

Dàkwäni

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



Dän Tàn Gà Dījäl Update

SPRING/ ÄDÄLÄT 2019

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CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

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The Dän K'e Theory of Wellness Sub-Committee at Mät'ätäna Män (Kathleen Lake) last fall.

Left to right: Elder Chuck Hume, Äshènjā (Alexia McKinnon), Maisie Smith, Stephanie Brown, Chris Gleason, Chütsay Ma (Lorraine Stick), LaSänMā (Sharon Shadow), Xich'tlaa (Diane Strand) and Krista Reid. Not pictured: Kwät'āna (Barb Hume) and Nthe Äyèjäl (Sheila Greer).

The Dän K'e Theory of Wellness Sub-Committee has been invited to develop a Dän K'e model of health and well-being. The goal is to inspire CAFN citizens to live a balanced and holistic lifestyle rooted in traditional ways of knowing, being and doing.

This group has also been asked to develop the *Dän K'e Kendän* (CAFN book of values). This book of values is expected to be a fundamental tool for shaping CAFN policies and activities going forward.

The sub-committee has spent the last six months gathering and sharing information on how to best approach this work and achieve the desired outcomes. Their current focus is to reveal the knowledge embedded within our traditional stories. This narrative design is an Indigenous community-based approach to knowledge gathering and is being supported by John Borrows, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law at the University of Victoria.

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Dän K'e

“Our stories teach us how to live a good life and how to be a good person.”
Lorraine Stick, CAFN Elder

The CAFN members and staff will work with previously published traditional CAFN stories, current Elders' and knowledge keepers' oral traditional stories, and with our Citizens and relatives to answer the following three questions:

1. How can we use *Agunda* (Wolf) and *Käjèt* (Crow) teachings as a way to support personal, family and community wellness?
2. How do we reignite interest and curiosity within Citizens to live in a traditional good way?
3. How can we encourage an increased understanding and interest in the use of spirituality throughout our daily lives, in order to develop a stronger foundation of personal wellness?

The sub-committee is excited to learn from our communities and our families. Over the course of the summer there will be a number of community events and one-on-one interviews.

The outcome of this process is that the stories will become living stories within the community. CAFN wants to help our stories become alive and guide people's decision making on a day-to-day basis. The patterns will also be used as the inputs into the Theory of Wellness model.

Please keep an eye out for more information about this work and upcoming community events focused on traditional stories.

If you would like to be involved in any part of this work, or have questions, please contact Diane Strand, Senior Director Citizen Services, (867) 634-4200, ext 217, or dstrand@cafn.ca.

YESAB UPDATE

Guided Fish Camp on Łu Shāw Dzé (Big Fish Heart Island) #2018-0208

Heritage, Lands and Resources staff would like to give a big gunalchish to all the Citizens who came to the meeting on February 13, 2019. This meeting truly informed and shaped CAFN's comment to Yukon Environment and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB).

The current status of the proposed project is that YESAB has requested information from the proponent, based on comments from CAFN and Yukon Government, that this island is not an appropriate place for a fish camp. Since there is no way to mitigate this, YESAB has requested the proponent look elsewhere and advise YESAB how the proponent will proceed.

If you have any questions about this project or about YESAB in general, please contact Jesse Hudson at jjhudson@cafn.ca or (867) 322-1662.



DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dänáché.

Dän K'e - how we did things in the past - continues to strengthen our ongoing work.

During our Council strategic planning session this January, we identified three focused ways by which we will lead the CAFN government:

1. *We honour our way by connecting with each other and by holding each other up (respecting and caring for each other).*
2. *Dákèyi yích'j. We honour this relationship by maintaining this connection and upholding our rights and responsibilities to the land and water.*
3. *We honour our Nation by protecting our rights and title and by ensuring we have good governance.*

We have tried to further define our overall path by using the *Dän K'e* term *Dän Shāwthän*, which means "good people". That is what we are trying to do: walk as good CAFN people by being caring, taking care of each other, mindful of our rules, caring and speaking for our four-legged and winged creatures, and caring for the land water and air.

THE NATION (through better governance)

Our Council recently approved the budget for the First Nation for the 2019/20 fiscal year. We anticipate additional funding from the government of Canada this fiscal year as new funding arrangements are completed.

Deputy Chief Kushniruk represented Council at the Village of Haines Junction Official Community Plan (OCP) open house this March. Additional community engagement is planned during the months to come as the OCP takes shape. CAFN will continue to participate on the steering committee guiding this process.

We hosted members of the Canadian

Armed Forces this February during Exercise Arctic Bison 2019. This emergency response exercise included the 38 Canadian Brigade Group's Arctic Response Company Group as well as many of our local Rangers.

EACH OTHER (through connection and self-reliance)

Connection

The 10 students in our *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) adult language immersion program are nearing completion of their first year of studies. We hold our hands up to the dedicated students and instructors who work full-time at keeping *Dákwänjē* vibrant and alive.



Members of the Canadian Armed Forces visited Council during Exercise Arctic Bison this February.

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The NHL Indigenous Alumni Team and community old timers enjoyed a great scrimmage during the NHL Alumni tour in Dakwākāda on March 4.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

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I participated in a Southern Tutchone Tribal Council (STTC) planning exercise a few weeks ago. The STTC continues to strengthen our community and culture through workshops in each of our Southern Tutchone communities throughout the year, which are open to all Citizens of CAFN, Ta'an Kwachan Council and Kluane First Nation.

We are also busy getting ready for *Dákù nān ts'eddhyèt* (Our House is Waking up the Land), CAFN's festival of drumming, song and dance coming up this June 13-16 in Dakwākāda. We hope to see you there!

Self-Reliance

This month I attended meetings of the Assembly of First Nations Chiefs Committee on Economic Development and the Yukon First Nations Chiefs Committee on Economic Development. My participation at the national and local level provides excellent opportunity for understanding and input into economic initiatives nationally and close to home.

The Māt'ātāna Steering Committee appointed to carry out the third party review of the proposed resort business plan is nearing completion of their work. We look forward to sharing their final report with Citizens soon.

The St. Elias Corridor Regional Economic Development Conference is coming up April 26-27 in Dakwākāda. I encourage community members and CAFN business owners to attend this important event focused on Investing in Place.

We also look forward to meeting soon with our CAFN economic development branches – Dakwakada Capital Investments, the Champagne Aishihik Trust and the Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation.

THE LAND and WATER

The CAFN Council remains committed to restoring more natural lake levels at Äshèyi. Current work includes negotiating with Yukon



Rick Smith lines up for a shot.

government and Yukon Energy Corporation on setting a better path for the future of Aishihik, and our work to prepare for the Aishihik hydro facility license renewal process continues. CAFN will host a Citizen workshop on negotiations on Saturday, May 11 at Shadhāla Kų (Champagne Hall). Please also watch for community engagement during the "Seeking Views" stage of the Yukon Environmental and Socioeconomic Assessment process.

We also remain committed to restoring *sambay* (sockeye) and *gyü* (Chinook) salmon in the Tatshenshini River system. Our Heritage, Lands and Resources Department is working to fulfill the resolution passed by the 2018 General Assembly. Please watch for details on next steps this summer.

Thank you and congratulations!

Congratulations to all our graduates who recently completed the carpentry training program and built five tiny houses this winter through our *Dān Ts'ānānān* program! You can see the completed houses at the east end of Joe Street in Dakwākāda.

Congratulations to our Storm and Bruin hockey teams in the 2018 Yukon First Nation Hockey Tournament! You played hard and made us proud.

And many thanks to the Council of Yukon First Nations for bringing the NHL indigenous alumni tour to our community in March. We enjoyed the skills training, old timer scrimmage and community feast with these very special visitors.

*Gunalchish,
Dān nātthe äda Kaaxnox*

Chief Steve Smith

DÄN NÄTTHE DÄTTH'I DEK'I CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

The following are summaries of decisions made by Chief and Council during their January 2019 meeting.

Land Applications

Chief and Council approved the following land applications:

2018-026 by Kaylea Wabisca for a Traditional Use on R-2 at Sekulumun Lake for further clarification of status of R02-A.

2018-025 by Kayla Anderson for a Cabin/Recreational on R-39B at Takhini with conditions: 0.5-hectare allocation as per CAFN Lands Policy, heritage site inspection, harvest consent letter, use of heavy equipment to construct driveway or building pad, install power poles, or burn debris which was piled mechanically will require a YESAB assessment.

2018-022 by Wilmonica Van Bibber for a Cabin/Recreational on R-67A at Champagne with conditions: 0.5-hectare allocation as per CAFN Lands Policy, heritage site inspection, harvest consent letter, use of heavy equipment to construct driveway or building pad, install power poles, or burn debris which was piled mechanically will require a YESAB assessment.

Boards and Committees

Council agreed to appoint Elder Councillor Mundy Joe as representative to the CYFN Elders Council and Doris Anderson as Elder alternate.



CAFN Councillors at the February 14 Yukon Forum with Yukon First Nation and Yukon government leaders in Kwanlin (Whitehorse).

Council agreed to appoint Jessica Mazur as representative to the CYFN Youth Council and Sarina Primozic as Youth alternate.

Council agreed to extend the Language and Culture Heritage Advisory Committee members terms for Lena Smith-Tutin, James Allen and Natane Primozic to March 31, 2019.

Dákwänjē Ky/Shawkwunlee Daycare

Chief and Council agreed to increase daycare fees to match the subsidy provided by the Yukon Government, to be effective April 1, 2019.

Chief and Council agreed to amend the current *Dákwänjē Ky/Shawkwunlee* Daycare Enrollment Policy to be effective March 1, 2019.

CAFN Council meetings are held once a month in Council Chambers in Dakwākāda from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information on upcoming CAFN Council meetings or to request copies of the Council minutes, please contact Doreen Williams, Executive Assistant to Council, at drwilliams@cafn.ca or (867) 634-4200 ext 231.

Upcoming Chief and Council Meetings:

April 17

May 16

June 20

July 17

DA KŪ CULTURAL CENTRE

EXHIBITS AND COLLECTIONS NEWS



The new highway sign at Da Kū Cultural Centre

Exhibits

Our permanent exhibit area at Da Kū Cultural Centre was enhanced last year with the addition of a mannequin wearing the regalia of Chùschwa Marge Jackson (1918-2013). The pieces (headdress, cape, skirt) on display include the very old dance cape made and worn by Mats'āsámá Maggie Jim (mother to Bill Jamieson, Marge Jackson, Oliver Jim, Paddy Jim and Mary de Guerre). We thank Marge's family for allowing us to share these cherished family heirloom pieces.

In 2018, the Chu'ena (Grand Hall) space at Da Kū was blessed with the addition of the Udzē Natsät (strong heart) dugout canoe. This exceptional piece was carved under the direction of master carver Wayne Price of Haines, and it was painted by a team of our citizens, led by Frances Oles and Ron Chambers. Gifted to Champagne and Aishihik by the Yukon First Nations Cultural and Tourism Association, Udzē Natsät is part of Da Kū's "active" collection – which means it is meant to be used. Last June, a group of citizens took the watercraft to the Tlingit Celebration gathering in Juneau!

The exhibit titled *Shakāt – Dánän Käy Ghàts'ashät (Our Land Feeds Us)* was on display in our changing exhibit space for the summers of 2017 and 2018. Through both stories and display of such things as gaff poles, model fish traps, snares and more, the exhibit showed how we catch, prepare and store our foods from the land. A booklet highlighting the exhibit has just been released. You can request to have a copy mailed to you, or simply drop by Da Kū or the Whitehorse office to pick up one. Contact Shania Jackson (sjackson@cafn.ca or (867) 634-3300) for more information.

A new show is currently being developed for the changing exhibit space. The show will open at the time of our Da Kū Nän Ts'étthèt Dance

Festival (June 14-16). Stay tuned for another great exhibit showcasing aspects of CAFN heritage and culture!

Kwänischis to Our Interpreters

Our thanks to the Da Kū interpretive staff for doing an excellent job of showcasing our exhibit areas in the years since the Da Kū Cultural Centre opened. Their efforts bring the displays alive, as they share the stories of our history and culture

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Marge Jackson regalia outfit now featured in the Permanent Exhibit area.

Da Ky Cultural Centre

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and highlight the strength of our traditions. Guests, whether Citizens or visitors to dákeyi (our country), learn more about CAFN and are left with memorable impressions.

The interpreters are always "improving their game," and learning new stories to share with visitors. To support them in their efforts, this winter an interpreter's resource manual is being developed. The manual is a "living document" and will be expanded over time.

Collections

Collection staff were thrilled last year with a package that arrived from Clara Joy Warren, of Vernon B.C. Inside were two beaded hide jackets that had been custom-made for Mrs. Warren and her husband by one of our local seamstresses (name not recalled). Kwänischis to Mrs. Warren for donating these jackets to CAFN.

Having been worn only occasionally, such as at the Calgary Stampede, the jackets are in excellent shape. The beading on the pair is similar; both jackets feature floral beadwork as well as a beaded moose head on the back. Yet each jacket is also unique; the man's coat has beaded strawberries on the back, and on the woman's, the front pockets feature beaded flowers.

Do you have any idea who might have made these jackets? Please share your thoughts with Susan Knight (sknight@cafn.ca or (867) 634-3317).

Kwänischis also to Ron Chambers, who recently turned in a collection of ancient hunting tools that had been looted from ice patch heritage sites located in the Ruby Range area northwest of Dakwäkäda. Ron was not responsible for collecting these rare artifacts, but being knowledgeable of their educational value, as well as their emotional importance to CAFN culture and identity, he knew what to do when these things came into his hands.

We are now working with the Yukon Government Archaeology program to learn more about these unique artifacts. Most are dart shaft pieces, with the sinew still present on several. They will be radiocarbon dated, the raw materials will be identified, and the construction details described, etc. We want to learn more about the significance of these pieces within the context of the other finds from the ice patch sites; we suspect that some of the incomplete pieces may be refitted with hunting tool fragments previously recovered from sites in this area.



Ron Chambers and Susan Knight review the collection of ancient hunting artifacts, and sheep skull fragment and horn sheath, from sites in the Ruby Range.



Man's and Woman's coats donated to CAFN by Clara Joy Warren of Vernon, B.C. Do you recognize the beadwork?



Udzē Natsät dugout canoe

ŁU GHAᑦ SPRING BREAK CAMP

Łu Ghaᑦ Spring Break Camp was held from March 12-16, 2019. Close to 45 Citizens and visitors were welcomed at the Klukshu Hall each day for **Dádan Nán Kay Kánàdān** – Our People Learning on the Land, and over 90 participants for our feast day.

There were many activities in camp for children and families from Whitehorse, Haines Junction and Takhini:

There was an opportunity to learn Southern Tutchone vocabulary every morning, with funny and entertaining games taught by Luke Campbell and his language assistants Sarina Primozic, Natane Primozic, Marianne Joe and Marcus Sparvier.

Everyone learned how to set up rabbit snares and fish nets. Kluane National Park's team hosted a fun day of ice fishing on Kathleen Lake, with an opportunity for a fun skidoo ride across the lake. Tom Buzzell taught us how to cut and clean the fish with the 13 fish we caught in the fish net. A huge thank you to Levi, Darrell, John and Ryan for your guidance with the fish net. Everyone did a great job!

During Jessie Joe-Hudson's workshop, everybody learned about climate change and its effects on our environment.

We had a very intense afternoon of sledding down a gigantic hill. Some of the campers innovated a bit and slid down on their bellies!

Elders Martha Smith, Vivian Smith



and Vera Williams taught us how to sew mitts and mini mbat. **Gunalchish** for your precious advice!

Annette Eikland showed us how to create our very own fizzy and relaxing baths with her bath-bomb workshop.

During camp we ate very well! **Gunalchish** to the cook team, Carol Buzzell, Johnny Hume and Suzy

Hume. We were also warm and cozy around the fire. **Gunalchish** to Dave.

We concluded the camp with a family fun day where everybody had a chance to demonstrate their skills, knowledge and ability on the land, with the Survival camp challenge: one hour to build a shelter, a fire, set up a rabbit snare and boil water for tea. The judges were very impressed

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ŁU GHĀ SPRING BREAK CAMP

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by the challengers' talents and expert use of resources from the land. They made warm and wind proof shelters. Some of them even had extra room! There were also tons of laughs had by all during the various challenges and races: egg toss, three-legged race, and smooch board race.

We want to thank all of you who contributed to **Dádan Nān Kay Kānādān** – Our People Learning on the Land. We look forward to another exciting camp! **Gunalchīsh** for making this event a success!

Lastly, a huge shout out goes to Margaret Chiblow, Anya Braeuner and Harold Risby, the camp coordinators.



FORESTRY UPDATE

Quill Creek Timber Harvest Plan

A new Timber Harvest Plan is currently being developed by Wood Products Association and Ecofor for Yukon Forest Management Branch (YFMB). A draft will be submitted by the contractors to YFMB at the end of March 2019. CAFN will be engaging Citizens on this draft Quill Creek Timber Harvest Plan to ensure that CAFN rights, values and activities are considered and incorporated in this Timber Harvest Plan.



If you would like to share your knowledge of the area with CAFN, please contact Jesse Hudson at jjhudson@cafn.ca or (867) 322-1662, or Meagan Grabowski at mgrabowski@cafn.ca or (867) 456-6877.

Forest Monitoring Program Committee

In January 2019, the Forest Monitoring Program Committee (FMPC) was formed to review, revise and narrow down the 104 Indicators of the Strategic Forest Management Plan (2004). This committee consists of Mark Pedersen and Neal Allison from Yukon Forest Management Branch, Rachel Ford from Environment Yukon, Chuck Hume and Larry Joe from the Alsek Renewable Resource Council, and Jesse Hudson from Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. This committee is co-chaired by Yukon Forest Management Branch and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

The FMPC will be engaging with Citizens and residents of CAFN's Traditional Territory this summer to ensure the selected indicators reflect our values.

If you have any questions, please contact Jesse Hudson at jjhudson@cafn.ca or (867) 322-1662.

DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN PROGRAM UPDATE

A BLESSING FOR CERTAIN SKILLS



Congratulations, Tiny House Project Graduates!

On March 26, 2019, CAFN proudly celebrated seven participants of the Dän Ts'änänän program who worked on the tiny house project. The participants were registered apprentices striving towards their apprenticeship Level 1 hours. During the program, they received instruction on blueprint reading, math, and construction and focused on getting the first 5 of 10 small homes completed. We congratulate

them on their successes!! The tiny house project not only offered important training to individuals, but will also provide affordable housing to our community.

The Dän Ts'änänän program also offered advanced chainsaw safety and maintenance course through Yukon College in Haines Junction to six individuals. This spring, they are working in Haines Junction and Champagne clearing areas for CAFN's Property Services Department.

The Dän Ts'änänän program (A Blessing for Certain Skills) is designed to help CAFN Citizens become more self-sufficient by helping them walk through a series of steps that lead them toward getting a job that suits their skills and interests, and know that their work makes a difference.

Ongoing Assistance for all Citizens

We assist Citizens in updating resumes and writing cover letters for potential and upcoming jobs in Haines Junction, Whitehorse



and beyond. Our job coaches are available to help anyone with the steps in applying for a job. In Whitehorse, Job Coach Darlene will accompany Citizens to Employment Central and job fairs to look for work and also assist in looking on Yuwin or other websites to help find employment.

Furthermore, our wellness workers can help with creating an individual career plan, to help guide individuals with their career path.

Need a summer job so you can afford to go to school in the fall? Want to apply on courses or training opportunities? A wellness worker can help you make a plan to help you achieve your future goals. Give Mary Jane or Maury a call!

We continue to assist individuals in managing their financial situation. Some of the assistance available is learning how to make a budget, setting up a no-fee bank account, moving into online banking, understanding the fees, interest, and risks of having a credit card, and small ways to make improvements to save some money.

Keep Looking for Dän Ts’anānän Program Postings

We will offer work experience and wellness opportunities throughout 2019.



Currently, we are hiring for the Kwäts’anäkhe K’ənji kånādän (Greenhouse trainees) and are focusing on creating small businesses from this project. Please apply if you are interested in working on this project!

We will have other postings coming out through the year. Keep in touch!

This fall and winter, the Dän Ts’anānän program may offer a “Firewood as a Business” starter course. This would assist people who would like to start a small business supplying our communities with firewood, but who need some business know-how to make it viable. Let us know if you’re interested!

Together we are building a better future!

For more information:
cafn.ca/dan-tsananan

Mary Jane or Barb at (867) 634-4200
in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction)

Darlene or Maury at (867) 456-6888
in Kwanlin (Whitehorse)



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CA STORM

A-Division

Congratulations to the CA Storm on winning Silver!



CA

Shāw nithān to all our C team players.

Back (left to right): Coach Mickey Beattie, Ryan Garrett Zacharias, Gerald Dickson, Coach Larry Berry-Hume, Chance Louie, Adam Green, Tyler



CAFN JUNIOR STORM

Jamboree Division

Back (left to right): Coach Chris Gleason, Memphis Friesen, Dyea Johnson, Sasha Jirousik, Skyler Vanlieshout, Zerryn Martin, Brayden Gleason, Kashis Green, Brodie Hume, Coach Scott Hume, Coach Luke Johnson. Front (left to right): Ashton Underhill, William Hume, Mason Driscol, Nevada Joe, Marco Cooper, Tristin Primozic, Ethan Smith



CA U

You

Congratulations to the CA Lil Storm on taking

Back (left to right): Coach Rick Martin, Zora Ma Tim Macintosh, Front (left to right): Brandon Tr Johns Jr.



THUNDERSTORM

C-Division

Long, Brandon Long, Travis Coghill, Paddy Jim, Travis Park, Park. Front (left to right): Anthony Primozic, David Frost, Jaden Smith, Nick Williams, Theron Green



Congratulations to all our CAFN teams, players and fans for a great tournament!



LIL' STORM

Youth Division

Young Gold in the Youth Division!

Smith, Coach Matt Horsey, Ryan Rock-Albert, Kaydence Smith, Pat Johnson, Kieran Green, Kerian Mooney G., Dakota Jackson, Troy



CAFN BRUINS

Old Timers Division

Many congrats to the CA Bruins on winning Bronze!

Players pictured include: Darren Joe, Cebo Tom, Sean Sheardown, Nathan Wilson, Scott Hume, Matt King, Front (left to right): Mark King, Pat Johnson, Chris Williams

YOUTH DOG SLEDDING EVENT



**Hosted by the Champagne
Community Association**

On Saturday and Sunday, February 16 and 17, the Champagne Community Association hosted a Youth Dog Sledding Event. It was a great event! Despite the cold morning temperatures, we had eighteen youth participate, ranging in age from 5-15 years of age. The event entailed conversations about history and traditional use of dog teams, with elders Chuck Hume and Carol Buzzel, an intro





to dog sledding, with Mandy and Armond Johnson, and a walking tour and brush camp building, with Harold Johnson and Meta Williams of Long

Ago Peoples Place. These sessions were followed by all participants decorating dog blankets.



Much thanks to:

- Shannon Maloney, Youth Coordinator, for her invaluable knowledge and assistance, Sherry Wabisca, Marion Telep and Sandy Wabisca for volunteering their time to provide lunch and snacks.
- Glenna Southwick for assisting as needed.
- Dayle MacDonald and Heather Hougen, Project Coordinators



STRATEGIC METALS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Strategic Metals Ltd. (Strategic) is a Yukon focused mineral exploration company with over 120 projects located throughout Yukon and northern British Columbia. Strategic and CAFN signed an Exploration Benefits Agreement (EBA) in November 2017. As part of the EBA, an Advisory Committee has been set up to help promote effective and efficient communication between CAFN and Strategic. The Advisory Committee members are Meagan Grabowski, CAFN Manager of Environment and Natural Resources; Holly Underschultz, CAFN Economic Development Officer; Richard Drechsler, VP Communications, Strategic Metals Ltd.; and Heather Burrell, Project Geologist, Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981) Limited.

Strategic often performs early stage exploration such as prospecting, mapping, soil sampling, geophysical surveys and diamond drilling in order to demonstrate the mineral potential of a project before partnering with other exploration or mining companies.

Over the past few years, the exploration industry has faced challenging market conditions and exploration activity has been relatively subdued, as a result Strategic's recent exploration programs have been limited to 3-4 person crews conducting 1-2 week sampling and mapping programs. A multi-square kilometre copper-in-soil anomaly was outlined at the Meloy project in 2017, while high-grade copper and cobalt float samples were collected from the Battery property in 2018. Although no exploration occurred at Hopper in 2018, recent and historical drilling has returned promising gold and copper results, and the property is likely to receive more work as metal prices improve. Properties staked in CAFN's Traditional Territory are Ellias, Ruby Range, LS, Hopper, Moraine, King, Queen, Meloy and Battery properties (see accompanying map).

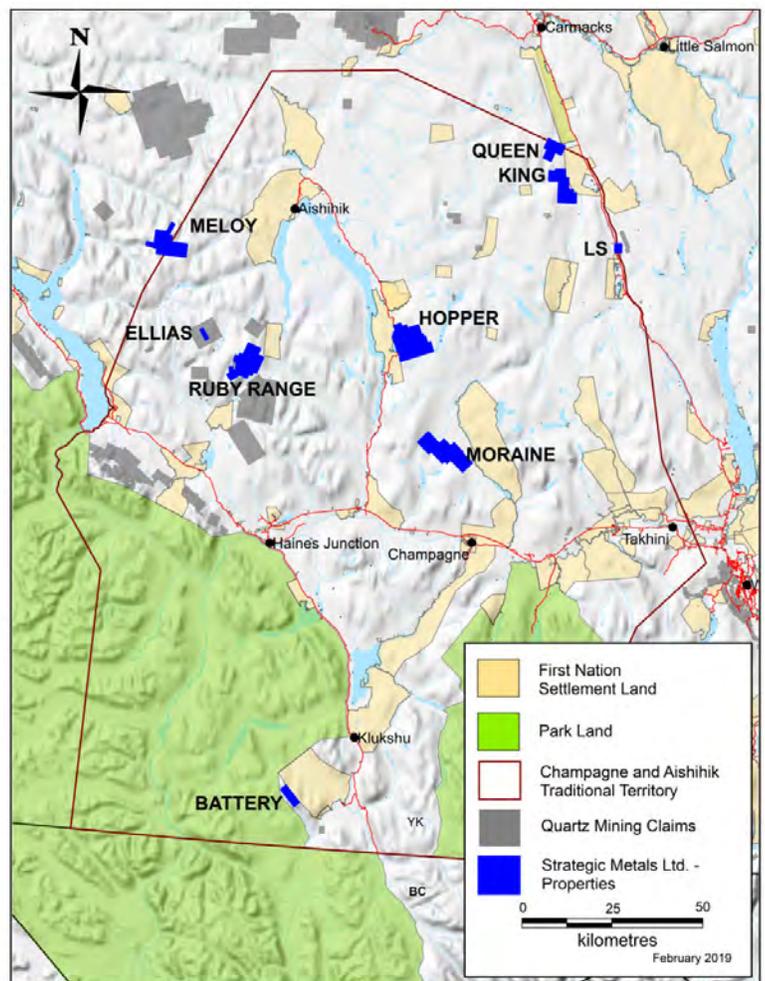
The Advisory Committee continues to work together to ensure that CAFN values and rights are respected. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Meagan Grabowski and Holly Underschultz at CAFN or Strategic's Richard Drechsler.

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DAKWAKADA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LP

SPRING 2019 UPDATE



Castle Rock Enterprises project, Whistle Bend Phase 5, will begin to haul the chips out in a couple of weeks.

RAB Alaska (Capitol Glass)

The Alaska economy is now in recovery after its three-year recession and oil discoveries and drilling forecasts indicate that long term growth in the state is likely. At RAB Alaska (Capitol Northern Windows and Doors), we have reduced the size of our operation in 2018 to “right size” the company and maximize efficiency, but we still have extra capacity to reach higher sales and output levels in 2019 if the need presents itself.

With summer around the corner, we will be pushing hard to meet sales estimates. The window market has been driven too much by price point in recent years. To succeed with our product, we must start by educating the consumer on the value of quality windows and how they can and will affect the comfort and cost of owning a home. We believe our Kodiak 3800 series window is the best product to fulfill that need in Alaska. The Kodiak window, built in Whitehorse, is a proven product in extreme weather

conditions and is a good fit for our harsh northern climate.

Our supply chain partner in Whitehorse, Northern Windows and Doors, produces a high-quality Kodiak 3800 series window, and our Alaska sales staff is very well educated on that window. We know the Alaska market well, and we are very enthusiastic about our prospects in the upcoming 2019 summer construction season.

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Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE)

Castle Rock Enterprises is working diligently on project estimates, tenders and bidding for the year 2019. CRE is pleased to share the 2018–2019 project updates. CRE has begun clearing for Whistle Bend Phase 6. The Whistle Bend Phase 5 clearing is ongoing and in the grinding stage. We will begin to haul the chips

out in a couple of weeks. Whistle Bend Phase 5 underground works is projected to begin in May 2019. Castle Rock Enterprises contract with Yukon Government clearing the highway rights-of-way in the Beaver Creek is ongoing and the estimated completion date is on March 31, 2019. The Notherm Windows and Doors haul to Alaska contract is ongoing.

The Castle Rock Enterprises Safety

Committee and Management are continuously working together to provide a safe and healthy workplace for all employees.

CRE is continuing to work with CAFN for employment opportunities, and all CAFN are encouraged to apply witposition related experience. Make sure to check with the CAFN employment centre and job board for our most up to date job postings.



Happy First Birthday to Salix Blake Lepine on June 3. Much love from Poppy, Nanna, aunties Kita, Dylan-lee & Destiny and uncles Cole & Logan.



Congratulations



on your graduation, **Dylan-lee Jim Pauls!** We are so proud of you and look forward to all your life adventures. *Nedischa* Mom, Dad, Erin, Kita, Cole, Logan and Destiny.



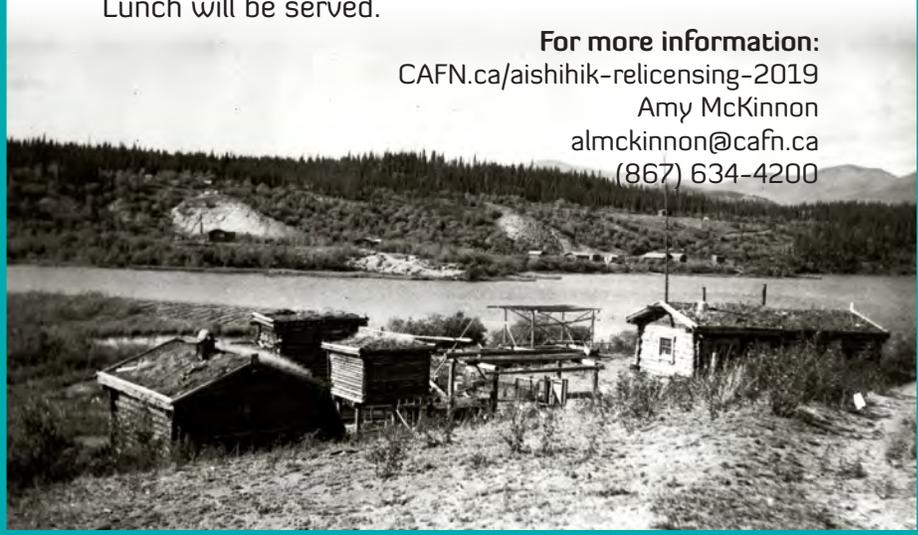
RESTORE ÄSHËYI (AISHIHIK)

CITIZEN MEETING

Chief and Council invite Citizens for an update and to provide your input into negotiations on the Aishihik hydro facility

Saturday, May 11, 2019
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Shadhäla Kų (Champagne Hall)
 Lunch will be served.

For more information:
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Hot on the heels of our last deal announcement, we've got yet another exciting new deal to share with you. In September 2019, we'll be publishing Cole Pauls' debut graphic novel, *Dakwäkäda Warriors*. Read on for more information about Pauls' ground-breaking project.

About *Dakwäkäda Warriors*

As a young person growing up in Haines Junction YT, artist Cole Pauls performed in a traditional song and dance group called the *Dakwäkäda Dancers*. During that time, Pauls encountered the ancestral language of Southern Tutchone. Driven by a desire to help revitalize the language, he created *Dakwäkäda Warriors*, a bilingual comic about two earth protectors saving the world from evil pioneers and cyborg sasquatches.

Pauls' Elders supported him throughout the creation process by offering consultation and translation. The resulting work is a whimsical young adult graphic novel that offers an accessible allegory of colonialism. *Dakwäkäda Warriors* also includes a behind-the-scenes view into the

making of the comic and a full-colour insert featuring character illustrations by guest Indigenous Canadian artists.

Twenty 2 Questions with Cole Pauls

1. *Why did you decide to create this comic?*

I wanted to create a sense of identity and strength for the youth from my hometown & the Yukon. To be portrayed in a heroic but also realistic way, where culture is power and the community is stronger because of that. I made *Dakwäkäda Warriors* to keep Southern Tutchone language and culture alive.

2. *What do you hope your work will bring to the Canadian comics canon?*

A proper portrayal of Yukon Indigenous culture, we don't live in igloos, ya know!! I want to show

the world what Southern Tutchone culture really is and how strong Indigenous culture can be when properly portrayed by someone who lives and practices it.



NEW FACES



Anya Braeuner
Secondary Education Support Worker

I recently moved from Montreal to the Yukon and it is with great enthusiasm that I am involving myself to serve the Champagne & Aishihik First Nations as a Secondary Education Support Worker (ESW) in Whitehorse. Activist, idealist, I am driven by my day-to-day involvement in making the world a better, nicer place to live. I have over a decade of experience as a social work professional. I am passionate about the variety of human cultures and I enjoy cultivating seeds of motivation among individuals, accompanying them as they embark on their journey – hopefully a journey that leads to becoming sprouting agents of change in their own right.

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Isabelle Piche
Youth Centre Support Worker

We are happy to welcome Isabelle Piche to our Youth Center team as a Youth Center Support Worker. Isabelle can be reached at the Youth Center at (867) 634-2012 between the hours of 12:30 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10:00 P.M. or at isabelle@cafn.ca.

Florence Kushniruk
Post-Secondary Program Officer

Hello CAFN Citizens,

My name is Florence Kushniruk, the youngest daughter of Alfred LaVallee and Sheila Kushniruk. Paternal grandparents are Suzie Fred and Ralph LaVallee. Maternal grandparents are George Kushniruk and Lydia Jim. I am blessed to have a mixture of Aboriginal, French and Ukrainian ancestors but unfortunately I did not have the opportunity to meet either of my grandmothers or my paternal grandfather, Ralph.

I have spent a majority of my life in Yukon working for various employers but overall I have been employed with CAFN in a number of capacities. I am also, still, yes still, working on my business admin diploma but on a part-time basis.

I am extremely happy to be back in the Education department as the Post-Secondary Program Officer, and would like to send a HUGE thank you to Vera Owlchild for assisting with the delivery of the program over the past few months. I know I can speak on behalf of all the current students, and say THANK YOU for keeping the program on track.

I am located in the Whitehorse office but you can also call me to set up a meeting, when and where best suits your schedule. There have been a few changes and improvements to the PSE policy and the procedures manual over the past year or two, and we are working on the best communication strategy to get this info out to the citizenship and help answer any questions you have about accessing the post-sec program.

I look forward to seeing you or talking with each of you about your future educational goals, come by the office or call and we can arrange a meeting.

Kwänischis (Thank you),
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- Drug trafficking
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The Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) unit supports safer communities by investigating and if necessary, shutting down properties that are regularly used for illegal activities, such as:

- Producing, selling or using illegal drugs
- Unlawful sale and/or consumption of alcohol

SCAN gives citizens an effective way to respond to illegal activities that are having a negative impact on their neighbourhood. It also holds property owners accountable for threatening or disruptive activities regularly taking place on their property.

If you have a concern about a property that is having a negative impact on your neighbourhood you can make a confidential complaint to SCAN.

Contact SCAN

To confidentially report any illegal or suspicious activity in your neighbourhood contact SCAN:

456-SCAN (7226)

Toll free 1-866-530-SCAN (7226)

SCAN@gov.yk.ca

www.justice.gov.yk.ca/SCAN.html

Do not investigate the property yourself or approach the occupants. A member of the SCAN unit will confidentially and discreetly contact you about your concerns.

Support safer communities – it's your call!



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Reminder - it is an offence under the Yukon Liquor Act (Section 90(3)), to provide liquor to a person under the age of 19, unless you are the parent or guardian of that young person. It is a summary offence, punishable by a \$500 fine.

It is an offence under the Yukon Cannabis Control and Regulations Act for a store to sell cannabis to a young person (Section 53(2)(a)), punishable by a \$500 fine. It is also an offence for any adult to provide cannabis to a young person (Section 55(a)), or to not take reasonable measures to prevent a young person from accessing cannabis (Section 55(b)). Both are punishable by a \$500 fine.

Please remember that you are responsible for any young people that are in your care or visiting your residence, if you provide them with alcohol, cannabis or other drugs and they suffer an injury or die because of it you could be the subject of a civil lawsuit, and/ or face a charge of Criminal Negligence Causing Bodily Harm or Death (Section 219 - 221 of the Criminal Code), which has a maximum punishment of life in prison.

Please remember that these laws are in place to protect people under the age of 19 from the short term and long term effects of alcohol and cannabis, do your part to keep them safe!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Haines Junction RCMP Detachment.

Cpl. Geoffrey PETERS

Detachment Commander, Haines Junction RCMP

2019 Potlatches

May 18 – Headstone Potlatch for **Betty Smith-Titus Lù'üstla** at 2 p.m. at Champagne, Yukon.

June 8 – Memorial Headstone Potlatch for **Darrell Richard Brown** at Champagne Hall at 1 p.m.

June 22 – Family and Friends Gathering for **Fred Brown Sr. Mbayata "Sheep Daddy"** at 1 p.m. at Shadhäla (Champagne). No potlatch as requested by Fred Brown Sr.

August 3 – Headstone Potlatch for **Takahda Howard Joe** will be held at 2 p.m. at Klukshu Hall. All are welcome.

August 17 – Memorial Potlatch for **Guna, Shaawát Ghóoxh, Dūsts'ā dle Carolyn Doris Angela Johns Mclean**; 12 p.m. headstone and memorial pole unveiling at Carcross Cemetery; 2 p.m. potlatch at the Learning Centre; August 18 at 2 p.m. Indigenous dance celebration at the Learning Centre.

August 24 – Memorial Potlatch for **Daisy O'Brien**; 11 a.m. spirit house viewing at Canyon Creek burial site; 1 p.m. potlatch at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction). All are welcome.

September 7 – **Scurvey headstone potlatch for Mary, Jeremy and Gordon**; 2 p.m. headstone viewing and 3 p.m. potlatch at Heritage Hall in Carmacks.

September 21 – Headstone Potlatch for **Kalseylee Rose Mazur-Columberg**, 2 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

Dakwākāda Warrior Book Deal

Congratulations to **Taunachute (Cole Pauls)** on your book deal with Conundrum Press! We look forward to being able to purchase your graphic novel off Amazon and Indigo/Coles/Chapters! We are so proud of you for pursuing your dream and for playing a very important role in language revitalization.

Cole was going to start on *Dakwākāda Warriors III* the day Andy walked into the forest. Cole persevered and met his deadline while working through his grief. He dedicated this comic to Khana (Andy). Cole's graphic novel is a compilation of *Dakwākāda Warriors I, II, and III*.

We would also like to acknowledge Ms. Vivian Smith and Khasha for providing Cole with Southern Tutchone language support. Meduh Vivian and Khasha, we hold you up.

Nedischa – mom, dad, Erin, Kita, Logan, Dylan-lee and Destiny

Check out Cole's publisher announcement at: <https://www.conundrumpress.com/going-to-print/going-to-print-dakwakada-warriors-by-cole-pauls/>

Chili Cook-Off

Thank you to everyone who participated and joined us for the Chili Cook-Off this February. We had a great turn out!

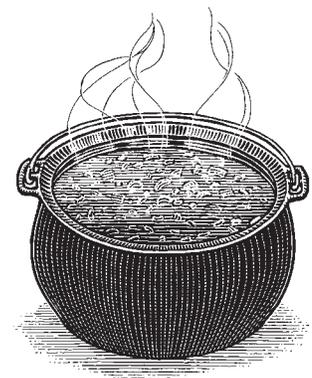
A HUGE thank you to our judges- Rita, Larry, Nathan and Dietmar!

Chili Winners:

- 1st place – Marsha Sparvier
- 2nd place – Carrol Buzzlel
- 3rd place – Joyce Hume
- 4th place – Collin Long

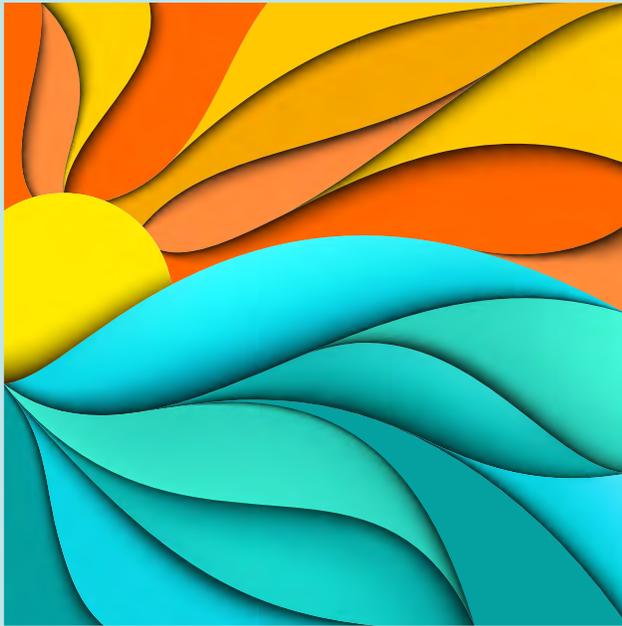
Stew winners:

- 1st place – Ervine Sam
- 2nd place – Shannon Maloney
- 3rd place – Meghann Willard
- 4th place – Roxanne Jackson



If you have any ideas for another cook-off please let Tracy or myself know.

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SPRING 2019 CALENDAR

April 26-27 – Investing in Place: St. Elias Corridor Economic Development Conference, at Da Kų Cultural Centre. For more details: www.steliaschamber.com.

April 30 – Spring Cook Off, 6:30 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre. For more details contact Annette at (867) 634-5361.

May 2 – Takhini Homemade Bug Spray Workshop, 6 p.m. at Takhini Hall.

May 3 – Spring Community Clean Up and Barbecue, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction). Barbecue lunch starts at noon at Da Kų Cultural Centre. Hosted by CAFN and the Village of Haines Junction.

May 6 – Dakwākāda Homemade Bug Spray Workshop, 6:30 p.m. at Nātsèkhj Kų.

May 11 – Restore Āshèyi Citizen Meeting to discuss current CAFN negotiations, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Shadhāla Kų (Champagne Hall).

May 16 – Chief and Council Meeting, CAFN Council Chambers, Dakwākāda.

May 22 – CAFN Grad Barbecue. Please watch for more details.

May 23 - Elders Senate Meeting at Shadhāla Kų (Champagne Hall).

May 24 – Yukon First Nation Graduation at Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.

June 13-16 - Dákų Nān Ts'èddhyèt Celebration of Drumming, Song and Dance, Da Kų Cultural Centre. For more info: cafn.ca/da-ku-nan-tsetthet, daku@cafn.ca or (867) 634-3300.

June 20 - Chief and Council Meeting, CAFN Council Chambers, Dakwākāda.

July 17 - Chief and Council Meeting, CAFN Council Chambers, Dakwākāda.

July 19-21 – CAFN Nłāshējel (General Assembly). Please watch for details at cafn.ca/government/general-assembly.

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

Please send your special greetings to:

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.
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