

Dákwäni

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



NŁÄSHĒDÄL (PEOPLE GATHERING TOGETHER) GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations dän (people) at the 2018 General Assembly.

NŪCHŪ - FALL 2018

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CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

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The Shadhāla, Äshèyi yè kwädän Nłäshējel (Champagne and Aishihik First Nations General Assembly or GA) held this July 20-22 at Łu Ghā (Klukshu) was our best attended ever!

Over the course of the weekend, approximately 400 people participated in GA business, took in a variety of information in the booth tent, participated in fun events, and reconnected with family and friends.

GA business this year included:

- **daily overviews on CAFN's evolution during 25 years of self-government;**
- **a presentation of work on the Citizen Services project and announcement of its new name - Dän Tān Gà Dījāl;**
- **an update from the Māt'ātāna Steering Committee;**
- **review of CAFN's financial audit;**
- **community updates: and**
- **discussion of 29 resolutions submitted by Citizens.**

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The 23 resolutions passed by the 2018 GA are:

- **Dān Tān Gà Dījāl (Citizen Services) and Building Dān K'e**
- **Opening the Kusawa to Klukwan Trail**
- **CAFN Citizens and Lateral Violence**
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- **Elders' Fuel Benefit Increase**
- **Elders' Benefits – Resident outside Yukon**



Contestants in a Dākwanjē language game during the afternoon of fun activities at the GA.

A 25th anniversary feast was held the evening of July 21 and a number of Citizens were honoured for their contributions in implementing self-government at CAFN. They are: Chiefs Paul Birckel, Bob Charlie, James Allen and Diane Strand; as well as Lawrence Joe, Dave Joe and Chuck Hume. Guest performers were fancy dancer Marissa Mills and the Dakwākāda Dancers.

Citizens selected Kloo Lake as the location for the 2019 General Assembly.

Kwānischis (thank you) to all who participated and helped organize and host the event. Shāw nithān (good job)!

For more details and to view CAFN's 2018 annual reports and GA photos, please visit: <http://cafn.ca/government/general-assembly/>





DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dänách'é.

It is my privilege to continue to serve as *Dän nätthe äda* (Chief) of *Shadhäla, Äshèyi yè kwädän* (Champagne and Aishihik First Nations).

Thank you to every member of the *Dän nätthe dätth'i* (CAFN Council) who worked tirelessly for the past four years on behalf of our people and government. *Gunałchis* - my sincere thanks - to our 2014 to 2018 Council: Deputy Chief Kathy VanBibber, Elder Councillor Carol Buzzell, Youth Councillor Nikki Workman, and Councillors Shadelle Chambers, Les Walker and Rose Kushniruk.

I am also excited to welcome our new *Dän nätthe dätth'i* (Council) elected by Citizens this October to serve until 2022. I look forward to working together over the next four years as we continue the important work of the CAFN government.

Dän K'e (Our Way)

***Däkwänje* Adult Language Immersion Program**

We have much to celebrate! The first 10 CAFN students are now attending full-time *Däkwänje* (Southern

Tutchone) immersion classes at Da Kų Cultural Centre. I thank everyone who considered enrolling and all who committed to the program. Through this immersion program, we are embedding *Dän K'e* (Our Way) and focusing on the strength of our people. In two years, we will have 10 people who are strong speakers and ready to teach others.

***Dän Tăn Gà Dījäl* (Citizen Services)**

The new name for the Citizen Services project was announced at our General Assembly this July. It is *Dän Tăn Gà Dījäl*, which means "*We all walk along the dän k'e trail.*" Congratulations to Elly Jackson, who submitted the concept for the new name.

Work continues on the *Dän Tăn Gà Dījäl* (Citizen Services) project as we develop the *Dän K'e* theory of wellness, identify and document our values, and continue to build *Dän K'e* into all we do at CAFN. For more details, please see the update on page 12.

Connecting

General Assembly

It was an amazing, successful *Nlāshējel* (General Assembly or GA)

at *Lu Ghā* (Klukshu) this July. I am encouraged by our young people who are taking a strong role in developing policy for our nation. And I am blown away by the number of people who attended the GA. I believe it was our best CAFN General Assembly ever, and I am heartened by how our people care for each other and stand together as a strong community.

Self-Reliance

Fisheries Closure at Klukshu

Following the 2018 General Assembly, CAFN quickly acted to carry out a resolution calling for an emergency closure of the salmon fishery in the Klukshu area (Asek River system). Elder Councillor Buzzell and I met with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans shortly after the GA to advise him of our concerns regarding low fish numbers. Staff have begun preparing for the salmon summit called for in the resolution – please watch for dates and details. This was a voluntary closure by CAFN, and we thank our people for sacrificing this year to strengthen fish numbers in the years to come.

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Better Government

Haines Junction Municipal Boundary

This fall, CAFN and the Village of Haines Junction signed an Agreement in Principle (AIP), laying out priorities for joint discussion and planning. This is an important step in bringing the community of *Dakwākāda* (Haines Junction) together.

Town Halls

The Chief's Town Halls I hosted in Whitehorse, Takhini, Champagne

and Haines Junction this fall were successful in helping me connect with Citizens. The meetings were well attended. Community members raised good suggestions to improve our government processes, and I will bring these suggestions forward to our new Council.

Aishihik Relicensing

CAFN continues to work to represent the best interests of our land, water and people as Yukon Energy Corporation prepares its project proposal to renew their Aishihik hydroelectric facility license by the end of 2019. CAFN technical staff and Citizens participated in a workshop this September to review alternatives for managing the lake. We are also engaging

with the Government of Yukon in its oversight role for the Yukon Development Corporation and Yukon Energy Corporation. Please stay tuned for more updates to Citizens coming soon.

In Closing

As we embark on our journey as the new Council, I look forward to refocusing our priorities together and to weaving *Dän K'e* into everything we do. Please watch for more details in my next update.

Nänúchi'j sh'j (see you later).

Sincerely,

Kaaxnox, Dän Nätthe Ada
Chief Steve Smith

The CAFN Council serving from 2018-22 is:



Dän nätthe äda Kaaxnox (Chief)
Steve Smith

Äshāw Dän nätthe äda (Elder Councillor)
Mundy Joe

Shāna Dän nätthe äda (Youth Councillor)
Jessica Mazur

Dän nätthe dätth'i (Councillor)
Rose Kushniruk
Deputy Chief to Dec 31, 2018

Dän nätthe dätth'i (Councillor)
Steve Allen

Dän nätthe dätth'i (Councillor)
Barb Joe

Dän nätthe dätth'i (Councillor)
Marie McLaren

DÄN NÄTTHE DÄTTH'I DEK'I

CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

The following are summaries of decisions made by Chief and Council during their April through September 2018 meetings.

CAFN Rules And Regulations

Chief and Council approved a resolution to accept amendments to the CAFN Election Rules and Regulations. Chief and Council further resolved to repeal the 2014 Election Rules and Regulations and to accept the 2018 Rules and Regulations.

Request to Yukon Government

Chief and Council passed a resolution to request that the Yukon Government withdraw certain CAFN Settlement Lands from entry for the purposes of staking mineral interest. These Settlement Lands are:

All CAFN Settlement Land within the boundary of Haines Junction.

Certain CAFN Settlement Lands outside the Municipality of Haines Junction, as identified in Schedule A.

Certain CAFN Settlement Lands outside the Municipality of Haines Junction, as identified in Appendix B.

Growth of Dákwänjē Kų

Chief and Council approved the Dákwänjē Kų Phase One Daycare Recommendations and budget revision request.

Land Applications

Chief and Council approved the

following land applications:

2018-003 by Darren Hubbard for Residential Lot on S-118B1/D near Mendenhall with conditions: 1.0-hectare allocation, heritage site inspection, harvest consent letter, obtain Access Permit and Work Within Right-of-Way permit, settlement parcel allocation, consultation with potential adjacent land users.

2018-004 by Joyce Hume for Cabin Recreational Lot on S-74B1 at Quill Creek with conditions: 0.5-hectare allocation, heritage site inspection, harvest consent letter from Les Joe rescinding allocations of settlement parcel S-74B1.

2018-005 by Les Joe for Cabin Recreational Lot on S-8B1D at Dezadeash Lake with conditions: 0.5-hectare allocation, heritage site inspection, harvest consent letter, letter rescinding allocation of settlement parcel S-74B1.

Boards and Committees

Chief and Council agreed to nominate Phyllis Smith to the Yukon Government Crime Prevention and Victim Services Trust Fund Board of Trustees.

Chief and Council agreed to appoint Earl Darbyshire to the CAFN

Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for a term of 2 years to May 31, 2020.

Chief and Council agreed to appoint Harold Kane to the Champagne and Aishihik Community Advisory Committee for Aishihik Relicensing to December 31, 2018.

Chief and Council agreed to nominate Gary Darbyshire to the Alsek Renewable Resource Council for a term of three years.

Council agreed to appoint Sharon (LaSänMą) Shadow to the Yukon First Nations Advisory Committee on Languages.

Chief and Council agree to appoint Jocelyn Joe-Strack to the Research and Education Advisory Committee for three years.

Council approved the following appointments to the CAFN Election Board for the 2018 Elections:

Patty Moore, Chairperson
Lisa Pauls
Carole Mullen
Alternate – Karen Lepine

FNBC Letter Agreement

Chief and Council approved of and authorized the execution of the Letter Agreement with First Nations Bank dated May 24, 2018, and further authorized the execution of the security documentation set forth within.

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2018 Budget Revisions

Council approved budget revisions for increases for:

- \$15,000.00 for research into development of early childhood education funded by Yukon Government.
- \$50,000.00 to support additional 2018 Summer Student hires.
- \$52,215.00 in additional support for the daycare.

Māt'atāna Steering Committee Terms of Reference

Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Māt'atāna Resort Steering Committee dated May 24, 2018 and authorized the Chief to sign the Terms of Reference on behalf of the First Nations Council.

Family Housing for Dákwānjē Adult Students

Council approved the construction of two, two-bedroom houses for the Dákwānjē Adult Immersion Program students and to financing the construction costs totaling \$400,000.00 for the two units. Council agreed that financing costs of the bank loan will be covered by a monthly rental fee of \$740.00.

Elders Benefits

Chief and Council appointed Elder Carol Buzzell, Councillor Leslie Walker and Chief Steve Smith to work with administration on researching and developing options for the Elders Benefits policy. Completion date is June 18.

First Nation Market Housing Program

Chief and Council agreed to provide guarantees on each individual loan drawn on the First Nation Bank of Canada On Reserve Settlement Housing Loan Program up to \$7,125,000. Chief and Council further agreed to provide a supporting Borrowing Resolution for each Borrower to the maximum portfolio of \$7,125,000.00.

Triplex Rental Housing Policy and Market Housing Designation

A resolution passed by Chief and Council approved:

That the Takhini Triplex building be designated for market housing ownership, and

That the rental tenancy be offered on a one-year lease agreement with the clear understanding that the units will be offered for sale after the expiration of the lease, and

That the rental rate be set at \$525/month for the two end units and \$850/month for the central unit during the one-year lease.

Approval of 2017-2018 Financial Statements

Council accepted and approved the following financial statements:

The CAFN 2017-2018 Financial Statements, the CMHC post-96 Financial Statements, and the CMHC pre-97 Financial Statements

The Da Kų Cultural Centre Statement of Operations and Maintenance Expenditures

Daycare Enrollment Policy

CAFN Council agreed to approve the Daycare Enrollment Policy to come into effect September 1, 2018.

Dän K'e Kwānjē Ghākenīdān – Human Resource Policy

CAFN Council approved an exception to the current HR Policy Section 7.1 – Education Leave to allow two years leave and up to 80% of annual salary for CAFN staff who are CAFN citizens accepted in the Dákwānjē Adult Immersion Program.

Citizen Services Implementation

Council approved the Updated Citizen Services Implementation Timeline June 2018 and the Citizen Services Outcome, Outputs & Measures document dated June 2018. Further, Council authorized the Executive Director to proceed with the implementation of the Citizen Services Phase 2 report recommendations and to hire the Senior Directors of Citizen Services, Corporate Services, and Nation Services.

Rental Housing Policy

CAFN Council agreed to approve the Rental Housing Policy dated June 2018.

Justice Program

CAFN Council approved the dissolution of the Haines Junction Community Justice Committee.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF SALMON FISHERY



Right now, our salmon agreement is not working the way it was intended and we must act to bring our fish back," said Dän nätthe äda Kaaxnox.

This is not the first time CAFN dän have had to do without this critical subsistence food source - the salmon runs have been very low for several years. CAFN is also concerned with poor salmon returns on the Yukon River system, which impacts tributaries in our Traditional Territory.

This July 31, the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) announced the emergency closure of the subsistence fishery for sambay (sockeye) and gyü (Chinook) salmon in the Tatshenshini River and all its tributaries for the 2018 season.

The number of salmon returning to Klukshu and the entire Tatshenshini River system has been critically low for many years, and this year during our General Assembly, CAFN Citizens passed a resolution for the immediate emergency closure of the fishery. The resolution was brought forward by the Elders Senate and called for a salmon summit at Łu Ghą (Klukshu) to discuss the current crisis and how to bring the salmon back.

This August, CAFN hosted a salmon camp for youth and families to learn about salmon identification, traditional fishing grounds, cultural practices and salmon management. This year, CAFN purchased Taku River salmon for the camp.

"It is critical that we work together with Canada and the United States, including our neighbors in Alaska, to uphold the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

The emergency closure was for conservation purposes for the duration of the 2018 season and included the Tatshenshini, Klukshu, Blanchard, and Takhanne rivers, and Village Creek. The fishery was also closed to visitors and CAFN did not issue any visitor licenses for the area.

For more information, please contact:

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Micheal Jim, Parks, Trapping and Harvest Manager at (867) 456-6885 or mjim@cafn.ca

"Champagne and Aishihik Citizens are concerned about the very low numbers of returning salmon to Klukshu. We are voluntarily giving up our right to harvest in order to allow the few returning fish to spawn." says Dän nätthe äda Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith). "Our dän (people) recognize that our salmon are at risk of disappearing completely. As the stewards of our land and waters, we must look after the fish and protect our traditional way of life for generations to come."



DÄN K'E KWÄNJĒ GHÄKENĪDÄN: WE ARE LEARNING OUR LANGUAGE

CAFN Adult Immersion Program - Classes Begin

Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) immersion students at outlet of Canyon Lake this September.

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Classes are in session for Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Citizens enrolled in CAFN's brand new adult Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) language immersion program.

The 10 students in the

program, titled Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän: We are Learning Our Language, began class on the land this September. The students spent their first full week of studies at a harvest camp near the Aishihik Road in order to start learning in the best possible setting and frame of mind.

"This is a turning point for our people and a critical investment in keeping Dän K'e - our way - alive and vibrant now and for generations to come," said Dän Nätthe Ada Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith). "These 10 students are our future language teachers and have an essential role in maintaining our identity as Shadhäla, Äshèyi yè kwädän (Champagne and Aishihik First Nations people). They are committing the next two years of their lives to make this a reality."

Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän is a full immersion program rooted in hands-on, experiential learning. Regular classes run from September to June each school year and the first students will graduate in 2020. The program is based in the language classroom at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction and students will also practice the language on the land and through traditional activities.

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Language exercises at 29-Mile during the first week of class.

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Land-based camps are also planned for the summer to keep students' language skills fresh.

The 10 students in the program are: Nigel Boyle, Earl Darbyshire, Elizabeth Gladue, Liza Jacobs, Heather Jim, Marianne Joe, Sheila Kushniruk, Natane Primozic, Sarina Primozic and Marcus Sparvier. The students are funded by CAFN as language apprentices so they can fully participate in the immersion program without trying to hold down a full-time job at the same time.

After their first week in the language on the land, students shared their reactions:

"Łų tlą tashanidhj, I'm so excited. I can't believe I have this opportunity to learn on the land and spend time with Äshāw. In just five days I was able to tell a story in Dän K'e and translate it back into English." - Sarina Primozic

"Learning from Elders, listening to stories, lessons in the stories, learning to set the fish net and being on the boat feels more engaged and

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Elder Audrey Brown and Khâsha look after a fish net.

connected, being on the land, relaxing and not stressful." - Marcus Sparvier

"It was a big refresher. After taking Southern Tutchone from K-12, I can hear the familiar sounds, and it feels easier to pick up again, a lot of reconnection." - Nigel Boyle

"It was overwhelming at first, going straight into Dän K'e. I got by with the basics - äju, àghāy, äjü yinji." - Liza Jacobs

"It was good to start out on the land this way. The first week all students are becoming friends and doing group work together. It's a good group to be with." - Heather Jim

"It feels really good to learn, more one-on-one and get really in there and not just stand at the back. I had fun with the Elders and really enjoyed listening to their stories." - Natane Primozic

Khâsha, a CAFN Citizen and language teacher, developed the curriculum and is delivering the program full-time. He is joined by instructors Kalx'òkw (Mary Jane Legér) and Chughäla (Elder Lorraine Allen).

In March 2018, the CAFN Special General Assembly passed a resolution to support the program with up to \$1 Million in funds from the Champagne Aishihik Trust. The resolution states:

"Our culture is rooted in our languages and our languages are embedded with traditional knowledge and spirituality, as taught to us by our Elders. Our words themselves contain values, spirituality and principles of respect within them. Knowing the words and the languages instills the ways we live on the land, with the animals and how we treat each other."

For more information please visit CAFN.ca/dakwanje-immersion-program.



Sarina Primozic hangs fish to dry.

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CAFN AND CHAMPAGNE AISHIHIK COMMUNITY CORPORATION SIGN

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

During the July 2018 General Assembly, CAFN, represented by Chief and Council, and Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation (CACC), represented by the Board of Directors, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

The MOU is intended to establish clear protocols and procedures (roles, responsibilities, and decision-making authorities) as they relate to matters of economic importance in the CAFN traditional territory. Building a successful working relationship between CAFN and CACC will enhance the CAFN government's capacity to achieve positive benefits for all citizens.

BACKGROUND

CACC, incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act (Yukon)*, was established by CAFN to pursue and engage in economic opportunities in the CAFN traditional territory. Starting with a mutual understanding and respect for the Final and Self-government Agreements, CAFN and CACC acknowledged that by increasing levels of capacity through economic development effective nation and



Chief Smith and the Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation board.

community building would result. Sharing these same values for community economic development, CAFN and CACC signed the MOU to develop a mutually beneficial working relationship.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

For its roles and responsibilities, CAFN, in conjunction with various government departments, will develop an internal process for working with CACC in relation to economic matters. CAFN will initiate consultation, protocols and agreements with industry and businesses, and where economic opportunity exists for CACC, it will refer the opportunity to CACC for review.

CACC, for its roles and responsibilities, will ensure the values and objectives of both CAFN and CACC are met in compliance with the Final and Self-Government Agreements. CACC will develop a system of communication and close working relationships with CAFN, including its citizens, through

regular meetings and attendance at the annual general assembly. With a focus on supporting CAFN in relation to economic matters, CACC will promote economic opportunities that are beneficial to CAFN and residents within the territory.

To ensure a successful working relationship, CACC will be required to submit an annual report and budget for review by CAFN Chief and Council.

With the signing of the MOU, both parties understand that successful cooperation and collaboration will result in mutually beneficial economic initiatives, development and training opportunities which will serve to benefit all CAFN citizens.



CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS AND THE VILLAGE OF HAINES JUNCTION

WORK TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

This October 9, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' *Dän nätthe äda Kaaxnox* (Chief Steve Smith), and Mayor of Haines Junction, Michael Riseborough, announced the signing of an Agreement in Principle (AIP) between the two governments.

The AIP lays out important elements for discussion, including the potential amendment of the municipal boundaries of the Village of Haines Junction, the provision of municipal services across the municipality, joint infrastructure, economic development projects, municipal voting, and more.

"This is an important document

that will help us move forward together in building a productive and mutually beneficial working relationship," stated *Dän nätthe äda Kaaxnox*. "This clearly demonstrates our shared commitment to bring together our community and create new opportunities for the people of Dakwäkäda."

"This is a really exciting development for the community, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, and the Village of Haines Junction. With this AIP, we have laid a solid foundation for us to explore ways to move forward as one community through the development

of stronger relationships. Relationships which will yield great benefits to the entire community," stated Mayor Riseborough.

On February 26, 2018, the two governments along with Yukon Government announced the beginning of discussions. In less than a year, the two governments have moved towards formal negotiations.

For more details and to view the Agreement in Principle, please visit caf.n.ca/champagne-and-aishihik-first-nations-and-the-village-of-haines-junction-work-together-for-our-community/

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AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FACT SHEET

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and the Village of Haines Junction

1. What does Dakwākāda mean?

- a) Dakwākāda means “high cache place” in the Southern Tutchone language. Dakwākāda is the traditional name for the area known today as Haines Junction.

2. What is an Agreement-In-Principle (AIP)?

- a) It is an agreement between Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) and the Village of Haines Junction (VHJ) that outlines high-level goals, general process guidelines for negotiations and a commitment to work together.

3. What are the goals of these negotiations?

- a) The main goal is to develop a Principles of Partnership Agreement which will include provisions for:
 - I. Bringing our community closer together;
 - II. Developing better government-to-government relations and cooperation;
 - III. Reviewing and updating municipal services agreements;
 - IV. Jointly developing community plans for Dakwākāda – Haines Junction; and
 - V. Adjusting the current municipal boundaries.

4. What are the next steps?

- a) Establishing an Inter-governmental Working Group to negotiate the details of a Principles of Partnership Agreement. This group will meet regularly to achieve stated goals and report regularly to the respective governments and the community.

5. Who is involved?

- a) Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Yukon Government, and the Village of Haines Junction. Up to this point in the process, negotiations have largely consisted of discussions between CAFN and the VHJ. An Intergovernmental Working Group of equal representation will lead the negotiations on behalf of each government.

AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FACT SHEET cont.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and the Village of Haines Junction

6. When will the negotiations be completed and a Principles of Partnership Agreement be achieved?

- a) The negotiations will take some time to complete, as there are many processes and elements involved in achieving such an Agreement. It is important to take the time needed to get a Principles of Partnership Agreement that benefits our community. We are committed to developing the best Agreement for our community.

7. What benefits can be expected in a Principles of Partnership Agreement?

- a) There are numerous and significant potential benefits to these negotiations. These include but are not limited to:
 - I. Increased community engagement and participation (voting rights, input in the Official Community Plan and other public policy areas);
 - II. Stronger and more collaborative community planning and development (infrastructure projects, housing projects, Land Use Planning, etc.);
 - III. Efficient service delivery (water, sewer, snow clearing, grass cutting, etc.);
 - IV. Stronger relations and greater government-to-government cooperation.

8. Why are CAFN and VHJ discussing the potential of expanding the municipal boundary?

- a) The aim of these discussions is to incorporate into the municipality an area that is part of the community but outside the existing municipal boundaries. On February 26, 2018, CAFN and VHJ issued a joint statement announcing plans to discuss the potential of expanding the municipal boundaries. There are other benefits to this potential change including efficient municipal services provision and increase community participation and engagement.

9. Why are CAFN and VHJ negotiating potential municipal boundary adjustments now?

- a) Both governments can create efficiencies by working more closely together. Changing the municipal boundary to include CAFN lands that are already within the municipality is a part of reshaping our way of working together. As a community, it is time move forward in designing the future of Dakwākāda – Haines Junction. These negotiations are another step towards healing, truth and reconciliation – a step that is very important for the community to advance together.

10. Who will benefit from a Principles of Partnership Agreement?

- a) All residents of the Village of Haines Junction and Citizens of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations residing within the municipality will benefit from this Agreement. By working together everyone benefits!

Dän K'e

DÄN TÄN GÀ DĪJÄL

CITIZEN SERVICES PROJECT

Fall 2018 Update

New Dän K'e Name!

The new name for the Citizen Services Project is *Dän Tăn Gà Dĭjäl* which translates to "We all walk along the *dän k'e* trail" in Dàkwänjē (Southern Tutchone). This concept was submitted by Elly Jackson, who won the Air North gift certificate. Congratulations, Elly!



Elly Jackson and her Air North gift certificate.

Elly's naming contest submission, which was developed in partnership with Brenda Jackson, included the following description:

"CAFN is fundamentally transforming our program and service delivery into a new model of government that promotes and enhances our old ways. In our quest for progress we are stepping into Dän K'e. On this path we are connected to our yesterday, today and tomorrow and guided by the wisdom of our ancestors, our culture and principles. Two trails... one path."

CAFN General Assembly Support

CAFN Citizens passed a resolution in support of continued work on this project during the 2018 GA this July. Resolution 2018-02, titled *Dän Tăn Gà Dĭjäl (Citizen Services) and building Dän K'e*, states that the General Assembly supports the Dän Tăn Gà Dĭjäl implementation plan for the coming months and years in order to achieve the vision of entrenching Dän K'e: Our Way into the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations government.

Citizen Services Senior Director hired

Diane Strand has accepted the role of Senior Director for Citizen Services. The Senior Director is responsible for the implementation of this project and the new department.

Next steps:

1. Dän K'e Theory of Wellness committee members were appointed from August 2018 and will work to develop CAFN's unique model of what wellness means for our people. The committee members are: Stephanie Brown, Chris Gleason, Alexia McKinnon, Sharon Shadow, Maisie Smith and Lorraine Stick, along with the Senior Director of Citizen Services, the Director of Language and Culture and the Director of Community Wellness.
2. Staff training on change management and communication will be rolling out this winter;
3. Work on the new organizational structure and vision for departments continues. This includes
 - developing systems to collect new data,
 - developing a new chart of financial accounts, and
 - preparing to launch a new one-window approach in 2019.
4. Job descriptions for Senior Directors for Government Services and Nation Services have been developed.

VISION:

Dän K'e – Our Way – is our path forward, shifting away from the Indian Act and colonialism; restoring our ancestors' vision for the future.

These are a few excerpts from the Citizen Services Wall at the General Assembly and staff workshops this July.

What does decolonization mean to you?

- *Decolonization to me means everything. We get to do things "our way" to bring back the old ways and traditions.*
- *Everyone matters – when making change, consider how everyone might be affected.*
- *Taking the time to really listen.*
- *To rediscover and practice our Native spirituality.*
- *Connecting our Elders and Youth.*
- *Healing journeys of all communities and individuals.*
- *Reclaiming WHO you are.*
- *Taking care of each other.*
- *Learning our language and culture.*
- *Bringing our cultural practices back into the workplace.*
- *We need to do a positive reframe and stop using the word "decolonization". Can we reclaim the process in relation to us and not settler colonial culture?*

What are the values of Dän K'e?

- *Dän K'e means care of each of and the land in a way that is respectful and follows our ancestors values.*
- *Preserving the language, honouring tradition, continuing the culture.*
- *Dän K'e is what guides our people through life.*

What does wellness mean to you?

- *Wellness means, in my mind, health living, and not having to go through struggle. And having the full support of our people.*
- *Wellness is being mentally, physically and spiritually sound.*
- *Wellness to me means everything.*

Why is now the right time to move forward with this project?

- *We are ready.*
- *We have Elders and knowledge keepers who can still teach us and guide us.*
- *Our people can see it – we are emerging from residential school.*
- *We now have a generation that has lived in a post land claims situation – anything is possible!*
- *Our younger generations have and are not afraid to use their voice!*
- *People are listening.*
- *Canadian political climate.*
- *Because more than ever the land and people need a voice.*
- *Values and culture are embedded in our language. Our natural speakers are becoming fewer, so it is time to act now.*
- *CAFN government has matured to further assert "our way" and we are ready now.*

DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN PROGRAM UPDATE



Since the Dän Ts'anänän Program was launched in January 2018, staff have been working diligently to get citizens enrolled.

Dän Ts'anänän is a training-to-employment program that supports CAFN Citizens and community members to secure and maintain stable, long-term employment through personalized skills development, training, education and work experience programming.

To date, over 150 people have benefitted from the program, and 34 people have participated in work experience placements. Work experience participants have been involved in a variety of wellness activities such as guiding circles, stress management, nutrition, and more, and have received a variety of training such as Wilderness First Aid, Introduction to Carpentry, Basic Home Wiring, Food Safe, and a

variety of other training supports to prepare and help them in gaining employment skills.

The work placements have happened throughout our communities. Our participants have been placed at the Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji (greenhouses in Takhini and Dakwäkäda), Property Services, Heritage, Lands, and Resources, Da Kų and the Yukon College Haines Junction Campus.



The Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji (greenhouse) crew during their summer opening event.



Chief and Council, Minister Pauline Frost (Yukon Housing Corporation), and Dän Ts'anänän crews from Takhini and Dakwäkäda during a tiny house project launch this October 4. The event kicked off construction of 10 tiny homes, several of which will be built by carpentry trainees in the Dän Ts'anänän program this winter.



The Kwäts'änäkhé k'ènjí (greenhouse) is the core program under Dän Ts'anānān this year. This program was designed to benefit Citizens and our communities. Since the start of the program, participants have:



✓ Built a greenhouse in Takhini, and set up a mobile meeting and office space

✓ Revitalized the Haines Junction greenhouses and garden boxes

✓ Built a greenhouse for the Elders in Haines Junction

✓ Created an outdoor garden area in Haines Junction

✓ Provided support for Asheyi First Hunt Camp

✓ Provided support for the General Assembly at Klukshu

✓ Cleared several housing lots in Haines Junction

✓ Built exterior stairs in Takhini for a house

✓ Landscaped at Da Ku, Nätsèkhj kù , and the apartments

✓ Provided salad from the Greenhouse at the General Assembly

✓ Drove the bus and provided transportation for various community events

✓ Cleaned CAFN fleet vehicles

✓ Cleared brush throughout the community

✓ Cleaned and cleared sites for municipal and property services

✓ Did housing construction, repairs, and maintenance

For more information please visit:
www.cafn.ca/dan-tsananan/

Or contact our Wellness Support Workers:

Mary Jane Smith
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maryjanesmith@cafn.ca

Maury Fraser
456-6890 or mfraser@cafn.ca

Our focus is to build capacity in all Citizens – CAFN staff, underemployed Citizens and unemployed Citizens. Our goal is to assist 250 CAFN Citizens and community members through Dän Ts'anānān over the next three years.

Dän Ts'anānān means "a blessing for certain skills" in Southern Tutchone.



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ÄSHÈYI FAMILY IMMERSION AND FIRST HUNT CAMP 2018

Prepared by Sarina Primozac, CAFN Youth Participant, First Hunt/Family Immersion Camp

CAFN Heritage, Lands & Resources hosted an Äshèyi Family Immersion Camp combined with the annual First Hunt Camp on our Traditional Territory, Äshèyi (Aishihik), from August 2-6.

There was a total of 10 youth who participated in the hunting portion of camp: Brayden Gleason, Dakota Jackson, Eliza Van Bibber, Emma-Lee Burns, Erin Jim, Jeremiah Jim, Kassius Green, Kolten Braker, Nevada Joe, Rayden Kodwat, and Thaeron Green.

The camp provided opportunities for youth to gain the experience and skills needed to harvest animals in Dän K'e (Our Way). During their time at the camp, the youth honed internal skills like *mindset* and *patience* combined with applied skills, such as navigation, survival, and, most importantly, their knowledge and understanding of CAFN values and traditions.



Two caribou were harvested over the course of the camp. The first caribou was shot by one of the First Hunt leaders, Chris Gleason, and Jeremiah Jim, a youth camp participant, shot the other one. Each young person who participated in the camp, helped to field dress, quarter and hang the meat. They also assisted our Elders to scrape and clean the hides.

For every lesson learned throughout the camp, an Elder was teaching or present with the youth. This was important to us, so this way we know we are doing the job correctly.

On one of the days at camp, we hiked to another area of our Traditional Territory, Tthechäl män, (Sekulmun Lake).

Guests associated with the Aishihik relicensing effort from Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) and Yukon Conservation Society (YCS) were invited by the community to visit the camp. During the dinner feast with our invited YEC and YCS guests, two CAFN Elders gave a presentation on what Äshèyi (Aishihik) means to them for the benefit of our guests' understanding. All our youth were listening attentively and respectfully throughout the presentation.





Over the summer, Sarina has been working as a Project Assistant for Nan Kay Ghawinji K'e (Our Way Of Life On The Land)/ Heritage, Lands & Resources. Her efforts have been focussed mainly on the Aishihik relicensing project and providing communications assistance to the department. In the fall, Sarina will be moving on to take part in the full-time Southern Tutchone Language Immersion class that will be held at the Dákwänjè Kù language hub, located at Da Kù Cultural Centre. We will miss you and wish you all the best in your studies, Sarina! – HLR Staff

For more details about the work on the Aishihik Dam Relicensing, please see our July 2018 project newsletter at: <https://cafn.ca/aishihik-relicensing-2019/>



After the feast and presentation, the guests, members of the Aishihik relicensing project community advisory committee (CACAC), and a few CAFN citizens and staff, took a boat tour on Āshèyi Män (Aishihik Lake) and up the Sekulumun River (Tthechàl Chu). At various points during the tour, CAFN staff members, Elders and citizens in attendance introduced our guests to the impacts and effects brought about by having the Aishihik hydro station on our lake.

Every night during the camp, participants were treated with fireside stories courtesy of our Southern Tutchone language teachers including Mary-Jane Legér and Luke Campbell. Each story was interactive and was always told in both dákwänjè (our language), English and sign language.

Highlights by youth participants included swimming at Carnation Point and the language elimination game with Luke. Overall, I think every one of our participants enjoyed their time on the land and each of them learned at least one new thing from our camp this year.





A new CAFN home in Haines Junction.

CAFN APPROVES NEW AND IMPROVED RENTAL HOUSING POLICY AND PROCEDURES



CAFN duplex under construction in Dakwākāda this fall.

For the past few years, the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' Property Services Department has been working diligently to update and improve its Rental Housing Policy and Procedures. It is now complete and the Chief and Council approved it on July 5, 2018.

This Policy and Procedures provide clarity and direction for tenants and CAFN as the property owner as well as ensuring accountability from both parties. The Policy and Procedures apply to all existing and future CAFN rental housing units and tenants.

Furthermore, the CAFN Rental Housing Policy and Procedures is now in line with the ***Yukon Landlord Tenant Act*** and the new Yukon Regulations.

Presently, CAFN is developing a handbook that will explain the Policy and Procedures and outline tenants and CAFN's responsibilities.

The CAFN is committed to providing the best possible services to its Citizens. We believe this is a step towards providing clarity and accountability.

Citizens can get a copy of the Rental Housing Policy and Procedures online at cafn.ca/government/departments/property-services, or at CAFN offices in Haines Junction and Whitehorse.

For more information:

Lenette Graham
Rental Housing Coordinator

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NEW POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY

**CAFN has a new Post-Secondary Education Policy.
On June 24, 2018, Council approved the redrafted
Policy and it is now in effect.**

The main changes to the policy are:

When a student applies and is approved, they are approved for the duration of the program of studies. For example, students pursuing a degree now receive approval for 4 years; which means students do not have to re-apply every year, but are required to maintain and keep up their files (transcripts, etc).

More flexibility and support for students with learning disabilities, such as more time provided to complete studies.

Reciprocity and Dän K'e – the idea of giving back to the First Nation and community are included.

Till now, although the Policy had received some amendments over the years, it had not had a major overhaul and was drafted consistent with Indian Act Policy. Our instructions were to review the policy and to amend and redraft it to reflect CAFN's Dän K'e values as opposed to the values of Indian Affairs.

Our objectives were:

The policy should reflect CAFN's values (set out in CAFN's Strategic Plan and Vision Document);

The policy should be easy for students to read and understand;

The policy should be easy for CAFN to implement;

The policy should strive to achieve some flexibility to meet the varying needs of students so that CAFN, through the Policy, can ensure that students supported under the Policy have their best chance of success in achieving their goals in post-secondary education; and

Decisions made under the policy should be made in a way that is fair, clear, consistent and transparent.

The working group tasked with this review and revision met a number of times during the fall and winter of 2017-18 and consulted with students, parents, and former post-secondary education staff. They also conducted research into best and promising

practices in the field of post-secondary education, and reviewed past GA resolutions and appeals related to post-secondary education.

The implementation of the new policy will continue over the next several months. Education staff will keep communicating with Citizens and students about the changes, and will continue work on new and improved post-secondary procedures and forms.

To view the new policy, please visit: <https://cafn.ca/government/departments/education/> or contact one of our Education Department staff.

Shaw nithan,

Colleen Joe-Titus
Director of Education

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DAKWAKADA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LP

FALL 2018 UPDATE



Dakwakada Capital Investments Limited Partnership (DCILP) has been working hard with company restructuring, and we are hoping that this project will be finished this fall in 2018.

DCILP had a great time at the General Assembly meeting held in July with CAFN community members. Congratulations to the two lucky members who won the Air North gift certificates.

We would like to thank you, CAFN and community at large, for your continuous support.

RAB Energy Inc. (Northerm)

A strong new housing market coupled with a healthy renovation industry has been fueling our fabrication facility lately. In addition, you can't beat the current demand for housing and rental units.

Here is a list of projects within the departments:

The Overhead Door division is working on the City of Whitehorse building and expects to be on that project until November;

The Commercial Aluminum division is touching up the completion items on the Mic Mac Toyota dealership as well as the Whistlebend Continuing Care facility. It appears that we have secured the Rivers Reach project and the Carmacks Rec Center. Those two projects combined with a flurry of smaller jobs will round out the year nicely for the division;

The PVC and Glass Division is running about 4 to 6 weeks on delivery and, to date, it has not lost

any jobs due to delivery timelines. The newly designed Quad system, Northerm 4400 Series, is complete. Samples are shipped and will be tested in house next month. Our goal is to launch this system in December 2018 at a business after hours;

The Door Division automation plans have been delayed until we can attend the Windoor Convention in December and tour the machinery facility in Montreal.



Northerm donated a door and windows as Citizen draw prizes for the 2018 General Assembly.

DAKWAKADA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LP FALL 2018 UPDATE

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Shipping windows into the Alaskan market is going well, with the exception of a few growing pains which are to be expected. It is a different market and the requirements demand changes to our fabrication, shipping and finishing processes. The two locations are working hard together to meet the sales needs of Capital Glass in conjunction with the impacts to Northern's manufacturing and shipping.

We are pleased to introduce Jackueline Rodrigue who was recently hired for the position of Director of Finance. Jackueline will fill the position of Controller as was earlier advertised this year following Kam Mann's departure.

We will be advertising for job vacancies, and we encourage you to let interested community members know. We look forward to serving you and the needs of all Yukon communities. Please promote our products and services and, in turn, your business.

RAB Alaska (Capitol Glass)

The Alaska operation financials are no longer in free-fall as in prior years. Our sales staff continues efforts to re-build the customer base that was eroded in those years. The management team has stemmed the bleeding financially. The team is looking at plans to scale back G&A expense and staffing to allow our budget to weather the winter slow-down and prepare to meet the challenges of a new economic landscape in 2019.

We are entering into year three of what was projected to be a two-year recession; Leading economists are predicting a turn-around in the spring of 2019. Oil prices and new developments in Alaska point toward long-term recoveries that are likely to be impressive, but the effect of these on the Alaska economy may take years to be realized.

Alaska and Whitehorse are working to optimize our supply chain from Whitehorse to Alaska. As supply chain partners, we are working to identify the markets in Alaska we need to supply: How to serve that market with a product mix that is mostly, if not all, manufactured in Whitehorse?

We are currently analyzing our business model and looking at alternative business structures. We want to determine the proper sizing of our operation, considering our potential mix of products, our market size and growth potential. We continue to strive to determine this with the goal of maximizing profits for the shareholders.

Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE)

Castle Rock Enterprises completed various projects over the summer and is entering the fall season with several projects to complete. CRE has been selected and is awaiting an award on the Whistle Bend Phase 5 Project. A couple of the projects completed this summer are the Whistle Bend Phase 3C and The Marwell Tar Pit Remediation project with Milestone.

CRE's subcontractor duties with Ruskin on the Nares River Bridge Reconstruction Project are temporarily on hold until surface works are required again. CRE has completed sloping and reshaping for the new road which will lead onto the new bridge once completed. The Northern Windows and Doors to Alaska shipping contract is ongoing and steady.

Our in-house safety officer, Christine Vandenburg, has completed the annual internal audit and has given the Safety Program a score of 94%. It is under review by the Northern Safety Network Yukon's COR coordinator for final approval. Internal audit scores go towards the maintenance of our Certificate of Recognition. As of today, the zero-loss time for injuries is ongoing, and the year-end injury statistics were compiled and shared with the BOD. The CRE Committee and Management are continuously working together to provide a safe and healthy workplace for all employees.

Castle Rock is continuing to work with CAFN for employment opportunities, and all CAFN are encouraged to apply with position-related experience.

MÄT'ÄTÄNA RESORT STEERING COMMITTEE



A Mät'ätäna steering committee was struck to oversee the due diligence (third-party review) of the resort plan presented at the March 2018 Special General Assembly.

Committee Members are:

Lawrence Joe - Co-Chair, Melina Hougen - Co-Chair, Kelly Hougen, Ben Ryan, Denny Kobayashi, Alex Doepel - Dakwakada Capital Investments, and Paula Pawlovich - Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation.

The Committee is responsible for:

- ensuring the project's scope aligns with CAFN values and principles;
- completing a 3rd party review and assessment of the draft Mät'ätäna Resort business plan;
- completing due diligence and recommend options for a Mät'ätäna Resort management company;
- providing technical input and support information to the project process where available;
- serving as representatives of CAFN and report back to them on a regular basis.



Mät'ätäna steering committee co-chairs Melina Hougen and Lawrence Joe presented an update to Citizens at the 2018 General Assembly.

Third-Party Review

The Steering Committee is conducting a third-party review of key areas of the resort plan with independent experts to ensure they are sound.

The key areas include:

1. The initial development

- Financing
- Construction
- Energy

2. The ongoing management of the business

- Market assessment:
 - Who are the customers?*
 - Who are the partners?*
- Operations
 - Who is the staff?*
 - Who is the management team?*

3. What is the experience?

- What activities should be offered?*
- What are the cultural connections?*

Citizens responded to a questionnaire about the project during the 2018 General Assembly. We look forward to sharing more details.



CAFN CALENDAR

Wednesdays – Drop in Sewing, 6-8 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

November 24 – Chief and Council Potlatch, 3 p.m. ceremony at Da Kų Cultural Centre, 5 p.m. potlatch dinner at St. Elias Convention Centre.

November 30 to December 2 – Haines Junction Mountain Festival, at Da Kų Cultural Centre and St. Elias Convention Centre. Visit www.yukonmountainfest.ca for details.

December 10 - Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) class, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nätsèkhj Kų (Healing House) and 2-3 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

December 11 - Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) class, 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the main CAFN office in Dakwäkäda, 2-3 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre, and cooking class 4-6 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

December 13 – Regular Chief and Council Meeting, Council Chambers, Dakwäkäda.

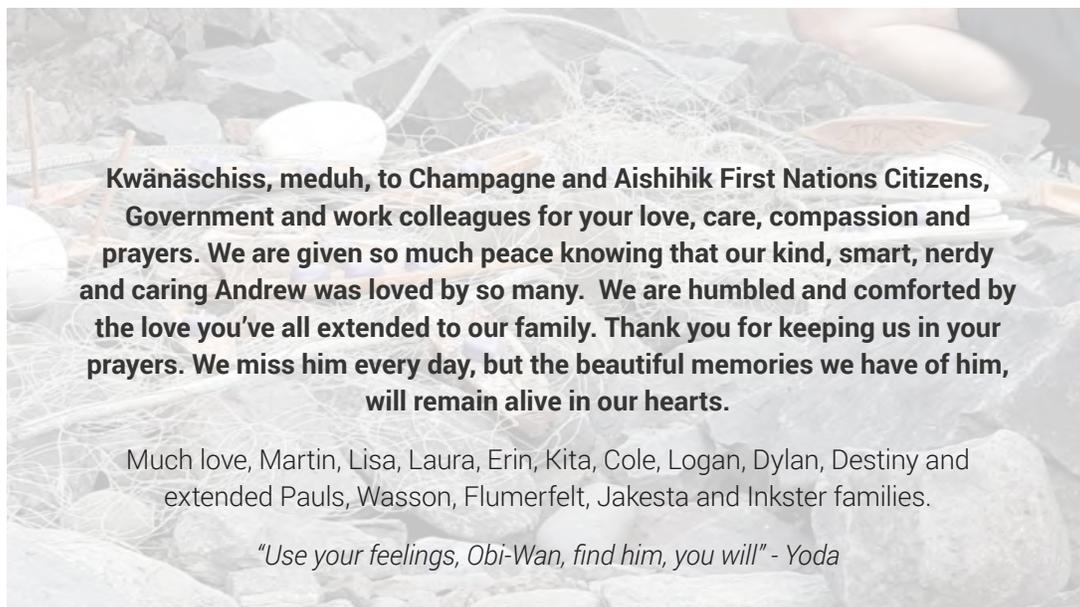
December 14 - Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) full immersion class, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yukon Native Language Centre, and all levels class 2-3 p.m. at CAFN Whitehorse.

December 17 - Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) class, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Nätsèkhj Kų (Healing House) and 2-3 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

December 18 - Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) class, 10:30-11:15 a.m. at the main CAFN office in Dakwäkäda, 2-3 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre, and cooking class 4-6 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

December 21 - Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) full immersion class, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Yukon Native Language Centre, and all levels class 2-3 p.m. at CAFN Whitehorse.

For more event dates and details, please visit CAFN.ca/events or "Like" Champagne and Aishihik First Nations on Facebook.



Kwänäsçhiss, meduh, to Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Citizens, Government and work colleagues for your love, care, compassion and prayers. We are given so much peace knowing that our kind, smart, nerdy and caring Andrew was loved by so many. We are humbled and comforted by the love you've all extended to our family. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers. We miss him every day, but the beautiful memories we have of him, will remain alive in our hearts.

Much love, Martin, Lisa, Laura, Erin, Kita, Cole, Logan, Dylan, Destiny and extended Pauls, Wasson, Flumerfelt, Jakesta and Inkster families.

"Use your feelings, Obi-Wan, find him, you will" - Yoda

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CONGRATULATIONS

A special congratulations to Gerald Asp on your graduation from the Island School of Building Arts on Gabriola Island! Love Mom, Dad and family.



Community Wellness News

A friendly reminder to our Elders: Winter is coming. Please ensure fuel tanks are clear of debris and safe for the oil distributors.

Important: The Pioneer Utility Grants deadline is December.

Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding Elders' Lunches in Whitehorse.

If you have any questions, please call **Jacqueline Chambers**, Community Care Coordinator (867) 634-4200 Ext: 287

KWÄNISCHIS

Many thanks to Lynn and The Raven Hotel for donating commercial refrigerators for Klukshu Hall.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Erin Jim for receiving an award for First Class Honours and to Anya Jim for her award for Honours with Distinction; both for grade 10 in 2017-18 at Porter Creek Secondary School.

CHECK OUT THE
DÄKWÄNÍ
NEWSLETTER
ONLINE IN
FULL COLOR AT
CAFN.CA/NEWS!

ACCESS TO KLUANE PARK



Kluane National Park is an important part of the CAFN Traditional Territory and citizens have hunting, fishing, and harvesting rights here. There are several roads and trails that access the Park and CAFN citizens have the right to use ATVs, snowmobiles, and other vehicles to harvest year-round. Some of these roads and trails are gated to prevent the public from driving into certain areas, but you can still use them if you are hunting, fishing, or harvesting. CAFN Lands and Resources department has keys for these gates and will sign them out if you are planning on harvesting in

the Park. Please just make sure that you lock the gate again when you leave and return the key to Lands and Resources when you get back.

If you successfully harvest an animal, please let CAFN Lands and Resources know. If you have any questions about your harvesting rights in the Park, pick up a Harvesting – First Nations Rights and Responsibilities brochure at the Parks Canada or CAFN office in Haines Junction, or talk to CAFN Lands and Resources staff.

Thank you,

Micheal Jim
Parks, Trapping and Harvest Manger

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Monica Krieger, Renewable
Resources Manager at (867) 634-
4200 ext. 253 or mkrieger@cafn.ca

BED BUG AWARENESS



Tips to avoid a Bed Bug infestation:

- Do not buy second hand mattresses
- Used and unclean fabric furniture may harbor bed bugs
- Keep up with regular cleaning in your home
- Use sterile cleaning solutions to prevent bed bugs
- Bed bugs do not like light or heat

For more information contact:

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Community Care Coordinator
{867} 634-4200 Ext. 287
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Harold Risby

Elementary Education Support Worker

Ayenzhi Harold Risby uuye. Agunda ich'e. Tahltan ye Cree ich'e. Whitehorse yu Elementary E.S.W. ndasidla.

My name is Harold Risby. I belong to the wolf clan. I am of Tahltan and Cree descent. I will be working in Whitehorse as the new Elementary Education Support Worker.

I am here to provide support, assistance, and guidance to CAFN students, parents, teachers, and administrators in all aspects of education at the elementary level. I have been teaching dákwänjè for quite a few years throughout different schools in Whitehorse. I taught anywhere from kindergarten all the way up to grade 12. I am excited to be with CAFN this year, and I look forward to a great school year.

You can reach me at (867) 334-6674 or hrisby@cafn.ca

Angela Senft

Child and Family Liaison Worker

Hello Everyone! My name is Angela Senft. I am the new Child and Family Liaison Worker with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Government. I am pleased to have an opportunity to work within the Community Wellness department and look forward to meeting more community members. In my role as the Child and Family Liaison Worker I provide support for CAFN Citizen families, primarily in Yukon, experiencing child apprehensions or child protection issues, including court support, family mediation, general support, advocacy, referrals and prevention as needed. I am working out of the Whitehorse office, visiting Takhini Subdivision every Tuesday and hopefully Haines Junction every couple weeks. Feel free to drop in to the office and visit or call me to set up a time when I am in Takhini or Haines Junction. Previous to working with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations I was employed through the Yukon Government in health and social services.

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Nancy Vanden-Eykel

Archivist

It has been a strange and winding road for Nancy Vanden-Eykel to get to the position of Archivist with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. She has worked in Broadcast Communications, Tourism, Property Management and Academic Accessibility, with jobs ranging from a radio announcer, copywriter, operations manager, receptionist, tourism councilor to exam coordinator. Nancy achieved a Bachelors in English Literature at Ambrose University in Calgary and graduated Western University's Masters in Library and Information Sciences program in April 2018. Hired for a seven-month term, Nancy's assignment is to inventory the Archival Vault and HLR department records, and create finding aids that will facilitate CAFN staff and citizens' access to the records under her care.



NEW FACES – FALL 2018

CAFN welcomes the following new and returning staff :

Barb Hume has accepted a term position as Director of Community Wellness effective to January 25, 2019. (867) 634-4200 Ext. 217, bhume@cafn.ca

Robert vanLieshout has accepted a term position as the Wellness Supports Manager effective to January 25, 2019. (867) 634-4200 Ext. 215, rvanlieshout@cafn.ca

Angela Senft has accepted a position as our Child and Family Liaison Worker. She will be working from our CAFN Whitehorse office. (867) 456-6891. asenft@cafn.ca

Roger Brown has accepted a term position as Director of Heritage, Lands and Resources effective to January 31, 2019. (867) 456-6883, rbrown@cafn.ca

Mary Jane Allison/Kalxokw Leger has accepted a position as Adult Immersion Co-Instructor. (867) 634-3303, kalxokw@cafn.ca

Diane Strand has accepted a position as Senior Director of Citizen Services. (867) 634-4200 Ext. 217, dstrand@cafn.ca

Ruth Haynes has accepted a position as Dän Ts'änänän / Financial Literacy Coach. (867) 634-4200 Ext. 282/284, rhaynes@cafn.ca

Venesa Lutz has accepted a position as Heritage, Lands, and Resources Project Assistant. (867) 634-4200

Stephanie MacElheron has accepted a position with the Daycare. (867) 634-4200



2018 CAFN summer students during their orientation at Da Kų Cultural Centre early this summer.

CAFN AND PARTNERS BREAK GROUND FOR INNOVATIVE TINY HOUSE PROJECT

Dakwākāda (Haines Junction, Yukon) - A community ground-breaking event in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction) this October 4 kicked off an exciting tiny house project, a partnership between the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN), the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada.

The three partners are jointly investing in the construction of 10 affordable one-bedroom homes in the community and providing skill-building opportunities for 10 carpentry trainees. Yukon Housing Corporation is contributing a grant of \$50,000 per unit, for a total of \$500,000, through the Housing Initiatives Fund.

Several of the houses will be built by participants in the Dän Ts'anānān (A Blessing for Certain Skills) program, which is funded by the Government of Canada's Skills and Partnership Fund, and construction costs will be covered through contributions by Yukon Housing Corporation and CAFN.

"This is a project that meets three urgent needs in our community – affordable housing, employment and training. Our government is pleased to work with Canada and Yukon to deliver on these important priorities while helping build healthier people and a stronger community."

- *Dän Nätthe Ada Kaaxnox*
(Chief Steve Smith)

"I'm thrilled to see organizations, like CAFN, create more opportunities for First Nations people in the Yukon Territory and northwest British Columbia. Fostering partnerships to improve essential skills and job training for First Nations people is not just the right thing to do- it's the smart thing to do for our economy."

- *The Honourable Patty Hajdu,*
Minister of Employment, Workforce
Development and Labour

These tiny homes will fill a critical housing need for people in Haines Junction and support the vision of the Housing Action Plan for Yukon. We're excited to partner with the

Through the
Government of
Canada's Skills and
Partnership Fund,
the Dän Ts'anānān
program
is contributing
\$270,000 toward the
cost of carpentry
training by Yukon
College over a
21-week course
this winter.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Service Canada to increase the diversity and abundance of housing options in Yukon.

- *Minister responsible for the Yukon*
Housing Corporation Pauline Frost



Happy Birthday wishes from the Wabisca, Telep, Cook, and Bratt families to:

- Lance Bratt** – July 29
- Brenda Chambers** – July 30
- Luke Campbell** – August 2
- Jimmy Allen** – August 2
- Rose Kushniruk** – August 15
- Mickey Beattie** – August 17
- Savannah Griffith** – August 17
- Michelle Dawson-Beattie** – August 19
- Glen Kane** – August 20
- Ray (Porky) Hassard** – August 22
- Cherryl Chambers** – August 23
- Tina Grant** – August 24
- Alexander Loblaw**, 3 years old! – August 25
- Rachele Campbell** – August 29
- Fran Asp** – September 5
- Sue Knight** – September 6
- Roy (Bucky) Wabisca Jr.** – September 7
- Chelsey MacElheron** – September 13
- Darrell Bouvier** – September 13
- Diane Strand** – September 15
- Jayden Pawlowski** – September 16
- Ron Cook** – September 25
- Dave Cook** – September 25
- Angie Wabisca** - November 14

Happy Birthday wishes from Vera Williams and John Hume to:

- Zariyah Joe** – August 11
- Dreyden Joe** – August 23
- Shyann Williams** – September 13
- Nikki-Lee Patchett** – September 26



Happy 10th Birthday to Xavier and Happy 3rd Birthday to Aurelia!

With lots of love from Grandma Kim.



Happy Anniversary wishes

from the families also go to

Glenna Southwick and Jimmy Allen

for their 7th Anniversary celebrated on August 20.

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