

Dákwäni

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



Immersion students clean fish during a week on the land at Christmas Bay near Silver City on Kluane Lake.

YÚK'E/WINTER 2018/19

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

CAFN Adult Immersion Program

Classes for the 10 students in CAFN's adult *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) immersion program are going strong.

The instructors are calling this first group of students *Dän Nàkwä khèl*, which means "the person who goes ahead and chops a trail."

"They are the trail blazers, because they are the first ones coming through the program. We're figuring out what does and what doesn't work with them. We're learning from them because they're our first students and we are finding and fixing our mistakes as we make them." said *Kálx'òkw* (Mary Jane Leger), one of the program instructors. "We've taken the best practices from other programs and adjusted their framework to fit what works here."

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Kàlx'òkw and *Khâsha*, the two full-time instructors, are very proud of the *Dän Nàkwà khèl* because they have learned so much in the few months since the program began.

The students are spending more and more of their day learning with the instructions being provided in *Dän K'è kwänje* now. Initially, the instructors used enough English in their lessons so that the students wouldn't feel overwhelmed and discouraged. The *Dän Nàkwà khèl* now have the tools in the language to understand *Dákwänjē* instructions from the teachers and to be able to respond in *Dákwänje*. This growth in understanding and ability has led to longer periods of immersion based lessons.

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A typical day includes:

- * A prayer,
- * Morning check-in conversation practice
- * Morning lessons in two groups
- * Afternoon check-in
- * Afternoon lessons in two groups
- * End of day debrief

Elders *Chughäla* (Lorraine Allen) or *Khut'à la* (Audery Brown) come in three days a week to ensure quality control of the language content, help with correct pronunciation, and to expand word use. *Chughäla* also taught the creation story of crow bringing light to the world. We are fortunate to have two different fluent Elders come in regularly as they speak different dialects and expose the *Dän Nàkwà khèl* to different dialect patterns. Constant exposure to the different dialects enables the *Dän*

Nàkwà khèl to be able hear and identify the patterns of how the dialects are similar and where they differ.

On Friday afternoons, the whole class goes to the daycare to teach songs or mini-language lessons.

The CAFN language program has also just partnered with the St. Elias Community School to help deliver conversational Southern Tutchone for high school students. Starting in the second semester, every Monday through Thursday, a small group and one

instructor go to the school from 10:00 to 10:40 a.m. to practice speaking Southern Tutchone with the kids.

"We're working with the community because we want to share everything we learn with everyone," *Khâsha* said. *Kàlx'òkw* agrees and added, "Our language is only as healthy as our community."

Classes are mainly held at *Da Kų Cultural Centre*. Some days students have "walking lessons" and practice the language while going for a walk. When possible, classes are held on the land

and practicing traditional activities. This January, the students spent a week at the *Shakat Tun Adventures* camp near Silver City making drums, ice fishing, setting snares, and speaking *Dákwänje*.

The program schedule mirrors the St. Elias Community School schedule, so class begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The first school year will end June 7, 2019, and the students' second year will resume in the fall.

Dák'ákwàdünje jè.

Us-for-we-speak over ourselves
"We all will pray for all of us."

K'ákwàdinje:

Around-time/space/area-"it is"-said/prayed
"A Prayer:"

Kwänischiss Dátà Yát'ay nànnje.

Thank you our-father up/sky you live
"Thank you Our Father who lives in heaven."

Dághàaľān uk'ánúta jè, dádùnèna shù.

Our-all-relatives them-look after-may you-do it, our-children too
"May you look after all our family members and our children, too."

Jū nánkay k'ánidàl k'è, sòóthān dák'ánúta jè.

Where on Earth around we all go while very good us-look after-may you do it
"May you look after all of us where ever we are going on Earth."

Dáts'ān nānnjī dákwänje yè, sòóthān ghākenūdān nī.

Us-to you help our-language with very good all-of-us-may-learn do it
"May you help us all learn to speak our language."

Dáts'ān nānnjī k'e, dān ľashē ch'āw uts'ān nānūnnjī.

Us-to you help while people all-of-them-gathered are them-to each one-we-all-may-help.
"May you help us so we may help each other."

Āk'ān dzēnū sòóthān dák'ánúta jè.

This (time) day very good us-may you look after do it/give
"May you look after us all very well on this day."

Nān' ch'e Ut'ákwādinch'e nch'e.

You are it-inside-space/time/area-you-are you are
"You are the Creator."

Ĵashē ch'āw dák'adūnji jè.

all gathered are us-may-you-bless (hand-movement)
"May you bless all of us"

Dádū dák'ānitā. Sòóthān dáts'ān nānūdhāt jè.

us-from-above us-you watch very good us-to you-think about do it/give
"Watch over us. Think about us all in a good way"

Tl'ákhū kwāch'e.

Enough area/space/time-is
"It is enough"



Student Sheila Kushniruk sews moccasins during the week at the Shakat Tun Adventures camp.

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Kwänischiss - Many thanks to all who are helping with the program:

The working group: **Chughäla**, Sharon Shadow, Colleen Joe-Titus, Krista Reid, Florence Kushniruk, Luke Campbell, **Käx'ökw** and **Khäsha**.

Elders: **Chughäla**, **Khut'äla** (Audrey Brown), and **Kluklux** (Chuck Hume).

At camp: **Jämena** (James Allen) and **Tatsay** (Percy Allen).

Adjunct Professor: Luke Campbell, who has been affectionally nicknamed **Thadatà** (Hooligan Daddy), **Luke Gäna** (Skinny Luke), **Diäwtà** (Laughing Daddy), **Lukè** (Fish Feet), **Njità** (Food Daddy), and Shachjtà (Sleeping Dddy)

For more information:

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dakwanje-immersion-program](http://CAFN.ca/dakwanje-immersion-program)



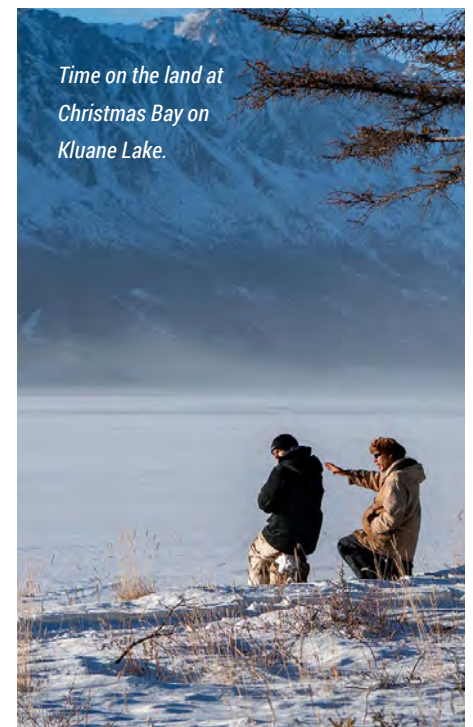
Setting snares near Kluane Lake.



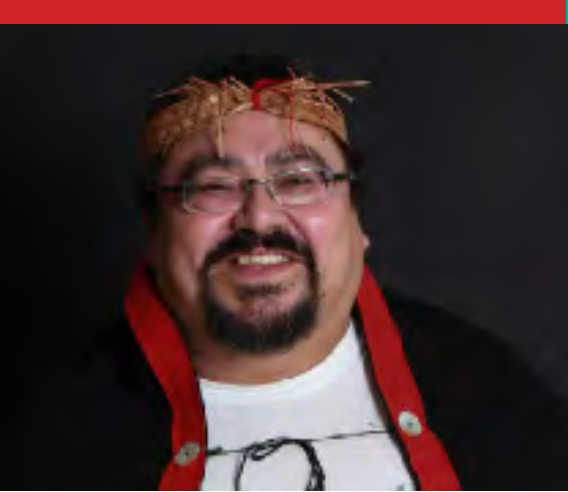
"If a picture is worth a thousand words, then imagine what we see when we get a chance to live our culture and be out on the land. We can talk our language and eat it too."

Chädliita – Earl Darbyshire

Cleaning fresh fish after ice fishing at Kluane Män.



Time on the land at Christmas Bay on Kluane Lake.



DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dànách'é.

On behalf of the *Dän nätthe dätth'i* (CAFN Council), happy 2019 to all our *Shadhäla, Äshèyi yè kwädän* (Champagne and Aishihik First Nations) Citizens

Christmas Connects

We hold our hands up to the community members and staff who helped with and took part in our many Christmas Connects festivities during the recent holiday season. *Gunałchish* - thank you. We hosted newer events in many CAFN communities, like our very popular Lift Your Spirits days, as well as some traditional favorites, like the Boxing Day dinner in *Dakwäkäda*. Events are starting to be better attended, forcing us to move to larger venues, especially in Whitehorse. It is important to come together and hold each other up during the holiday season and the coldest, darkest time of year. Together we are stronger.

Council Work

Our Council began work on January 4 this year with a two-day strategic planning retreat at *Klukshu*. Together we looked at work CAFN has been doing, as well as new priorities our Council wants to accomplish. We have started work on a plan to put them into action. From 2018-2022, our priorities are looking out for:

Each Other (through connection and self-reliance),

The Land and the Water, and

Our Nation (through better governance).

We continue to work to finalize our vision and strategic plan and look forward to sharing them with Citizens soon.

Since the October 2018 election, we have also been orienting new Council members in a wide variety

of responsibilities, projects and partnerships at CAFN. This included about two weeks of orientation in October and November. Our Council is working as a team to ensure we have a common understanding of where CAFN is at today and a shared vision of where we are headed.

In December, Councillors attended the Special Chiefs Assembly for the Assembly of First Nations and Yukon Days in Ottawa, as well as the Whitehorse Yukon Forum meeting.

In early January, I attended the Prime Minister's Forum and discussed shared priorities with the chiefs of other self-governing First Nations in Canada.

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Since the new year, our CAFN Council has met with the Kluane First Nation Chief and Council to discuss how we can serve our people better together. We also enjoyed meeting with the new Village of Haines Junction Mayor and Council.

Restore Äshèyi

I am happy to report that we have seen positive movement on our work on the Aishihik hydro facility license renewal process. Restoring lake water levels continues to be our top priority. In late 2018, we were extremely concerned when Yukon Energy Corporation backed out of our Protocol Agreement and took steps to move ahead with a proposal for the next license term that CAFN completely opposed. In January 2019, I met with Premier Silver and Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Pillai to discuss our concerns. The Premier committed to negotiate with CAFN toward a better process. I also met with the YEC Chair and President to share our opposition to their moving ahead without our support. I commend all our CAFN Citizens who attended the YEC open houses.

Dän K'e – Our Way

Our Dákwanjē immersion students have been in class since September and are making amazing progress with their learning and speaking. Please see the update in this newsletter.

This February I am attending the Pacific Salmon Commission meetings in Portland, Oregon, which will include discussion on the Alsek River system.

Economic Development

In November, I presented at the 2018 Economic Leadership Forum, hosted by the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) in Whitehorse. They have invited me to present again in Saskatoon in 2019. This winter I also attended the BC Assembly of First Nations meetings along with the AFN Chiefs Committee on economic development.

This winter, I continue to meet regularly with our Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation. They are currently working on two projects, which they will present to Council soon for our strategic plan.

Our Mät'atāna Resort Steering Committee continues to complete a third party review and assessment of the draft resort business plan. We look forward to sharing some of the outcomes of their work soon.

This April 26-27, we are excited that a Yukon economic development conference is being hosted in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction). This is a great opportunity to showcase CAFN's economic development strategy.

Congratulations

In closing, I would like to acknowledge a number of people:

Our dedicated staff who were recognized with long service and staff appreciation awards in December 2018;

Alec Joe Jr., who we recognized with Council's 2018 Vision Award – *Dän Kwāk'e Ndal* (Walking Our Way);

Jocelyn Joe-Strack, who is headed to Europe to speak at embassies about climate change and how it is impacting CAFN lands and people;

Lahela Reid and Memphis Friesen, who were selected to attend the AFN Youth Conference on education; and

Extra special congratulations and *shāw nithan* to Elder Carol Buzzell on being honored with the 2018 Skookum Jim Keish Elder Award. It is very well deserved.

Nänúchi'j sh'j (see you later), and best of luck to all our athletes in the Yukon Native Hockey tournament coming up soon!

Gunatchish,
Dän 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 October through December 2018 meetings.

Land Applications

Chief and Council approved the following land applications:

2018-10 by Brendon Au for a Residence on R-15A at Champagne with conditions: 1.0 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.

2018-020 by Patrick K. Boss for a Residence on R-25B at Pine

Lake with conditions: 1.0 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.

2018-006, an allocation transfer land application by Victor Green for a Cabin/Residential on S-412B at Aishihik Road with conditions: 0.5 hectare allocation as per Lands Policy, heritage site inspection, harvest consent letter.

2018-023 by Mary Jane Jim for a Residence on C-8B/D at Willow Acres Subdivision in Haines Junction, previously known as Lot #30 with conditions: Subject to the Village of Haines Junction zoning bylaws and building standards.

2018-24 by Patricia George for a Residence on C-8B/D at Willow Acres Subdivision in Haines Junction previously known as Lot #29 with conditions: Subject to the Village of Haines Junction zoning bylaws and building standards.

2018-021 by Harold Johnson for a Residential enlargement on R-67A, Lot #8, Champagne with conditions: No new improvements.

2018-019 by Frances Oles for a Residential enlargement on R-15A, Champagne with conditions: heritage site inspection.

Boards and Committees

Chief and Council accepted Rose Kushniruk as Iterim Deputy Chief for a term to January 7, 2019.

Chief and Council appointed



Denise Beattie, Chief Smith and Courtney Wilbur

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Heather Hougen as replacement Trustee for a term ending November 30, 2019 and further move to appoint Kathleen Van Bibber as a Trustee for a term ending December 31, 2021.

Chief and Council appointed Ed Mollard and D.S. (Stan) Thompson as Board members to the Dakwākāda Capital Investments Limited Partnership for a three-year term ending December 31, 2021.

Chief and Council nominated Ryan Long to the Kluane National Park Management Board.

Chief and Council appointed Colin E. Long to the Lands Committee for a term ending January 31, 2020.

Chief and Council appointed Shawna Strand as alternate representative to the First Nation Education Commission effective immediately.

Chief and Council appointed Millie Joe, Brenda Asp and Jacque Chambers as guaranteed representatives to the St. Elias School Council for a two-year period until the next School Council election is held.

Council appointed Britteny Johnson as a member at large to the Housing Committee for a term to February 28, 2021, and Donna Smith as alternate to February 28, 2021.

Council appointed Councillor Marie McLaren, Councillor Barbara Joe,

and Elder Councillor Mundy Joe to the Champagne Aishihik Trust Board Interview Committee.

Housing Committee

Chief and Council approved the revised Housing Committee Terms of Reference.

Äshèyi Standing Committee

Chief and Council accepted the Äshèyi Standing Committee Terms of Reference as presented, effective November 16, 2018.

For copies of Council minutes, or to request time on the Chief and Council agenda, please contact Executive Assistant to Council Doreen Williams at (867) 634-4200 ext 231 or drwilliams@cafn.ca.



Dákwānjē immersion students wring out hide to make a drum.



CAFN Citizens at Klukshu in July 2018

Dän K'e

DÄN TÄN GÀ DĪJÄL

What is the *Dän Tăn Gà Dījäl* Project?

CAFN, through our *Dän Tăn Gà Dījäl* initiative, is leading the way in Indigenous self-determination efforts in Canada. We are moving away from the colonial legacy of DIA and INAC and taking steps to integrate *Dän K'e* (Our Way) into our self-government.

The *Dän Tăn Gà Dījäl* project is about establishing a holistic and comprehensive approach to the delivery of CAFN programs and services for citizens. *Dän Tăn Gà Dījäl* means “We all walk along the *Dän K'e* trail” in our traditional Southern Tutchone language.

The government of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) was born out of our 1993 Self-Government Agreement with Canada and Yukon. As we grew as a young government, CAFN adopted structures, policies and processes from both the federal and Yukon governments. Today, with the hindsight and maturity that has come with running a government for 25 years, CAFN leadership and Citizens realize these approaches are not resulting in the self-reliance or quality of life we want for our people, intended by our Self-Government Agreement. CAFN no longer wants to run our government by delivering Indian Act programs under the CAFN umbrella.

We are looking back to our ancestors and our Elders for guidance on how to move forward with strength and humility; We want to design and operate our government our way – in a way that builds on *Dän K'e* in every area and in everything we do.

We are taking a phased approach over the next three years. While we want to move forward with purpose, we also want to ensure we do this right. We need to be both efficient and effective. We are once again paving the way, for both our people and for other self-governing First Nations in Canada.

Staff Training

All CAFN staff and the elected Council are participating in training focused on shifting our thinking to a new and better way of doing things, with a focus on continuing our shift to *Dän K'e* – Our Way. Courses we are taking this winter and spring include:

- Change management;
- Dispute resolution; and
- Difficult Conversations.
- More training programs will continue into the new 2019-20 fiscal year.

Theory of Wellness Sub-Committee work

The Theory of Wellness Sub-Committee members continue to meet twice a month to develop a model for wellness for the CAFN community. They are tasked to:

Help develop a holistic model of health and well-being that connects all CAFN government activity to the people it serves;

VISION:

Dän K'e – Our Way of knowing, doing and being is our path forward, restoring our ancestors' vision for the future.

CAFN strives to shift away from the Indian Act and colonialism as it works to reconcile the past, heal the community, and move forward towards self-reliance.



Summer student Anya Jim staffs the Dän Tān Gà Dījäl (Citizen Services) booth at the 2018 CAFN General Assembly.

Citizens on the CAFN Theory of Wellness Sub-Committee serving through March 2020 are:

- Stephanie Brown
- Chris Gleason
- Alexia McKinnon
- Sharon Shadow
- Maisie Smith
- Lorraine Stick

They are also now taking on the important task of helping develop the *Dän K'e Kendän* (CAFN book of values), which is expected to be a fundamental tool for shaping CAFN policies and activities going forward.

Please watch for regular updates in the newsletter and check out our project web page at: cafn.ca/dan-tan-ga-dijal-citizen-services-project

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Provide input into the “Dän K’e Theory of Wellness,” which will define what it looks like to be a balanced/holistic CAFN citizen in all facets of life;

Seek formal advice from the Elders Senate, Youth Council and the Heritage, Language and Culture Committee;

Provide input and guidance for the development of culturally appropriate services based on *Dän K’e* teachings and our ways of knowing, doing and being; and

Provide input into a visual representation of the holistic model to help motivate and sustain the changes resulting from the integration of *Dän K’e*.

Citizen Services project is born. General Assembly directs CAFN to begin work to improve services for our Citizens

CAFN Council approves implementation plan for the Citizen Services initiative.

Implementation continues with staff training, work to document CAFN wellness and values, and improvements to our government and financial structures.



CAFN engages community members on how to improve, and areas for change.

The project is renamed *Dän Tān Gà Dījäl* - “We all walk along the dän k’e trail”. CAFN General Assembly supports the continued implementation of *Dän Tān Gà Dījäl*.

Project to be complete. Incorporating Dän K’e in everything at CAFN will continue.

DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN PROGRAM UPDATE



On November 9, 2018, the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' celebrated the first graduates of the Dän Ts'änänän Program. Twenty-seven (27) participants completed the Program successfully. The graduates can be

proud of their accomplishment.

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.

Following the graduation, the Dän Ts'änänän Program launched another project with new participants: an exciting tiny house project, in partnership with the Government of Yukon and the Government of Canada. The tiny house project provides important training and meets three urgent needs in the community: affordable housing, employment and training.

Under this project, 6 trainees of the Dän Ts'änänän Program are registered as Level 1 carpentry apprentices. Their training has a direct impact on the community and its Citizens as they are building several of the 10 tiny houses, which provides affordable one-bedroom homes in Dakwäkäda.

The Dän Ts'änänän Program is funded by Government of Canada's



The 27 Dän Ts'änänän graduates were gifted t-shirts during their graduation ceremony in November 2018.





The tiny houses under construction by the winter Dän Ts'ānānān team in Dakwākāda.

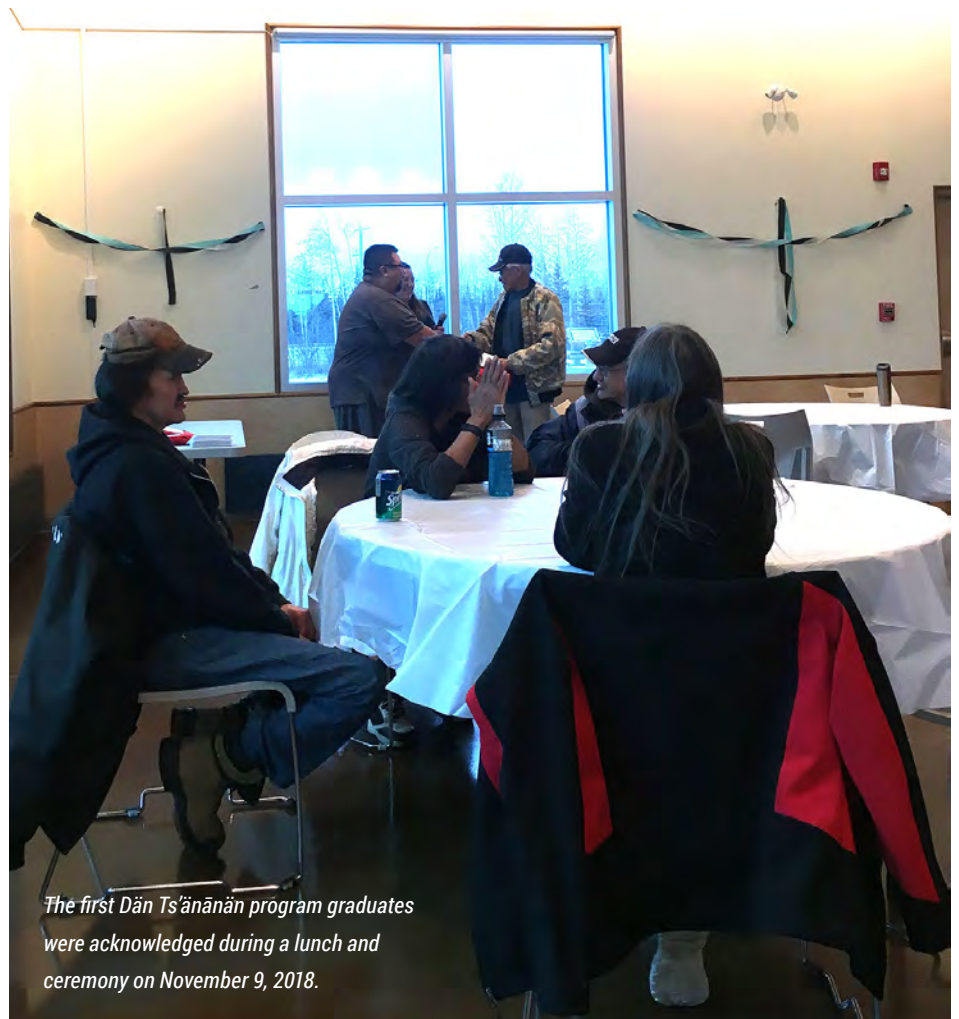
PHOTO BY DIETMAR HATZENBICHLER

Skills and Partnership Fund, and construction costs of the tiny houses are covered through contributions by Yukon Housing Corporation and CAFN.

Through the Government of Canada's Skills and Partnership Fund, the Dän Ts'ānānān Program is contributing \$270,000 toward the cost of carpentry training in partnership with Yukon College over a 21-week course this winter and CAFN is covering \$500,000 in costs for materials and construction of the homes, which are to be completed by February 2020. Yukon Housing Corporation is contributing a grant of \$50,000 per unit, for a total of \$500,000, through the Housing Initiatives Fund.

The Dän Ts'ānānān Program not only benefits individuals but also our community and all of our Citizens. By empowering each other, we become strong.

For more information:
cafn.ca/dan-tsananan



The first Dän Ts'ānānān program graduates were acknowledged during a lunch and ceremony on November 9, 2018.

RESTORE ÄSHÈYI

Aishihik Relicensing Update



Low water in Aishihik Lake and erosion at Chemi.

By Jesse Joe Hudson

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) has been working with the Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) since 2016 to prepare for the license renewal of the Aishihik hydro facility. The current license expires on the last day of 2019. Our work with YEC through a Protocol Agreement was:

- to decide how to operate the facility in the future,
- to resolve issues related to the Aishihik watershed, and

- to jointly develop applications to the Yukon Environmental and Socioeconomic Assessment Board (YESAB) and the Yukon Water Board for the new license.

YEC Plans Change

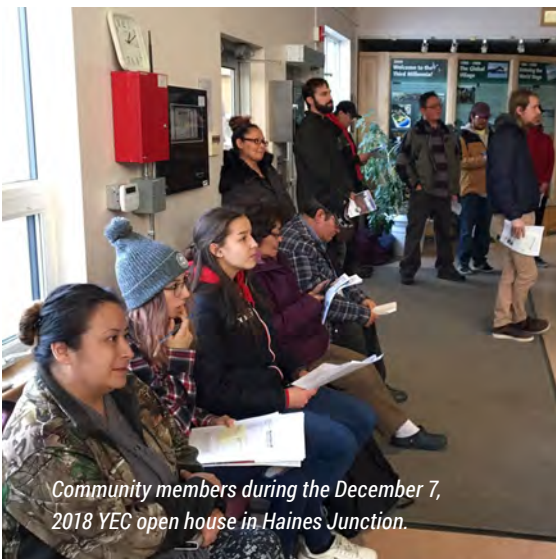
In the fall of 2018, YEC advised CAFN they would be going ahead with their own proposal to continue to operate the dam as they have in the past, with no intent to accommodate CAFN's interests. CAFN considered this a breach of the Protocol Agreement and has since been working to bring

YEC back to work with CAFN. We believe we have to work together to find better solutions for energy production and to restore Äshèyi.

In November 2018, Chief Smith sent a letter to update Citizens on this major change in approach to the Aishihik hydro relicensing.

Citizen meetings and YEC Open Houses

On December 4 and 7, 2018, YEC held open houses to consult on their draft Aishihik license proposal in Whitehorse and Haines Junction. Before each open house, CAFN held dinners to update Citizens on our concerns with YEC's new approach and to prepare to participate in the YEC open houses. There was a very strong CAFN presence at the YEC open houses, which demonstrated the importance of this hydro project to CAFN. Thank you to everyone who came to these events and continues to support CAFN's efforts to restore Äshèyi.



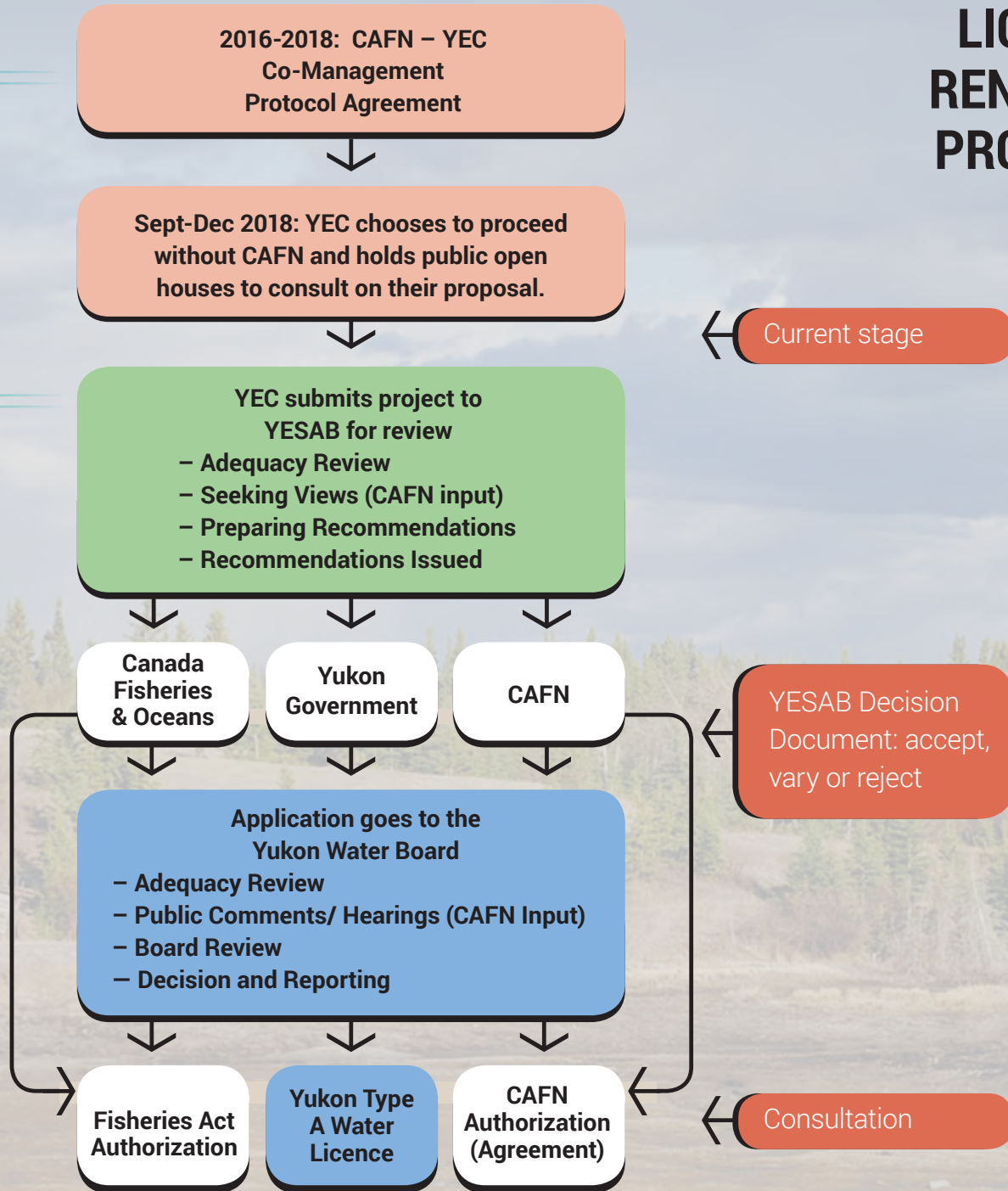
Community members during the December 7, 2018 YEC open house in Haines Junction.



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LICENSE RENEWAL PROCESS



The flow chart above illustrates what we expect the long-term license renewal process may look like for the Aishihik hydro facility.

NOTES:

- YESAA process may take up to 6 months for completion.
- Canada (DFO), Yukon and CAFN have authority to decide on YESAB recommendations (accept, vary, or reject).
- The Water Board process could take from 6 months to 2+ years.
- YEC's current licence expires on December 31, 2019.
- YEC will likely need a short-term licence and Fisheries Act Authorization in order to complete the YESAB and Water Board steps.
- CAFN expects to work with Yukon, YEC, and possibly Canada on resolving outstanding issues and consensus on how the YEC Aishihik Hydro Project should be managed in the future.

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Premier meeting

On January 15, 2019, *Dän Nätthe Ada Kaaxnox* (Chief Steve Smith) met with Premier Sandy Silver to discuss our concerns with the change in approach to the Aishihik hydro license renewal. We are encouraged that the Premier committed to negotiate with CAFN and are hopeful this means the Yukon government is committed to ensuring a better, more collaborative approach to the license renewal process and to taking action toward reconciliation to address the hydro facility's harmful impacts to CAFN land, water and people for more than 40 years.

Restore Äshèyi video with James Allen

Jamena (former Chief James Allen) shared a powerful statement around the legacy of the Aishihik hydro dam and the relicensing processes. You can watch the video on the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Facebook page and on our Champagne and Aishihik First Nations YouTube channel. Please watch for a new Restore Äshèyi video coming soon.

Thank you CACAC!

Much of the important work on the Aishihik relicensing has been done with the expertise of the Champagne and Aishihik Community Advisory Committee (CACAC). It is their voice that has guided CAFN government moving forward in this relicensing process. At the end of December 2018, the CACAC term concluded. We look forward to continuing to engage with the community while completing both the Traditional Knowledge project and our statements for



Comments by former Chief James Allen at the YEC open house are featured in a short video for social media.

YESAB, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Yukon Water Board. CAFN will be hosting a CACAC appreciation dinner soon. Please watch for details.

Kwänischis – thank you – to the CACAC members:

Marie Martin, Chair
Margaret Workman
Lorraine Allen
Harold Kane
Luke Williams
Lorraine Stick
Harry Smith
Graham MacDonald
Stephanie Brown

Next Steps

CAFN remains focused in continuing our very important work on Aishihik with a broad team of staff and other experts, under the guidance of the Aishihik Negotiations Standing Committee (Chief Smith and Councillor Barb Joe). We will continue to keep Citizens informed on the latest developments.

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CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHK TRUST



We, the members of the Trust, are pleased to announce we have two new Trustees to fill positions vacated by Cody Hougen, who completed his term in December 2018, and Barbara Joe, who has been elected to serve on Council. Our new Trustees are Kathleen VanBibber and Heather Hougen, who have been appointed by Council for three years and one year respectively. Both bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Trust and look forward to assisting us as we move forward with the new Trust Deed, settled December 2017.

We also welcome our new part-time Trust Administrator, Andrew Johnston. Andrew has a background in executive management and accounting. His experience will help us keep on track with a number of new initiatives we are undertaking that, along with the new Deed, will update and clarify the Trust's role in today's economic environment and new relationships with Council, Dakwakada Capital Investments (DCI) and the Community Corporation.

Over the past year and a half, the three parties comprising Council, the Trust and DCI have undergone a reorganization of the structural relationships amongst the entities. Some of the initiatives we will be reviewing and potentially revising

are: an updated Investment Policy Statement, a new Memorandum of Understanding with Council, DCI and the Community Corporation, and an updated DCI Investment Policy.

The Trust meets quarterly to review the investments managed by our two Investment Managers and may hold special meetings to work on initiatives as outlined above. Watch for our future regular newsletter articles as we keep you posted on our CAFN Investment Fund and Trust business.



Andrew Johnston, Trust Administrator



Left to right: Kathleen VanBibber, Vice-Chair Angeline Joe, Chair Frances Oles, Heather Hougen

DAKWAKADA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS LP

WINTER 2018



Dakwakada Capital Investments LP was very pleased to support and attend the 2018 Opportunities North conference that was held in Whitehorse and the 2018 NABOC conference in Vancouver last October. There were many opportunities for networking and valuable information gathered from the said events.

2018 was a successful year for Dakwakada Capital Investments and its subsidiaries. DCI LP would like to thank you, CAFN and community at large, for your continuous support.

RAB Energy Inc. (Northern)

"A fine finish to the year as we push to complete projects!"

2018 was an average year with considerable reliance put on the demand for new housing and a continued activity in the reno market. We knew we had to clean up on some low margin projects bid in the prior year but to our surprise we outperformed our revenue forecast in key departments while keeping expenses down.

All departments are working well together to complete jobs and wrap up projects prior to our seasonal shutdown in December:

- The **PVC and Glass Division** has gone back to one shift as of November 1st, and will be internally cross training staff again this winter. A new addition

to the production floor, Brad Goff, brings additional depth in our mid-management team and the Quality Control division, which he will lead. Brad will also be assuming the role of Assistant Production Manager and supervising the Coating Division.

- The **Door Division** is performing nicely with added capacity from a recent staff addition. The three-person operation is staying well ahead of the orders as it prepares for a new 2019 Door Program offering. A newly structured Door Program will provide a "Quick Ship" offering to customers to avoid extended wait times, while also reducing inventory levels.
- The **Overhead Door Division** is completing the final phase of the City of Whitehorse Municipal Services building. When completed it will be the largest overhead door project

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ever tendered in the Yukon. We are hopeful that this will garner an increased service demand on the department for years to come.

- The **Commercial Aluminum Division** has completed Mic Mac Toyota and the Whistlebend Continuing Care facility. It appears that we have also secured the Rivers Reach project and Carmacks Rec Center. Some promising feedback has been received about our success on the Francophone High School and, if awarded, it will fill our 2019 annual budget. We welcomed a new hire this month to the position of Assistant Commercial Manager; Adam MacDonald joined Rick Gingell to assist him in all the field operations as well as in-house estimating.

We wish you, your families and all community members a Happy Holiday New Year. We look forward to serving you this year and ask that you always promote our products and services first, and in turn, the business will prosper.

RAB Alaska (Capitol Glass)

Capitol Glass – RAB Alaska went into the 4th quarter (stub) year of 2018 keenly aware of the need to improve profitability, meet sales budgets, decrease G&A, and prepare to move out of our current

building. We believe we have shown marked success in all these areas.

The company operated in 2018 with stable management and little turnover, with a clearer picture of our product mix and competitive pricing. PVC Sales in December were strong as we finished orders that were initiated during summer months and clients needed delivery in winter; Our final quarter budget numbers exceeded our budgets. Insulated Glass sales continue to be strong but in December they were bolstered by sales resulting from damage from the magnitude 7.1 magnitude earthquake. We lost \$6,000 of glass in the earthquake, and suffered other damages, but were back up in full operation on Monday after the Friday earthquake. We responded by implementing a marketing campaign to attract more business from earthquake damage. We saw an increase in sales from table and mirror sales immediately after the quake. Insulated glass sales were slower to respond, but are still coming in as people replace the plywood they put up initially following the quake.

The company is operating under knowledgeable seasoned managers and morale is high. We now have a financial history at our current operating level to draw on and it has given us the opportunity to look at company measurables and implement changes that will have positive effects on our profitability.

Our focus moving forward is to continue to improve on the areas discussed above. We will continue to maximize the earnings to the company and increase the value of the company and its assets moving into 2019 and beyond.

Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE)

Castle Rock Enterprises completed various projects over the fall season with several projects to complete. A few of the 2018 – 2019 projects: CRE is clearing for Whistle Bend Phase 6; Whistle Bend Phase 5 project clearing is ongoing this winter; Whistle Bend Phase 5 underground work is beginning in the spring. Castle Rock is currently in contract with Yukon Government around the Haines Junction and Beaver Creek area cutting brush to clear the highway right-of-ways. The Notherm Windows and Doors haul to Alaska contract is on-going.

Castle Rock Enterprise has achieved our Zero Loss Time for 2018. The CRE 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 with position related experience.

DÁKWÄNJĒ KŪ/SHAWKWUNLEE DAYCARE NEWS

Learning

In addition to CAFN workshops, and Yukon College Early Learning and Child Care classes, we will also be participating in Handle with Care, a course put on by the Child Development Center. This will be done over a weekend and we will be able to share a mentorship with the Child Development Center during our business hours. Big thanks to Emily of the Child Development Center for being flexible in offering this program on a non-daycare day.

Updates to Daycare Rates and Policy

On January 18, 2019, CAFN Council approved an increase to the daycare

rates as well as amendments to the *Dákwänjē Kū/Shawkwunlee Daycare Enrollment Policy*.

After extensive research, Council concluded that Dákwänjē Kū/Shawkwunlee Daycare rates have been substantially low for many years. Therefore, Council approved the decision to increase full-time daycare fees to equal subsidy amounts: \$622.00 for toddlers and \$578.00 for pre-school children. The fees will take effect on April 1, 2019.

Amendments have been made to the daycare policy to ensure priority is given to full-time applicants (after preference is given to CAFN and other First Nations families). This

means families wanting full-time spots will receive priority over those wanting part-time spots. In addition, students will be placed in one of two classes: 18 months to three years old and three to five years old. The classroom shifts will occur when students finish school in June.

Daycare Subsidy

We are having Childcare Services come out on February 25, 2019 from 3-5 p.m. to help families sign up for the subsidy program. For more info please call the daycare.

Danielle Evans
Shawkwunlee Daycare Manager
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devans@cafn.ca

CONGRATULATIONS

to all our **STUDENTS** who received high-school
academic awards for the 2017-2018 academic year:

Dakwäkäda

Jackson Sheardown (grade 8)
Kyle Maloney (grade 8)
Lauren McKinnon (grade 8)
Ecko Kirk (grade 9)
Cara McCuaig (grade 10)
Douglas McKinnon (grade 10)
Jordan Cote-Germain (grade 11)
Nicholas Williams (grade 11)
Trevor Jones (grade 11)
Jaden Hume-Berry (grade 12)

Kwanlin

Memphis Friesen (grade 8)
Trina Pauls (grade 8)
Cameron Sidney (grade 8)
Zander Leslie (grade 9)
Tiana Oles (grade 9)
Adam Titus (grade 9)
Sean Barnaby (grade 10)
Ken Hubbard (grade 10)
Erin Jim (grade 10)
Anyia Jim (grade 10)
Graham MacDonald (grade 10)
Zabrina Leslie (grade 12)

MEET THE TEAM AT SHAWKWUNLEE!



Danielle Evans, Stacy Menicoche, Stephanie MacElheron and Kayla Blais

My name is Danielle Evans and I am the new Manager at Shawkwunlee Daycare. I came to Haines Junction from Whitehorse. I have 2 boys, Cody 18, and Jesse 13. We've spent many summers camping and hiking in the Yukon. In my spare time I can be found walking my dogs, reading novels, sitting around a campfire and sipping a good strong coffee!

My background is in Early Childhood Education. I have graduated from the Yukon Native Teachers Education program with a degree in Elementary Education. I am very fortunate to work with a wonderful team of Early Childhood Educators here at Shawkwunlee.

The Shawkwunlee Staff are looking forward to participating in a Handle with Care workshop put on by the Child Development Center this February. Stephanie, Stacy and Kayla are enrolled in the Early Learning and

Child Care program at the College. These ladies put a lot of work into this job on their own time and I am so appreciative of their dedication! I have an open door policy at the daycare so if you have any questions or just want to stop in to say hi, please do.

My name is Stephanie MacElheron I have lived in Haines Junction most of my life. I have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. I have been working as an Early Childhood Educator at the daycare since April until I accepted the Assistant Daycare Manager position in October. I love working with children it has always been a passion of mine. I sure am grateful to be back into this field after being out of it for 15 years!

My name is Kayla Blais. I am Metis. I was born and raised in the Yukon and have spent the last 7 years here in Haines Junction. I have 3 awesome boys. My twins are 10 years old and

my youngest is 5. The boys and I love being out on the land. As a young girl I spent a lot of time in the bush with my family. I used to pack wood all the time with my dad who I miss very much. I started working at the daycare on October 29/2018. I love my new job and I'm very happy to be a part of the team.

My name is Stacy Menicoche and I was born and raised in the Northwest Territories. I moved to the Yukon in 2010. I moved to Haines junction in 2017 and have been employed at the Shawkwunlee Daycare since June 2016. I am currently enrolled at the Yukon College Haines Junction campus working towards my Early Childhood Education Diploma. I love working with children and am very excited to be working with this lovely bunch of kiddos, they are ever-changing in each of their own little lives.

NEW FACES – SPRING 2019

CAFN welcomes the following new and returning staff :



Laurette Sylvain

Human Resources Officer

I grew up in a small community in northern Alberta. Moving to Whitehorse, Yukon in the early 1990s was one of the best decisions of

my life. I have recently built a home in Haines Junction, although my permanent residence remains in Whitehorse (for the time being).

I am a graduate of Athabasca University (M.A. – Integrated Studies, with a concentration in Work, Organization and Leadership and a B.A. in Human Resources and Labour Relations. My professional career has been in offering human resource services in a number of senior level positions within all governments: federal, territorial (in several departments) and municipal as well as with the Yukon Hospital Corporation. I feel honoured to now be starting as **Human Resources**

Officer with the Champagne and Aishihik First Nation (CAFN) government.

With over 25 years' experience, my goal is to now share my expertise by providing human resource support services to all employees of the CAFN. In doing so, I look forward to learning more about the history and culture of CAFN.

In my spare time, I enjoy reading, hiking, and fishing.

Laurette Sylvain

Human Resources Officer

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David Fairbank

Director of Property Services

Danché. My Name is David Fairbank and I am excited to join the Property Services department and community of Dakwākāda. I moved here last year and have been awestruck by the beauty of the land and the generosity of the people ever since. My background is primarily in property development and construction, with many years experience in the private sector on residential, commercial

and institutional projects. I welcome community input on all aspects of our rapidly developing infrastructure, facilities and services, so please contact me to discuss your ideas and concerns.

Thank you.

David Fairbank

Director of Property Services

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018/19 CAFN Staff Awards

Shāw nithan to the following staff who were recognized on December 20, 2018 for long service and for staff appreciation awards by Council and their coworkers!



Chief and Council Vision Award – Dän Kwäk'e Ndal (Walking Our Way)

Recipient:

Alec Joe Jr.

2018 STAFF CHOICE AWARDS

Outstanding Service Provider

This award is given to the staff person who demonstrates a high level of dedication in providing citizen-based customer service. The Outstanding Service Provider routinely assists citizens in their daily work for CAFN.

Winners by tie:

Lisa Rawlings Bird, Case Manager
Whse/Takhini

Annette Eikland, Child and Family
Support Worker



Darline Blair, Dorothy Moose and Dorothy John with their 15-year long service awards.

Cultural Role Model

The Cultural Role Model routinely incorporates traditional values and practices in their work, even if it is not part of their job description, and is highly motivated in their efforts to keep traditions and culture alive.

Khasha Reid, Dákwänjè Dan Kenadän
(our language teacher)

The Leadership Award

The Leadership Award is for a staff person who is a role model in all areas of their work. This person does not have to be a manager or supervisor, but must be a good example to their co-workers. A leader brings vision, teamwork, dedication, integrity and respect into the CAFN workplace and inspires others to do the same.

Winners by tie:

Kyra Chambers, Heritage Resources
Officer

Amy McKinnon, Communication
Manager



Marion Primozic and her 20-year award

2018 LONG SERVICE AWARDS

1 year of service:

Annette Eikland
 Meagan Grabowski
 Barbara Hume
 Darlene Jim
 Mary Jane Jim
 Colleen Joe-Titus
 Monica Krieger
 Stacy Menicoche
 Alexia Nicholas
 Jerrid Owlchild
 Krista Reid
 Stephen Reid
 Mary Jane Smith
 Susan Smith
 Shauna Strand

5 years of service:

Denise Beattie
 Alec Joe Jr.
 Analie Lafreniere-Lemieux
 Tom Carlick

10 years of service:

Sherry Wabisca

15 years of service:

Darlene Blair Graham
 Dorothy John
 Dorothy Moose
 Jim Workman

20 years of service:

Marion Primozić

25 years of service:

Doreen Williams
 Frederick Jackson Jr.



Tom Carlick, Denise Beattie and Alec Joe Jr. received 5-year service awards



Ethan Smith and Abigail and Justin Johnson met the real Santa! Photo courtesy of Lilly Smith.



Jayla Epp and Great Grandma Frances Chambers. Jayla won the Gingerbread House at Jack Hulland School from the monies her Great Grandma provided to her. Photo courtesy of Elaine Chambers

POTLATCHES



**Headstone
 Potlatch**

for

Howard Joe

will be held at
 Klukshu, Yukon.

Saturday, August 3, 2019.

Dă dän Nän Kay Känàdän

(Our People Learning on the Land)

Spring Break Camp in Łu Ghą: March 12-16

More information to come.
 Please watch for flyer.

Activities to be announced at a later date.

Open to families & students ages 11-18.
 Details on chaperones in
 application/waiver.

Waiver and information packet available at CAFN offices

Jocelyn Joe-Strack has been invited by the Canadian Embassies to Spain, Sweden, Germany and France to do a speaking tour regarding the, “Evolving Today’s Climate Change Approach with Kwaday Dän K’e (Long Ago People’s Way)”.

For the month of February she will travel to Europe with her babies, Lyla and Eleanor and husband Scott to share the lessons and wisdom of our ancestors and of our journey to

reclaim our self-reliance in our way.

Jocelyn’s message is intended to be rooted in dän k’e. Instead of focusing on the physical impact of climate change on our land and culture (i.e. less snow, more rain and warmer winter), she will concentrate on the resilience of our people to continuous adapt and live in harmony with ever changing Earth. Our stories recall the Giant animals of the Ice Age, that Smart Man rid the world of and ensured the remaining animals knew not to eat us. We remember when



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that medicine man laid down and told Na’u’däy to move and flood our land and then he stood and the glacier retreated, draining those great lakes. We have endured and overcome great trauma in the forced loss of our culture and connection to our land and language. But today, because of our ingenuity and resilience, we are so strong. The world’s Indigenous people aspire to reach agreements based on our Umbrella Final Agreement. We are actively seeking to return to harmony by reclaiming our language and our way. Now, humanity is looking to Earth’s indigenous people to seek answers of how to address the Climate Change challenge – and our Dän are brushing a path that is rooted in wellness, spirituality and honour to our role as caretakers of our land for today and for the generations to come.

Please feel free to follow my journey on Facebook (Jocelyn Joe-Strack – Subarctic Research & Strategy), Twitter (@jocelynjs) and my blog that will be hosted by the Gordon Foundation (<http://gordonfoundation.ca/>) and on my website (<http://subarctic.ca>).



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Carol Buzzel, who received the Keish Elder's Award during the February 2019 Skookum Jim Folklore Show. The Skookum Jim "Keish" Elder's Recognition Awards were established in 1996 to honor and recognize First Nation Elders who have made significant or outstanding contribution to life in communities. PLEASE INCLUDE PHOTO OF CAROL TO BE SUBMITTED AFTER FEB 2-3 WEEKEND.

Cole Pauls, CAFN artist and author of the Dakwakada Warriors comic series. He will be publishing his first graphic novel, Dakwākāda Warriors, in November 2019! For full details visit www.conundrumpress.com/going-to-print/going-to-print-dakwakada-warriors-by-cole-pauls

Alicia Johnston and Family on their new van provided through the Jordan's Principle. *Jordan's Principle is a child first and needs-based principle used in Canada to ensure that First Nations children living on and off reserve have equitable access to all government funded services.* For more on their story visit: www.ckrw.com/news/local-news/van-gets-whitehorse-family-on-the-road.

KWÄNISCHISS - THANK YOU:

To all our CAFN staff who responded quickly and efficiently to help Citizens in Dakwākāda and Takhini affected by power outages during some of the coldest days this winter!

To the CAFN Information Technology (IT) team for a quick and smooth upgrade of the central servers and backup system for the whole organization over the holiday break!



In the event of an accident

Your First Aiders are:

HAINES JUNCTION

Charlene Hume
Jacquie Chambers
Jocelyn Johns
Millie Joe
Robert Van Lieshout

WHITEHORSE

Sheila John
Marion Primozic
Darlene Jim
Denise Beattie
Harold Risby

First Aid Room: see Charlene
First Aid Kits and AED are located
near Reception Desk

EMERGENCIES: phone 911

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Fire:	911
RCMP:	911
Ambulance:	911
Poison Center:	393-8700 or 1800-567-8911
Spills/Contaminants:	667-7244 or 1 800 663 3456
Forest Fire:	1-888-798-3473
Crime Stoppers:	1-800-222-8477

2018 SAW LOW RETURNS OF SACHÄL (KOKANEE) IN KLUANE NATIONAL PARK AND RESERVE



Photo Credit: Steve Hossack

Like their oceanic cousin sockeye at Klukshu, the number of spawning kokanee were very low this year in the Park. Only 385 spawners were counted in stark contrast to the 5000 to 6000 fish which returned in 2015 and 2016. Prior to 2015, kokanee had been in a decade long decline where numbers reached an all-time low of 20 spawning fish in 2009. Kokanee are again clearly in the bust phase of a boom and bust cycle and it is during this phase that they are at the highest risk of local extinction. Besides this population in the Park, only one other wild population is known in Yukon. It was in Frederick Lake but kokanee has not been seen there since the 1980s. Next year Parks Canada will be testing water and kokanee for metal toxicity.

Possession of kokanee by recreational anglers is banned and Parks Canada and CAFN continue to ask for the cooperation of all to not catch or target kokanee in Kluane National Park and Reserve.

Gunalchëesh

IT'S TAX TIME!

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS ON SETTLEMENT LAND

During your personal income tax preparations, please note:

If you resided on any Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Settlement Lands on **December 31, 2018**, you are **obligated** to file the *Yukon First Nations Tax* form that is attached to your income tax application. You can download the form at this website:

<https://www.canada.ca/content/dam/cra-arc/migration/cra-arc/formspubs/prioryear/t1/2014/5011-c1/5011-c1-14e.pdf>

Income tax collection and sharing arrangements are signed between the Federal Government, the Government of Yukon and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. These agreements allow the Federal and Yukon Governments to transfer part of these taxes to CAFN.

Each year, CAFN receives a percentage of taxes from Canada and YTG. This amount is based on all residents who filed personal income tax returns who stated they lived on Settlement Land on December 31, 2018. These taxes increase CAFN's Own Source Revenue.

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

If you have low or no income, you may be eligible to receive a GST credit that is a tax-free quarterly payment that helps individuals and families with low or modest incomes to offset all or part of the GST that they pay. The Canada Revenue Agency will automatically determine your eligibility when you file your next income tax and benefit return.

You may also benefit from the Canada Child Tax Benefit which is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under age 18. To get your benefits, you have to file your return on time every year, even if you did not have income in the year.

More information on benefit and credit payments you might be eligible to receive, including information on how to apply, go to <http://www.cra.gc.ca/benefits> or call 1-800-387-1193.

HAPPY Birthday - TO YOU -

Happy Birthday: **Alex Williams** and **Nicholas Williams**, January 15. Love Auntie Doreen and family.

Doreen Williams, January 20. A very Happy Birthday to a very special lady. Wishing you a great day and year to come. Love from your family.

Brandon Williams, February 12, and **Miss Casey Williams**, February 18. Love Auntie Doreen, Shelby, and Shania. Grandma Vera Williams, February 20. A very Happy Birthday, Grandma! Love from your family.

Happy Birthday to **Brandon Ray Williams** on February 12 and to **Case Agnes Annie Williams** on February 18. Love Grandma Vera and Grandpa John H.

Happy Birthday to my wonderful son, **Patrick Maloney**, January 16. Also, to my wonderful daughter-in-law, **Delta Maloney**, January 6. Birthday Greetings to my grandson, **Steven**, January 10. My newest great-grandson, **Xavier Maloney** born on January 11. Also, my great-granddaughter, **Jazzy**, December 21. Happy Birthday to my beautiful daughter, **Shannon Maloney**, February 17. Hopefully your birthdays were all as great as you all are. Love Mom and Grandmother.

Kael Epp Happy 10th birthday – February 14.

Happy Birthday:
Alan MacDonald (Chop Chop) – October 2
Bonnie Chambers – October 19
Thierry Oles – October 19
Mayzie Campbell, a very happy 2nd birthday – October 22
Cameron Sidney – October 29
Candace Walker and Leigh Dupont – Mia Dupont born on October 29
Maddison Dupont, a very happy 3rd birthday – November 6
Angie Wabisca – November 14
Elaine Chambers – November 18
Bev Rissanen – November 20
Odessa Epp – November 22
Marion Telep – December 4
Grace Southwick – December 5
Candace Walker – December 5
Glenna Southwick – December 11
Nicki Telep – December 13
Wyatt Drift – December 17
Joe Knight – December 22
Lena Smith-Tutin – December 30
Fran Oles – December 31
A very special Happy Birthday to **Roy Wabisca** – “90” December 21
A very special Happy Birthday to **Mike Telep** – “70” December 25
Fred Chambers – January 5
Adriana Sidney – January 18
Nathan Garvice – January 18
Jennifer Chambers – February 3
Kimiko Clark – February 21
Kathleen Van Bibber – February 21
Very Special Happy 60th to **Sandy Wabisca!** – February 23
Kyra Chambers – March 4

Doug Cook – March 5
Clayton Zacharius – March 6
Amanda (Knight) Teitelbaum – March 7
Jayla and Brielle Epp – March 10
Maria Chambers – March 16
Skylar Gee – March 16
Wayne Chambers – March 26
Lindsay Chambers – March 27
Donna Chambers – March 28
From the Wabisca, Telep, Knight and Bratt families.

Happy Birthday to my grandson, **Kyle Maloney**, happy birthday for January 28! From your grandmother

Happy Birthday:
Collin Long Jr. – February 6
Collin Long Sr. – March 9
Ryan Long – March 15

Happy Birthday to daughter, sister and aunt, **Melissa Imbeau**, January 4. Happy 4th Birthday to our beautiful granddaughter, niece and cousin, **Piper Mae Imbeau**, January 9. Love Dad (Grampa Ron), Angie (Grannie Annie), Kaylea (Auntie) and Wyatt (Uncle), and cousin August Eden Drift.

Happy Birthday:
Jacqueline Williams AKA Jackie Bear – January 1
John Scurvey – January 7
Johnny Kushniruk and Benny Jim – January 17
Charlene Hume and Doreen Williams – January 20
ME :) – January 24
Suzie Hume – January 31
Happy birthday to all my CUZZINS and family! If I have missed anyone, I am so sorry. Wishing you all the best of the new year as well. And CLEAR YOUR MIND OF CAN'T! Love Always, Darlene Jim

Happy 60th Birthday to **Sally Jim** on February 17, 2019.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations, **Collin Long Jr.** and **Elaine Curran**, on the birth of your baby daughter,
Cría Margaret Long!
She was born on October 14.



Please send your special greetings to:

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CAFN CALENDAR

Tuesdays – February 5-26 – Sheep Horn Spoon Carving at Da Kų Cultural Centre, 6 to 8 p.m.

Thursdays to February 28 – Game Night, 7 p.m. at Mun Kų (across from the youth centre).

February 16-24 - Canadian Armed Forces – Arctic Response Company Group emergency response training exercise in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction) and West Aishihik. Up to 75 personnel will be based in Haines Junction for this exercise.

March 12-16 – Dádān Nān Kay Kānādān (Our People Learning on the Land), Spring Break Camp in Łu Ghą.

June 13-16 - Da Kų Nān Ts'éthhèt (Our House is Waking up the Land) festival of drumming, song and dance at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

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

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