In April I look forward to meeting with Yukon and federal leaders. CAFN will host the next Intergovernmental Forum here in Haines Junction (date to be announced). This is an excellent opportunity for INAC Minister Chuck Strahl to see how self government works at the community level. I will also be meeting with the Yukon Forum to collaborate with Yukon First Nations leaders and Premier Fentie on common issues.

I am excited about progress with the CAFN cultural centre. This year we look forward to lots of progress at the site, including extending services to the site, pouring the foundation, putting up the exterior shell and enclosing the walls.

Please join me in welcoming our new Council Administrative Assistant Rita Burns, who is working in our Haines Junction office. If you need to reach Rita, please phone her at (867) 634-4201 or by e-mail to rburns@cafn.ca. Rita provides support to our CAFN Council Members by insuring they are well-informed on meetings and other government activities, as well as by recording and distributing minutes of Chief and Council meetings.

Nǎnuch'i shi (I will see you again).

*Sincerely,
Diane Strand*

PS: Congratulations to Grade 11 student Lenna Charlie of Whitehorse on being selected to travel to Ottawa on the Encounters with Canada trip to learn about communications and journalism.

And congratulations to Graham MacDonald (age 6) on winning gold with his soccer team in Whitehorse.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

The following is a brief summary of decisions made at the February 26-27, 2009 regular Chief and Council meeting.

Regional Treatment Centre

Council agreed to support the concept of a First Nation owned and operated treatment centre in the Yukon.

Administration of Justice Negotiations

Council approved extending an Administration of Justice negotiations agreement with Canada for an additional year (from March 31, 2009) to allow negotiations to continue.

Finance Policy Amendment

The Finance Policy was amended to reflect new wording regarding the due date for property taxes.

Land Applications

Council approved allocation of a cabin recreational lot to Chusia Graham in R34-B near Champagne.

Council approved allocation of a residential lot near Pine Lake to Jason Jim, with conditions.

Council conditionally approved allocation of a grazing lease near the Aishihik Road to Terry Rufiange-Holway.

Council approved allocation of a grazing lease to Harold Johnson outside Champagne.

The next regular Chief and Council meeting is scheduled for April 16 and 17, 2009 in Haines Junction. Copies of the minutes of all regular Chief and Council meetings are available at the front desk of the CAFN Haines Junction office, or can be requested by contacting Rita Burns, Council Administrative Assistant at 634-4201 or rburns@cafn.ca.

2009 CAFN COUNCIL MEETINGS

- April 16-17, 2009
- May 21-22, 2009
- June 18-19, 2009
- July 16-17, 2009 – week prior to GA
- July 24-26, 2009 General Assembly
- August – None
- September 17-18, 2009
- October 15-16, 2009
- November 12-13, 2009
- December 10-11, 2009

VISION STATEMENT

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KWÄDAY DÄN TS'INCHĪ EVENT BRINGS PEOPLE & HISTORY TOGETHER



Photo by Paula Banks

Natane Primozic and Frances Oles study fragments of the gopher skin robe/blanket



Photo courtesy of Cindi Cowie

The Dakwakada Dancers, including several of Amie Ned's granddaughters, put together a special performance

presentations by the scientists and others involved since the discovery, and a variety of cultural events.

The guests of honour were some of the living relatives, who share a common female ancestor with the Kwäday Dän Tsinchĭ individual, who have been identified through a mitochondrial DNA study. The gathering provided the community a chance to acknowledge these relatives, as well as an opportunity for the relatives to meet with each other. Relatives expressed their appreciation for CAFN's leadership and work since the discovery.

Scientists who presented at the event generously donated their time to travel north and participate. They said they were appreciative of the chance to share the information they have learned with a local audience. The speakers were presented with gifts of grouse-feather dance fans (made by Audrey Brown).

A newsletter highlighting what has been learned about the Long Ago Person Found is available on the CAFN website (www.cafn.ca/news.html). A book on the Kwäday Dän Tsinchĭ discovery will be released next year.

On March 13 and 14, CAFN brought the story of the Long Ago Person Found (Kwäday Dän Tsinchĭ) back to CAFN's traditional territory in Haines Junction.

"Participants found it fascinating that science has put together an incredibly detailed story of the young man's life and times, including his travels," said event coordinator and anthropologist Sheila Greer. "It was a very positive atmosphere; lots of compliments were received from all who attended."

About 150 people attended the Kwäday Dän Tsinchĭ Winter Event, with guests traveling from Anchorage, Haines, Klukwan, Teslin, Atlin, Tagish, Whitehorse, and southern B.C. The Event featured the first public display of the artifacts associated with the discovery,



Photo by Paula Banks

Royal B.C. Museum conservator Kjerstin Mackie shows parts of the gopher skin robe/blanket to Art Johns of Tagish.



Photo by Paula Banks

Tommy Graham looks at parts of a 13-foot artifact believed to be a walking stick/gaff type of tool.



Photo by Paula Banks

Sheila Kushniruk points out decoration details on one of the wooden artifacts found in the area near the discovery site.



Graphic by TlingitInk Designs

CLIMATE CHANGE IN OUR BACKYARD 2

Residents of the CAFN traditional territory gathered in Haines Junction March 9-12 for the important follow up workshop, Climate Change in Our Backyard 2.

"The Southern Tutchone people had to be able to adapt to the harsh environment, long winters, and the diversity of our landscape..." said Chief Diane Strand in her welcoming remarks. "We'll also be able to adapt to climate change. But we won't be able to do it alone. We'll need to work together with our community."

The Alsek Renewable Resource Council (ARRC) and CAFN co-hosted the event to focus on ways our communities can work together to adapt to climate change.



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Local experts Patt Delaney, Carol Buzzell and Frances Wellar.



CAFN Communications

Klukshu and Haines Road residents Kathy and Paul Birckel and Doris Papineau

"We see it as an opportunity to hear what other communities are doing in terms of their climate change planning processes," said CAFN and ARRC staff. "It will also be a great time to network with other governments and communities at the same time as providing good ideas."

Representatives of every community in the CAFN Traditional Territory participated and shared their insights on ways to adapt to our changing environment that will work for our communities. Participants learned about climate change in our region and globally through excellent presentations by experts and support people from the Yukon and other parts of Canada. A summary report of the presentations and community input will be available soon.

Many thanks to all who participated, including: community members, guests from Burwash, Ta'an and Klukshu, and to all our presenters. Thank you also to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for providing funding for the event.



CAFN Communications

"Grandmas" Serena Primozic and Sydney McKinnon shared stories from long ago about adapting to change

LANGUAGE UPDATE

We are quickly approaching the Adıłät season (Spring time when snow is melted). We wish everyone a great spring and Easter holiday! Unfortunately the Spring Culture Camp 2009 was cancelled this year due to a lack of interest from our CAFN school youth ages 12-18. If you have any suggestions to make next year's Spring Culture Camp a success please feel free to share.



Photo by Millie Joe

*Successful rabbit snaring
at the 2008 culture camp in Aishihik*

The **Shawkunlee Daycare Language Nest** is running daily at MÜN KÜ from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Parents and toddlers/pre-school children are more than welcome to attend. Please call for more information of if you need a ride. Elders, fluent speakers or anyone with an interest in contributing to the language nest program, please to let me know and you are more than welcome to join our language team!

Evening Southern Tutchone Language Classes with sewing instruction:

- Haines Junction – every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Dä KÜ
- Whitehorse – every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the CAFN Whitehorse Boardroom

We would like to share some new Southern Tutchone words with you. Please try speaking them at work, in the community and at home with your family.

The Language Nest Children have learned the following:

Lynx tracks	naday ke
Wolverine tracks	naday a ke
Rabbit tracks	gá ke
Your tracks	n-ke
What track is this?	Ye ke ch'e dazhan?
These are ____ tracks.	Dazhan ____ke ch'e.
Morning time	n-tl'eo kwacha
Day time	łzenu kwache
Night time	ntl'e kwacha

We would like to hear your ideas and suggestions for this summer's Southern Tutchone Language Camp. Please stop in to see me or give me a call. Also, if anyone needs a ride to any language programming please let me know. I am more than happy to pick you up.

Nänuch'i shi, däk'änntà jè
(I will see you again, take care)

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OUTSTANDING YOUTH

CAFN has amazing youth involved in amazing activities in the Yukon and beyond.

Congratulations to the Northern Avalanche girls hockey team on being the first Yukon team to compete in the B.C. Provincial Championships. The girls traveled to Vancouver during spring break and did a great job on the ice. Our CAFN players on the team are (left to right): Jordana Jim, Ashley Brown, Johnny-Lynn Kushniruk, Madison Allen, Geena Charlie and Breanna Smith. Way to go girls!



Photo courtesy of Bonnie Charlie

Our CAFN girls on the Northern Avalanche hockey team

We are also proud of Andrew Pauls, Telena Jones, Bradley Jim and Alisha Sembsmoen, who fundraised and travelled to Kelowna, B.C. in late March for Gathering our Voices 2009, an aboriginal youth conference. We look forward to pictures and stories about their experiences when they return. Many thanks to Shanita Brown for her help with fundraising.

And congratulations to Lenna Charlie, who was selected to travel to Ottawa to learn about journalism and communications in our nation's capital.



Photo courtesy of Bonnie Charlie

The entire Northern Avalanche hockey team

YOUTH COUNCIL VISION STATEMENT

*We, the Nàtthe Youth
Council of CAFN,
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dedicated to empowering
our youth.*

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Traditional Dwelling Fund

Applications to the Traditional Dwelling Fund will be accepted from April 1 to 30, 2009. Applications are available at the CAFN Whitehorse Office (Front Desk) and Haines Junction Administration Building (Housing Dept), or online at www.cafn.ca under Announcements.

For more information, please contact Sharmane Jones at (867) 634-4217 or sjones@cafn.ca

YUKON CONTRIBUTES TO FUEL ABATEMENT



Photo by Roger Brown

Larry Joe, Delmar MacDonald, Mundy Joe and Harold Johnson

The Yukon Government is contributing \$60,000 and technical assistance to carry out two fuel reduction projects at Silver City and Canyon Creek.

Ten CAFN citizens are working in the community of Canyon Creek between the fire hall and Aishihik River. The crew includes: Mundy Joe, Larry Joe, Delmar MacDonald, Chris Williams, Luke Williams, Simon O'Brien, Fred Stick, Ray Stick, Harold Johnson, and Gary Darbyshire.

Lands Manager Graham Boyd and Forester Roger Brown are coordinating and supervising the project for CAFN.

It is anticipated that the combination of ground crews and the use of heavy equipment will be a



Photo by Roger Brown

Simon O'Brien at work in Canyon

more cost effective approach to reducing fuels over a greater area than the manual approach of *FireSmart* projects. These projects provide employment over a projected 5-6 week period.

KUSAWA PARK PLANNING UPDATE

We've started planning for Kusawa Park

Have you seen ads for Kusawa Park and wondered what it was all about? Land was set aside in 2005 under the Kwanlin Dun First Nation, and Carcross/Tagish First Nation final agreements. The park falls within the traditional territory of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, but it is not part of our Final Agreement. Champagne and Aishihik has been sitting on the Steering Committee to help make decisions about how this important part of our traditional territory should be managed.

Last July we held a First Nations visioning session at Kusawa campground along with staff, council members and elders from the three participating First Nations, where we had good discussions on what people wanted to see for the Kusawa Park. It's great to meet in the place you are talking about. Elders spoke about the importance of a strong First Nations identity for Kusawa.

Now the Steering Committee is looking for input from the public and will develop and recommend to the Yukon government a management plan to guide development and operation of the park. The plan will be based on the extensive data already available, as well as on consultation with the First Nations, residents of the area, other user groups, government experts, and the public.

This summer CAFN wants to do some archaeology work at the South end of Kusawa and update the information we have at the north end. We hope to host a field camp for youth as part of these activities! Later on we will be hosting workshops to coordinate community input and help refine the vision for Kusawa.

For further information, please contact:

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NORTHERN HOUSING TRUST UPDATE



Photo by Tom Millspaugh

*Apprentice Carpenter Jon Widney on the job.
Jon also helped with recent housing inspections.*

- ☛ Tom Millspaugh has joined the Northern Housing Trust as Project Supervisor.
- ☛ Jon Widney has been working with us on inspections and carpentry work.
- ☛ We will hire a journeyman carpenter soon to lead the home renovation crew.
- ☛ An electrician will be installing new smoke and carbon monoxide detectors soon – this work will start in Takhinni then continue in the other CAFN communities.
- ☛ The Northern Housing Trust plan is almost ready – we hope to pay special attention to environmental issues such as oil tanks, insulation, and heating systems – in addition to the health and safety issues that are our first priority.

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LAND-BASED LEARNING CAMPS

As determined at the Initial Planning Meeting at Da Ku on February 10, individual camps will be organized by representatives of each CAFN community (Communities might each hold their own camp, or might pair up with another community to deliver a joint camp). These camps are one result of the 2008 Elders General Assembly. Funding is through the federal New Horizons for Seniors program.

- (1) Klukshu - **Chuck Hume** is the official community representative and this group is planning to hold an Easter-time community meeting.
- (2) Aishihik/Canyon - **James Allen** has expressed interest in being the community rep, but acceptance of the position has not been confirmed yet.
- (3) Champagne - **Kathy Van Bibber** is the official community rep and will be meeting with Champagne group around Easter-time.
- (4) Whitehorse/Takhini/Kusawa - **Ray Jackson** is the official community rep; This group met in late March. Whitehorse/Takhini Elders who are interested in being part of the planning committee can call me at 634-4014, or contact Ray Jackson.
- (5) Haines Junction/Kloo Lake - **Agnes Moose** is the official community rep; we are tentatively planning to hold a camp at Agnes' property on Kloo Lake, sometime this summer (maybe in June). Haines Junction Elders who are interested in being part of the planning committee can call me at 634-4014, or contact Agnes Moose.

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PRENATAL NUTRITION

Points of Interest:

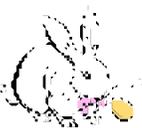
- Tracy's Office Location has changed to Dä Ku
- Tracy's office phone number has changed to (867) 634-4017 and cell (867) 634-5260
- Healthy Cooking and Prenatal Classes are happening again at #2 Hospital Road every Thursday from 3 to 6 p.m.
- Haines Junction meets at Mun Ku on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m.

**April is Pink Ribbon & Daffodil Month and Bunny Month
May is Book & Reading Month and Vitamin D Month**

The local branch (Haines Junction Health Center) of the Canadian Cancer Society is gearing up for one of its biggest fundraisers of the year. Daffodils are on sale. All funds raised are for the research of Cancer. Please get your orders in to the Health Centre as soon as possible.

DID YOU KNOW....

A new study found that small portions of mushrooms every day may slash the risk of breast cancer by two-thirds. Researches found that women who ate 1/3 of cup of fresh mushrooms daily were 64% less likely to develop a fatal tumor. Dried mushrooms were found to have slightly less protective effect. Researchers from the University of Australia came to these conclusions after analyzing the eating habits of more than 2,000 women. Half of them suffered from breast cancer. They concluded that "Higher intake of mushrooms decreased cancer risk in both pre and post menopausal women." Some evidence suggests that mushrooms behave in a similar way to breast cancer drugs which are called **Aromatase Inhibitors** and block the body's production of estrogen, a cancer feeding hormone. Another recent study also showed that mushrooms may help significantly with weight loss. Research showed that trading meat for fungus in four meals a week as a part of a balanced diet saw people shed an average of 12.7 lbs in just 4 weeks. (Men should pay attention too, Breast Cancer is not just a women's disease).



The Easter Bunny is coming, and bringing treats. Make sure to supervise your children while brushing their teeth.

May is the Month of Mothers, so honor your mothers. It is also Vitamin D month. All people, especially women who are breast feeding, should take a vitamin D supplement. Studies are finding that people living in the northern parts of Canada are "Vitamin D Deficient", meaning that we don't get enough sunshine for our bodies to absorb enough natural Vitamin D.



Recipe of the Month:

Scrambled Egg & Chicken Wrap

(3 Servings)

- 4 eggs
- 3 tablespoons skim milk
- 3 plain or flavored whole wheat tortillas
- 1/2 cup chopped cooked chicken
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon chili powder (cooking spray)
- 1/8 cup chopped green peppers (Add yellow & red too or 1/4 cup salsa)
- 2 chopped green onions
- 4 tablespoons of light cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
- Additional toppings, if desired

In small bowl, beat eggs and milk and set aside. Evenly coat a nonstick pan with cooking spray. Add chicken and chili powder, all veggies and cook, stirring occasionally, until chicken is heated, and veggies are semi cooked. Add egg mixture and cook until mixture begins to set (should look like a pancake). Mixture should be able to flip over and cook until no visible liquid egg remains. Spoon 1/4 cup of scrambled eggs into centre of each tortilla, sprinkle with cheese and salsa, roll up and enjoy.



First Nation Stem Cell and Marrow Donors Needed

CAFN citizen Ed Stick is currently battling leukemia and in need of a First Nations stem cell/marrow donor. There are very few First Nations donors in the donor bank, so as many as possible are needed to register in order to find a match for Ed and other aboriginal patients.

The process is easy and involves simply swabbing the inside of the cheek, then mailing in the swab.

For details on how to get a donor kit, go to: www.onematch.ca and fill out an application, or ask someone with a computer to help you. Once your application is received, you will be mailed a kit with a swab and instructions.

Any healthy individual aged 17 to 50 may donate, provided you are willing to donate to any patient in need.

For more information, please see the facing page. One Match brochures are also available at both CAFN offices, or check out:

www.onematch.ca



Chief Diane Strand applies online for the OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network

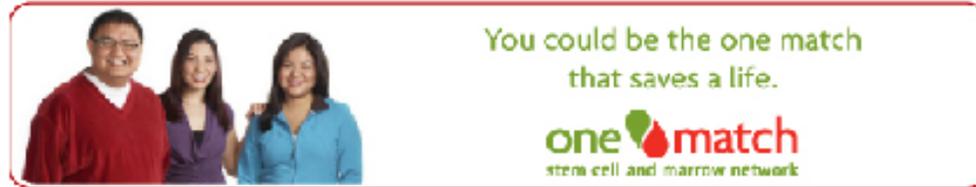
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YOU CAN REGISTER TOO!

Chief and Council encourage CAFN citizens and community members to register with One-Match.

"When I applied online I learned a lot and realized how important this could be for a fellow-First Nation person," says Chief Diane Strand. "I encourage other citizens to register, especially our young people, because they make the very best donors. It's an easy way to help other people and I feel great about doing it."

Chief Strand applied with One-Match at the end of March and looks forward to receiving her kit soon. Chief Strand and Youth Councillor Josh Darbyshire are the only members of the Council eligible to apply (under age 50).



You could be the one match that saves a life.

At any given time, hundreds of Canadians are depending on us to find them a matching stem cell donor. For these patients, a stem cell transplant may be the last and best hope for recovery from a serious illness, such as leukemia and diseases such as aplastic anemia, immune dysfunctions and genetic disorders.

Why is the ethnicity of a donor important?

The markers used to match donors to patients occur with different frequencies in different ethnic groups. For this reason, a person's best chance of finding a matching donor is within his or her own ethnic group. Therefore, donors from as many ethnic communities as possible are needed to develop a database with a broad ethnic representation that reflects the needs of all patients.

Raising the awareness for the need for stem cell registrants within the Aboriginal community is essential as only 0.9% of current OneMatch registrants have identified themselves as being Aboriginal.

About OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network

Canadian Blood Services' OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network works together with Canadian transplant centres and other registries around the world towards a single goal – helping patients get the stem cells they need.

Who can join OneMatch?

Anyone interested in joining must:

- be between 17 and 50 years of age
- be in good general health
- be willing to donate to any patient in need

Joining is Easy...

You can help. Registering for OneMatch is easy. All it takes is a little bit of your time, a simple test swabbing the inside of your cheek to collect DNA cells for typing and a willingness to donate to any patient in need.

Sign up to save a life at www.onematch.ca

When you join OneMatch, you increase the chances of finding a match for every individual who needs a stem cell transplant.

Sincerely,
The OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network Team
Canadian Blood Services
www.onematch.ca

P.S. Remember, registering is simple – just visit www.onematch.ca to receive your test kit.

NEW FACES

**Mary Kane,
Social Programs Manager**



At the beginning of March, I was hired as the Social Manager and look forward to be a part of the Health and Social team. I am an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming, but my family ancestry is Northern Ute and Eastern Shoshone. The Yukon has been my home for a long time and I feel very connected to the people of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. I know I'm going to enjoy working for CAFN. Please contact me if you need the assistance of the Social Team, have a programming idea or feel free to come into my office for a visit.

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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SURVIVORS

If you attended residential school, you can still apply for the Common Experience Payment (CEP), and will be eligible to receive compensation for \$10,000.00 for the first year and \$3,000.00 for each year after. The deadline to apply for the Common Experience Payment is September 19, 2011.

The Independent Assessment Process (IAP) is an out of court, alternative dispute resolution process that resolves claims of abuse suffered at Indian Residential Schools (IRS). Former students of IRS who experienced sexual or serious physical abuse may be eligible for compensation through the IAP. The deadline to apply for the IAP is September 19, 2012. You are advised to contact a lawyer when applying for the Individual Assessment Process (putting in a claim as a Residential School Survivor). The IAP application form and guide is available online at www.iap-pei.ca, or by phoning 1 (800) 879-4913. I can also assist members/ or refer you to someone in Whitehorse.

The Independent Assessment Process website also has a number of other services:

- Go to www.iap-pei.ca
- 24 hour Crisis Line counseling toll free at 1 (866) 925-4419
- The apology last summer by the government of Canada is available on paper and on the website.

We are here to help you throughout this process and to help you and your families prepare. If you have any concerns, questions or need help as a Survivor of Residential School, call me so we can set up a time to meet.

For Day Schools there is a different litigation process, which I will continue to research in order to share more information. Again, call me for assistance or questions.

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CAFN Communications

We are proud of all our men who have participated in 10-day Healing Path Camps with James Allen and Phil Gattensby at Kluane Lake.

Pictured are a few of the men who were recognized during the CAFN Justice Workshop, March 24-25 in Haines Junction.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELL BEING FUND

NOTICE ATTENTION ALL CAFN CITIZENS

THE COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELL BEING GRANT WILL BE SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY

“There are many policies and procedures that are going through a review within CAFN. The Community, Health and Wellbeing (CHWB) Grant is one of these.

During this review process Chief and Council have discovered there are many variables that need to be addressed. For example: “what does the current economic situation mean for our compensation spending?” – which is where the funds for this grant come from.

It was also discovered that the criteria was too broad: there were overlaps with other funding provided from the First Nations, and we at CAFN need to be clear what the intent of the grant is so that our members have the same understanding.

Each year Chief and Council has budgeted \$100,000 for the CHWB grant, and we have already reached our budgeted amount for this year, so we thought that now is an opportune time to ensure the CHWB Review is completed before we continue on with this grant.

It is unfortunate that we have to temporarily suspend this grant, but we will endeavour to have a new policy and new grant available soon.

Until then, I have asked the receptionists for both CAFN Administration offices in Haines Junction and in Whitehorse to inform our members that until further notice, Chief and Council will not be reviewing any CHWB applications.”

Thank you for your cooperation.

Chief Strand

March 6, 2009

DAKWAKADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Dakwakada Development Corporation (DDC) has remained busy for the last six months. DDC completed a Strategic Plan, which will guide its activities for the next 3-5 years.

As a component of its new strategic plan, DDC ran a logo contest. Mike Evans submitted the winning entry, and Mike’s piece will serve as the basis for the new logo. Look for the new logo in an upcoming issue of Dakwānia.

To some extent, the Yukon has been able to avoid the degree of economic downturn that the rest of Canada has endured. While this has meant that DDC’s subsidiaries have met their targets for the year to date, it also means that DDC is recommending that all of its subsidiaries adjust their revenue expectations downward, for the short term at least. In addition, DDC is also recommending that subsidiaries search for ways to limit expenditures.

Igloo Building Supplies has acquired a piece of property in McCrae, and appears to be positioning for an entry into the Yukon. Igloo is a large building supply firm, as well as a window and door manufacturer. As such, they represent a potential competitor for both Kilrich and Northerm. However, management of both firms are making preparations to deal with the increased competition, and are confident in their ability to defend their market share.

The Board of DDC is cautiously optimistic about the short-term outlook for its operating subsidiaries, and comfortable with the outlook of its real estate holdings.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Kilrich Industries will soon be looking to add its seasonal employees for the summer. Anyone interested should contact Dave at Kilrich Industries, or send their resume to Kilrich Industries, indicating they are seeking a seasonal job: Fax: 668-3682, or 30 Denver Rd., Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 5V9.

SPECIAL GREETINGS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Happy Birthday to Justin Johnson for April 20.

From your Grandma Lilly and Grandpa Harold

On May 16th, a BIG Happy Birthday to Bobbi-Rae Patchett.

From Grandma and Grandpa and family of Haines Junction

Happy Birthday to:

- ☆ Fred Stick April 1st
- ☆ David Germaine April 7th
- ☆ Lenette Graham April 7th
- ☆ Trish George April 8th
- ☆ Miranda Williams April 9th
- ☆ Tora- Lee Williams April 14th
- ☆ Charles John April 21st
- ☆ Simon O'Brien April 29th

From Miranda, John and Riley

Wishing the best best birthday to my grandson Chase Smith-Tutin on May 12.

From Gramma



A big happy 2nd birthday to our son, Koltun John Carl Jim on May 9th.

Love, Mom (Sharol Smith) and Dad (Brad Jim)

Happy 6th birthday to Ecko Kirk. Have a good day!!

Love your Grandma Mary Jane, Sharol, Julie and Uncle Brad



Wishing Miranda Williams a BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY for April 9th.

Coming from Vera, John and family



BELATED GREETINGS

- ☆ A Happy Belated Birthday to Alex Williams for January 15.
- ☆ I would like to wish Brandon Williams a Very Happy 15th Birthday for February 12.
- ☆ A Very Special Happy Birthday to Mom/Grandma Vera Williams for February 20.
- ☆ And a Happy Birthday to Aunty Kool for February 21.
- ☆ Happy Birthday wishes to Aunty Cookie for February 26.

From Brandon, Shy, Alex and Deb

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Please welcome the newest addition to the Stick family

Marlee Alexandra Mercy Stick

Born March 5, 2009 in Calgary (Rockyview General Hospital)

Weight: 9lbs & 14ozs.

Congratulations to new mom Belinda Stick

Please send your special greetings to family and friends to the editor at amy.mckinnon@northwestel.net. At the direction of Chief and Council, the Dákwania CAFN newsletter will no longer publish a complete list of citizens' birthdays with the intent of protecting citizens' privacy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



BOARD & COMMITTEE APPLICANTS NEEDED

CAFN is seeking citizens and community members to sit on:

- **The CAFN Trust Board,**
- **The CAFN Housing Committee,** and
- **The Haines Junction Community Justice Committee.**

The Trust Board: One appointee to the Trust Board is required immediately and two appointees are needed by November 2009. The role of this Board is to oversee the investment of compensation and investment dollars of the CAFN. The Trust also oversees all business assets, including investments owned by Dakwakada Development Corp. Financial and/or investment training or experience is an asset for appointees to the Trust Board, and applicants must provide a criminal record check with their application.

The Housing Committee: One youth representative is required to sit on the CAFN Housing Committee immediately. The Housing Committee reviews all housing applications and makes policy recommendations to the Housing Dept. and to the Chief and Council. The Committee consists of one elder appointment, one youth appointment, three regular members, and one alternate.

Haines Junction Community Justice Committee: One CAFN appointee to the Community Justice Committee is needed immediately. This Committee acts as a referral body for various justices processes, strives to educate the community about justice options and develops preventative programming.

- **Get your application online at www.cafn.ca, or**
- **Pick up an application form at either CAFN office.**
- **Please attach a resume to your application.**

SCABIES ADVISORY

Scabies may be affecting some members of our communities. Here is some information on what scabies is and how to deal with it.

What is scabies?

Scabies is a common skin condition caused by tiny insects called mites. Scabies can be unpleasant but they do not cause disease. Having scabies doesn't mean someone is not clean.

What are the symptoms?

The mites that cause scabies dig deep into the skin. This leads to a rash that is very itchy and red. Itchiness is usually worse at night. The rash usually appears between the fingers, in the groin area, between toes or around the wrists or elbows, but it may be found anywhere on the body.

In children under 2 years of age, the rash can appear on the head, face, neck, chest, abdomen, and back as white, curvy, thread-like lines, tiny red bumps or scratch marks.

How does it spread?

Scabies spreads from person to person by touch or contact with the clothes or other personal items of someone who has it. The mites can live off skin for up to 3 days.

Mites that are on clothing die when you wash them in hot water and dry them in a hot dryer.

How is it treated?

Scabies is treated with a cream or lotion that is prescribed by your doctor. You may need to do 2 treatments, 1 week apart.

Your child may still be itchy for a few weeks. It doesn't mean that the mites are still there.

To prevent scabies from coming back, everyone who lives in your home will need to be treated at the same time.

What can parents do? Call your doctor if you think your child has scabies; Wash your child's bed linen, towels and clothes in hot water and dry in a dryer at the hottest setting; Store things that can't be washed in an airtight plastic bag for 1 week to kill the mites; Your child can return to child care or school once you have applied the first treatment.

For more information, check out the Yukon Health Guide, phone 811, or talk to your doctor or community health centre.

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Mary Deguerre

Headstone Potlatch June 27, 2009

If anyone has pictures of Mary Deguerre
can you please e-mail them to Ray

Jackson at

 ray@itsystemsyukon.com 

All wolf children can be given their native names
at the potlatch.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

*Robyn Lee Friesen
and
George R. Hohn
will be married
on Saturday,
the 27th of June, 2009
in Teslin, Yukon*

IT'S TAX TIME! NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS ON SETTLEMENT LAND

During your personal income tax preparations, please note:

If you resided on any Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Settlement Lands on **December 31, 2008**, you are obligated to file the *Yukon First Nations Tax* form that is attached to your income tax application. You can download the form at this website:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca> and look up Yukon First Nations tax – it will take you to a printable PDF file.

In 1999, income tax collection and sharing arrangements were signed between the Federal Government, the Government of Yukon and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

These agreements allow the Federal and Yukon Governments to transfer part of these taxes to CAFN.

Each year, CAFN receives a percentage of taxes from Canada and YTG. This amount is based on all residents who filed personal income tax returns who stated they lived on Settlement Land on December 31, 2008. These taxes increase CAFN's Own Source Revenue.

Chief and Council have discretion over the allocation of the funding received.

Everyone, regardless of income should file a tax return. You should be informed that if you have low or no income, you may be eligible to receive GST credits and Child Tax credits if you file.

For further information, please contact Angie Wabisca, Implementation Manager at (867) 667-6634 awabisca@cafn.ca

ARTS & CULTURE



Congratulations to young musician Dugan Paddock, grandson of Charles and Mary "Chicky" Paddock, on being selected for this Juneau Empire feature.

Student artist in the spotlight Dugan Paddock

Age: 12

Grade: 7

School: Floyd Dryden

Teacher: Julia Bastuscheck, orchestra teacher

Reason: I first chose this instrument because I wanted to learn how to play bass guitar so I chose to play double bass. Later I fell in love with the low notes and being able to hold together whole orchestra - it is very empowering.

Experience: I have been playing bass for 12 years.

Family: My family is split between reading, video games, and I guess I'm the only one who has an interest in playing music. Everyone else just likes listening to music.

Favorite artists: My favorite genre of music is hard rock and heavy metal, some of my favorite bands are Metallica, Iron Maiden, Judas Priest, Amon Amart, and Korn.

Future plans: I hope to be in a metal band and am currently in a small band with some of my friends.

Other interests: None really. I like to play sports but I fractured my heel playing football so I couldn't finish the season or wrestle.

Hero: My hero used to play in my favorite band, Metallica, but died in Europe while on tour. His name is Cliff Burton.

What his teacher, Julia Bastuscheck, says about him: Dugan loves music and has a lot of talent and

natural ability. He is learning a lot about music by playing the string bass in orchestra. He takes what he learns in class and applies it to the rock music he plays outside of the classroom. Dugan is 100 percent positive and an excellent role model for all the students in orchestra. He is serious about music, but at the same time he realizes that getting his basics down will allow him to have more fun playing. I think Dugan is a great kid with loads of potential. I feel very lucky to have him as a student.

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Welcome Home

I thought someday we'd understand
back to the world, to no marching band
How our blood-stained Viet Nam
protesters, telling us to scram

Sent by the leaders of this land
to a tour of duty in the Nam
Sons and daughter of the Sixties, took their stand
adrenaline rush, hard to stay calm

Praying to the Almighty with all our might
gotta make it through the night
The wall to share our sorrow
Dear God just to see tomorrow

Now we stand tall
to see our 40th fall
Gotta be booking
Can't wait to taste home cooking

Come on brother it'll be okay
366 what a day
Now we honor the 58,000 plus
who loved breathing just like us

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Thank you to Jim Stevens, "Jimbo", of Klukwan for sharing this poem.

Artwork, poetry, stories and other creative works by CAFN citizens and community members welcome!

CALENDAR

Tuesdays - Open Gym Night, St. Elias Community School, 7-8 p.m., open to the community, ages 14 and up. Contact Angela at 634-4014 for more info.

Tuesdays and Thursdays - Southern Tutchone Classes, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Dä Kų in Haines Junction.

Thursdays - Elders Tea & Fitness Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dä Kų. Please contact Darlene for more details at 634-4212.

April 8 - Village of Haines Junction Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Council Chambers, St. Elias Convention Centre.

April 12 - Easter Sunday, CAFN offices will be closed April 10 and 13 for the holiday.

April 16-17 - Regular Chief and Council meeting, CAFN Council Chambers, Haines Junction.

April 17 - Jamberries, Haines Junction Public Library, 10 to 11 a.m.

April 17 - Community Spring Concert and Fundraiser, St. Elias Convention Centre, 7 p.m.

April 26 - Whitehorse String Ensemble, Convention Centre, Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Contact hjarts@northwestel.net or 634-2366 for more info.

May 2 - Live Words Writers' Festival, St. Elias Convention Centre 7:30 p.m. For more details, contact hjarts@northwestel.net or 634-2366.

May 8 - Jamberries, Haines Junction Public Library, 10 to 11 a.m.

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 13 - Fred Eaglesmith Concert, St. Elias Convention Centre. For more information, contact hjarts@northwestel.net or 634-2366.

May 18 - Victoria Day Holiday, CAFN offices closed.

May 21-22 - Regular Chief and Council meeting, CAFN Council Chambers, Haines Junction.

September 2009 - Memorial Potlatch for the Long Ago Person Found (Kwäday Dän Ts'inchi). Please save the date!



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Mickey and Porky after a spring beaver hunt with grandma. Thank you to Helen Hassard for sharing this photo.



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