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CELEBRATING OUR FIRST *DÄN K'E KWÄNJĒ GHÄKENĪDÄN:* WE ARE LEARNING OUR LANGUAGE PROGRAM GRADUATES

The first nine students graduated from Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) language intensive program, *Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän: We are Learning Our Language* on Saturday, June 12, at Dá Kù Cultural Centre.

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CELEBRATING OUR FIRST *DÄN K'E KWÄNJĒ GHÄKENĪDÄN*



"This is a turning point for all *Shadhāla Äshèyi yè Kwädän* (CAFN) Citizens. We now have a viable, established program to continue reviving our language and creating new speakers" said Dän Nätthe Äda Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith). "We are so proud of this first graduating class. We call them "*Dän Näkwäkhèl*" or, "trail blazers" because, as the first students in the program, they truly had to work extra hard to build the path for other students to come."

The *Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän* program began in the fall of 2018. Since then, the students have attended classes full time, five days a week. The students completed certificates in language proficiency in *Däkwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) during the first half of the program, and many have also now earned diplomas in language proficiency. CAFN worked closely with Simon Fraser University to ensure the program is accredited.



The nine graduates are:

- ◆ **Äyetth'äna - Natane Primozić**
- ◆ **Chädliṭà - Earl Darbyshire**
- ◆ **Kennda - Elizabeth Gladue**
- ◆ **Kunsän - Marianne Joe**
- ◆ **Mäts'äsänämaq - Sarina Primozić**
- ◆ **Senten - Sheila Kushniruk**
- ◆ **Ts'egegia - Marcus Sparvier**
- ◆ **Ts'uk'äymaq - Heather Jim**
- ◆ **Túhàna - Liza Jacobs**

"We also hold our hands up to honour our Elder instructors, *Chughāla* (Lorraine Allen) and *Khut'āla* (Audrey Brown), lead instructor, *Khāsha*, and the many *dän shawthän* (good people) who have helped develop and support the program and students along the way," said Dän Nätthe Äda Kaaxnox.

The graduation ceremony is available to view online on the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Facebook page, and Citizens and their families were invited for in-person attendance.

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Key information:

- In March 2018, the CAFN Special General Assembly passed a resolution to support creation of the program with up to \$1 Million in funds from the Champagne Aishihik Trust. The resolution states:
 - “Our culture is rooted in our languages and our languages are embedded with traditional knowledge and spirituality, as taught to us by our Elders. Our words themselves contain values, spirituality and principles of respect within them. Knowing the words and the languages instills the ways we live on the land, with the animals and how we treat each other.”
- *Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän* classes run from September to June each school year.
- To date, the program has been based at the DáKù Cultural Centre in Haines Junction, but is expected to transition to a new classroom in 2021.
- Key components include practicing the language through traditional activities on-the-land, in ceremony, and in prayer.
- There are 3 week-long camps a year, each camp in a different area of our traditional territory. Students set fishnet, rabbit snares, pick berries, set gopher snares, and harvest medicines.
- A new cohort of 10 students are now enrolled and will begin in the *Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän* program this fall.
- Students are selected through a detailed application process, with a maximum of 10 students.
- Students accepted into the program attend classes full-time Monday through Friday every week, and earn a living wage in order to allow them to focus full-time on their learning.





DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dännch'e.

Greetings to CAFN Citizens near and far. As we move from summer into fall, the Yukon and the world continue to be in a time of uncertainty and transition. The CAFN Council and government are working hard to support our people and we continue to learn, grow and adapt.

COVID-19 Update

We are now in a phase of the pandemic where we are learning to live with it, but with fewer laws to enforce public safety. This August 4, the Government of Yukon removed some safety orders, like requiring masks in public, and self-isolation for travelers.

But that does not mean we are out of the woods. We know COVID-19 is still in the Yukon, spreading at gatherings and parties, and is more severely impacting First Nations people – nearly 60% of active cases in the Yukon are First Nations people.

CAFN continues to take a cautious approach. We want to ensure our most vulnerable people are protected, including those who are not vaccinated yet. We are making decisions for the wellbeing of our whole community. CAFN COVID-19

safety measures remain strong and masks are still required in all CAFN spaces.

The **mental health** of our people is also important, so we are allowing limited programs with small numbers and approved COVID-19 safety plans. It is important to come together safely to support each other.

Vaccines are the most critical tool to keep ourselves and our community safe. If you are able to get the vaccine, please seriously consider getting it. If you are not vaccinated, it is very important to keep your personal circle very small, wear a mask, wash your hands and safe distance. Dr. Hanley recommends you “stick to 6” or less people. And keep practicing the Safe 6 + 1. They work!

WARRIORS WALK TO KAMLOOPS

On August 9, a small group of CAFN Citizens, including Councillor Barb Joe, Elder Councillor Mundy Joe and I, met the Warrior Walkers to honour them as they arrived at the former Kamloops residential school. The Warrior Walkers began their healing journey from Whitehorse to Kamloops on June 26, 2021. Our Council organized a small group of survivors and

descendants to travel to Kamloops to show support, especially CAFN walkers Julie Smith and Diane Strand, and to attend a ceremony of healing.

To show our gratitude towards our host Nation, CAFN gifted 3 fur pelts to the Kamloops people, including a wolf, a beaver, and a fox. We also presented them with a drum designed by elder Johnny Hume. This gift was given with the intention of supporting their dance group to create their regalia, and to reflect our shared healing journey together as nations.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLANNING

The CAFN Council made the difficult decision to postpone our annual General Assembly this July due to increased risks from the COVID outbreak in the Yukon and flooding at Kusawa. We are actively seeking a new date and look forward to sharing details for the 2021 General Assembly as soon as they are confirmed.

Thank you for your strength, patience and support for each other. We are stronger together.

Gunat̓chish,
Kaaxnox, Dän nätthe äda
Chief Steve Smith

DÚCH'Ī SHĪ
Nda sǎgǎi yè dǎn ghāts'ungwāt äyèt
kwäka Dádǎn shǎwghāduth'e ni.
I'm getting the medicine needle because
I care about our people.



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DÄN NÄTTHE DÄTTH'I DEK'I

CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF DECISIONS MADE BY DÄN NÄTTHE DÄTTH'I (THE CAFN COUNCIL) FROM JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2021.

COVID-19 Safety Measures under Kwätsi Dan (We Work) Plan

Council approved the following steps under our Kwätsi Dän plan from January to June 2021:

- Modified Step 1 of the Kwätsi Dan for the period January 7-21, 2021;
- Modified Step 1 of Kwätsi Dän from January 21, 2021 until further notice;
- Modified Step 3 on February 15, 2021 until further notice;
- Modified Step 3 of Kwätsi Dän to allow larger gatherings effective March 25, 2021 until further notice;
- Move back to Step 1 of Kwätsi Dän on June 14, 2021 (COVID 19 outbreak declared on June 13, 2021);
- Modified Step 2 of Kwätsi Dän from effective June 22, 2021 until further notice.

COVID-19 Information Stops

Council approved the budget request of \$25,000 for the COVID Information Stop program for 2021-2022.

Revised Fleet Vehicle Purchase Resolution

Council authorized the Property Services Department to proceed with a tender for five vehicles to be purchased under the Fleet Vehicle Reserve between April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022, with a total budget of \$260,000.

Banking and Signing Authority

Council authorized Gayle Corry (Chief Financial Officer) to be a signing officer for all CAFN bank and

guaranteed investment certificate/ term deposit accounts effective immediately.

Council Internet Reimbursement

Council approved a Policy on Home Internet Service Reimbursement for Members of the First Nations Council effective April 1, 2020 in order to ensure that Council members have the tools required to do their work.

Whitehorse Activity Coordinator

Council approved funding for a term position of Whitehorse Activity Coordinator in the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) to meet needs for more community programming in Whitehorse to maintain mental wellness and stay connected during the COVID pandemic.

Request to Withdraw Land from Staking

CAFN has rights and interests to protect its Settlement Land and other areas within the CAFN Traditional Territory. Council agreed to request the Yukon Government withdraw all CAFN Category B and Fee Simple Settlement Land, including all of its land within the boundary of Haines Junction, from entry for the purposes of staking and mineral interest.

Canadian Yukon River Panel Appointment

CAFN Chief and Council appointed Tom Buzzell, Director of Heritage, Lands and Resources, as CAFN's official advisor to the Canadian Yukon River Panel delegation.

Truck and Trailer for Heritage, Lands and Resources

Council approved use of external funding of \$82,320 from Department of Fisheries and Oceans to purchase a truck and enclosed trailer for use to complete CAFN Heritage, Lands and Resources work.

Rapid Housing Initiative and Lot Purchase in Whitehorse

The CAFN Council approved commitment of \$1,400,000 toward the Rapid Housing Initiative project in Whitehorse with funds from the 2020/21 budget surplus for the purchase of Lot 507 in Whistle Bend through a loan agreement with the CA Community Corporation.

2020 General Assembly Resolutions

The Dän nätthe dätth'i (CAFN Council) reviewed and agreed upon actions to take in response to the 2020 Nłäshējel (GA) resolutions:

Council looks forward to updating Citizens on activities to implement the resolutions during the 2021 General Assembly.

CAFN Housing Committee

The CAFN Council appointed Marianne Joe and Rachele Campbell as members, Earl Darbyshire as an alternate, and Jayden Hume-Barry as a youth representative to the CAFN Housing Committee for a term of three years.

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Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation Board

Council agreed to appoint Kari Johnston to sit as Director to the Champagne and Aishihik Community Corporation for a three-year term.

Subdivision Expansion Project at Marshal Creek

Council approved a budget increase of \$600,000 in Gas Tax funds for the subdivision expansion project in Haines Junction.

2021-22 Budget

Council approved an interim budget for FY2021-22 in March 2021.

Given the COVID19 circumstances, adjustments may be required later in the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

The CAFN Council approved additional budget requests for \$1,069,209 and additional carry forward amounts of \$401,170 for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

St. Elias School Council

Council approved appointment of Tracy Kane, John Fingland and Tinha Chambers to the St. Elias School Council as CAFN guaranteed representatives until September 2022.

Human Resources

Council approved adding a Section to the CAFN Human Resources manual to allow leave of absence for political purposes (federal and territorial elections), and approved adding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a new statutory holiday to be observed on September 30 of each year.

Emergency Self-Isolation and Quarantine During COVID-19

Council approved a policy to support Citizens with emergency self-isolation and quarantine during COVID-19.

Three New Mobile Homes

CAFN secured funding through the Anti-Poverty Coalition of \$571,000 for the supply and delivery of three mobile homes. Council approved contributing \$100,000 toward the total project budget, and allocated lots in Haines Junction and Takhini for the homes.

CAFN Māt'atāna Development Committee

Council appointed the following people to the Māt'atāna Development Committee for a period of one year, effective April 22, 2021:

- Kelly Hougen, Denny Kobayashi, Benjamin Ryan, Alex Doepel, Paula Pawlovich, Delmar Washington, Shelby Jackson. Additional members may be added at a later date.

Agreement with Castle Rock Enterprises

Council authorized the Chief to enter into an agreement with Castle Rock Enterprises to allow them to offer access to the quarry lease they currently hold on behalf of CAFN.

Recruitment and Retention Strategy

Council approved the CAFN Recruitment and Retention Strategy dated May 20, 2021, to improve recruitment and retention of CAFN government staff in order to support consistent and high quality program delivery for Citizens.

2021 General Assembly

Council agreed to hold the General Assembly July 23-25, 2021 at Kusawa Lake. NOTE: the General Assembly has since been postponed due to increased risk from the COVID-19 outbreak and flooding at Kusawa. Please watch for the new dates and details.

CAFN Investment Statement Strategy

Council approved additional funding of \$28,800 in FY2021-22 to develop a CAFN Investment Statement.

Land Applications

Chief and Council approved the following land applications (each is 0.5 hectare):

- #2019-008 by Tristan Allen for a Residence on R-33B on Aishihik Road, with conditions.
- #2019-009 by Francine Smith for a Cabin on R-34A at Aishihik, with conditions.
- #2020-005 by Anya Jim for a traditional use on S-412B at Aishihik, with conditions.
- #2020-006 by Erin Jim for a traditional use on C-8B/D at Aishihik, with conditions.
- #2020-002 by Cody Joe for a cabin/recreational on S-272B at Lower Kathleen Lake, with conditions.
- #2020-003 by Jesse Joe Hudson for a Cabin/Recreational on R-39B near Takhini, with conditions.
- #2020-004 by Jamie Joe Hudson for a Cabin/Recreational on R-39B near Takhini with conditions.

CAFN Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee

CAFN Chief and Council agree to appoint Frances Oles as Elder representative to the Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for a three-year term.

Pacific Salmon Trans boundary Panel

Council appointed Director of Heritage, Lands and Resources Tom Buzzell (primary seat) and Fish and Wildlife Manager Melina Hougen (alternate) to the Transboundary Panel of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

Community Wellness Bus

Council approved use of \$99,458 in funding from the Government of Canada's Reaching Home program to purchase a new bus for the Community Wellness Department.

Takhini Hall

CAFN Council approved budget increases for construction of a new community hall in Takhini. The approved new project cost is \$3,759,325, including gas tax, gap and other outside funds as available.

Aishihik Road Repairs

Council approved a budget of up to \$40,000 for repair of the roadway by Castle Rock Enterprises.

Staff and Immersion Housing Policy

Council approved a new policy June 25, 2021 to support new staff and immersion students with term housing.

Gap Filling Expenditures

Council approved claiming additional housing expenditures of \$1,321,250 from gap funding for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Secondary Student Support

Council identified that CAFN secondary students have been impacted by COVID during their last year of high school, and approved a budget of \$6,300 to hold a contest for the students to share their experiences.

Governance Position

Council approved moving a position from Executive Council Office to the Governance Department. The new position title is Negotiations and Implementation Analyst.

Accumulated Surplus

CAFN was carrying deficits for projects completed several years ago. Council approved offsetting the deficits against CAFN's overall accumulated surplus as of April 1, 2021.

Alsek Renewable Resource Council

Council nominated Gary Darbyshire and Mathew Brown to the Alsek Renewable Resource Council for a three-year term.

Special Emergency Leave

Council approved an amendment to the Special Emergency Leave Policy (COVID-19) to include a clause when an employee is required to self-isolate due to a potential exposure to COVID-19.

Upcoming C&C meetings:

- September 29
- October 28
- November 25
- December 16

Our Council Vision for 2018 through 2022 is:

Dän Shāwthan ghàách'e, who speak for the nation, the land and water, and for each other.

We are Dän Shāwthan, responsible for:

- The Nation (through better governance);
- Each Other (through connection and self reliance); and
- The Land and the Water.

Our Priorities are:

1. Healthy Citizens and Communities
2. A Strong Culture and Language
3. Economic Opportunities
4. Stewardship of the Land, Water and Animals
5. Good Governance

UPDATE ON CAFN ÄSHÄW (ELDERS) LAND CLAIMS BENEFIT



Council has decided not to accept GA Resolution 2020-04 Äshäw (Elders) Benefit, which would increase the benefit amount from \$250 to \$375 per month, and make it available to every CAFN Elder in the world.

Council looked at the costs to implement the resolution, and found it too costly. There are limited funds and this decision impacts all Citizens. There must be balance in the way we take care of each other. Dän k'e – our way is to consider all Citizens and look out for future generations.

Council agreed to bring this topic back to the 2021 General Assembly (GA) for more discussion and clarification and looks forward to talking more with our people at the GA.

In the meantime, Elders who currently get the \$250 benefit will continue to receive it. New applications are not being accepted until after the 2021 GA.

What are the costs?

As of 2021, CAFN has 254 Elders. By 2028 CAFN is projected to have 371 Elders. The current cost to deliver the Elders benefit is about \$500,000 per year.

The cost to implement resolution 2020-04:

- would be about \$1 million per year in 2021, and
- grow to about \$1.7 million per year by 2028.

How does CAFN fund the Elders Benefit?

Funding for the Elders Land Claim Benefit is through our annual CAFN Trust spending policy allocation (compensation funds). The total Trust spending allocation for 2020-21 was \$1.4 million. The annual spending allocation also funds other important CAFN programs including:

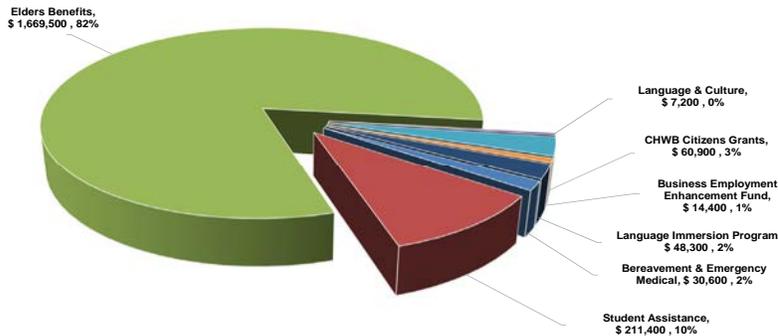
- post-secondary student support;
- language immersion;
- Community Health and Well Being Fund;
- emergency and bereavement support; and
- the Business Employment Enhancement Fund.

Funding for the Elders Benefit is not provided in our Financial Transfer Agreement with Canada and finding other external funding for the program is not possible.

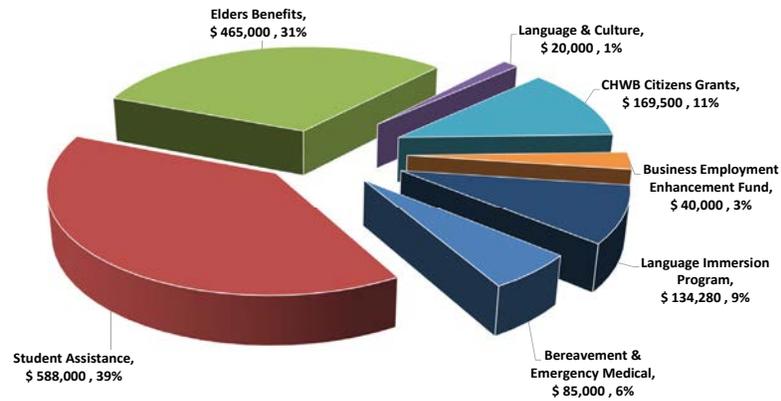
Background

The current Elders Land Claims Benefit is \$250/month CAD for all Elders age 60 and older living in Canada. In the past two years, the General Assembly (GA) has passed two different resolutions regarding the Elders benefit:

Projected Compensation Fund Expenses 2027/28 - \$2.04 Million
at \$375 Cdn per month for all Elders in world



Budgeted Compensation Fund Expenses 2020/21 - \$1.5 Million



The Original Elders Benefit

- 2019: to increase the benefit and make it needs-based (only for Elders with an annual income of less than \$35,000 CAD), including Elders outside Canada;
- 2020: to increase the monthly benefit to \$375 and extend the benefit to every CAFN Elder in the world.

Council's responsibility to accept or not accept General Assembly recommendations comes from the CAFN Constitution. Council decisions must be in keeping with our values as Dän Shawthän (good Southern Tutchone people). The principle of Dän k'e - our way - is to ensure that we consider all Citizens and look out for our current and future generations. There must always be balance in the way we take care of each other.

In a 1984 Agreement in Principle, Canada provided money to Yukon First Nations for "Interim Benefits for Yukon Indian Elders." The agreement was negotiated in recognition that the land claims agreements were taking a long time and that some of the Elders who inspired land claims might not live to see its benefits. Yukon First Nations arranged for a set rate to be paid to each Elder age 60 and older.

CYI administered the program until each Yukon First Nations effective date, when it became the SGYFN's responsibility to continue, modify or discontinue. It was not intended to be a long-term payment, but CAFN and several other First Nations continued the benefit. These funds were treated as an advance on compensation and were deducted from the compensation payments made to CAFN after settlement, reducing the capital that CAFN had to generate investment returns. Under the original intent of the benefit, no one would qualify today.

DA KŪ NĀN TS'ÉTHHÈT 2021 VIRTUAL DANCE FESTIVAL



The Dakwakada Dancers performing on stage at Da Kū Nān Ts'éthhèt.

This year's 2021 Da Kū Nān Ts'éthhèt dance festival was held in Dakwākāda and streamed online. This is the fourth festival held since launching in 2015, but the first time we have connected with one another in such a unique way. CAFN made adjustments on how we woke up the land this year due to the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic. In previous years we gathered together by the hundreds to dance, sing and drum- this year we were limited in group sizes to ensure safety was a priority.

"The theme for this year's festival is 'The Trails That Connect Us'," says Kaaxnox, Dān nātthe äda (Chief Steve Smith). Last year we weren't able to

have celebrations or gatherings due to COVID, and we aren't out of the woods yet. So this year, we had to get creative. Traditionally our trails have brought us together by travelling the land on foot, or by canoe on rivers and lakes. Over the past year, we have developed new, virtual ways to remain connected to our family and friends."

Gúnta Business was hired by CAFN to provide the tech equipment and to live-stream the festival. Thousands of people joined us through Facebook and our website over the 3-day festival.

The live stream locations were at Kwanlin Dūn Cultural Centre, Takhini

Hall, and Shadhāla. Each of these locations had a large screen set up to live-stream the festival, traditional workshops or activities and snacks available for participants.

The Festival began with a traditional welcome, opening remarks and an introduction for the host dance group, the Dakwākāda Dancers. Later that evening Citizens and community members walked and drummed together from the Dezadeash bridge to Da Kū in memory of the 215 missing children who had been found at a residential school site in Kamloops, BC.

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On both Friday and Saturday, dark clouds surrounded the festival but our drumming kept spirits high and the rain away.



Beading workshop with Shelby Jackson.

CAFN Youth Artist Justin Johnson presents artwork for residential school children.

I made this so the people can feel safe

I made it so kids can learn

I made it so we can stand up

I made it so people can stand up for themselves and help others rise up

I made it so people can speak



DANCE FESTIVAL



CAFN's new gopher mascot made a surprise appearance at the festival on Saturday evening. Council is hosting a contest for Citizens to name the mascot at this year's General Assembly.



The second day of the festival started off with beading and painting workshops, while the afternoon was led by a Parka and Graduation fashion show. Our incredible line up of performers included, the Rising Sun Singers, Dakka Khaan Dancers, Tagish Nation Dancers, Marissa Mills, New Dawn Drummers, Diyet and Love Soldiers and many more, which took us late into evening.

There was a special appearance by the new CAFN Gopher mascot that will be named at the next General Assembly.

The final day was informal with various traditional crafts and storytelling. The trails that connect us successfully brought us together in person and online with our brothers and sisters across the world. We send our gratitude to everyone who attended and to all of our staff and performers.

The festival was funded by CAFN and through contributions from Canadian Heritage. We look forward to the next festival in 2023!



To watch the 2021 Dance Festival episodes, please visit the links below:

Episode 1 - <https://bit.ly/3laZznH>

Episode 2 - <https://bit.ly/2THkKCv>

Episode 3 - <https://bit.ly/2V139Gg>



DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN TRAINING PROGRAM

The Dän Ts'änänän training program started in 2017 and was to end in March 2021. The Coronavirus presented challenges in delivering the Dän Ts'änänän program. However, CAFN received an extension until March 2022. This will allow us to move forward and make up for the time that we were un able to offer programming or closed due to COVID-19.

And so, here we are, excited to offer opportunities to individuals who want to further their education, find employment and get on the job training.

GREENHOUSE

Dakwäkäda Coronavirus wasn't the only challenge we faced. In December 2020, the **Dakwäkäda** Greenhouse collapsed under the weight of the record snowfall of 2020. This posed a serious problem for one of our successful initiatives. The

Greenhouse program is designed to support the experiential learning of participants. It offers a variety of training and on the job learning.

We rolled up our sleeves and turned this challenge into an opportunity not only for trainees but also for the community. We are happy to announce that we are building a new 3 season **Dakwäkäda** greenhouse

and renovating the surrounding area. Residents will be able to enjoy and use a beautiful communal space and garden. We hope to hire 3-4 trainees from June to August to work on the landscaping and beautification of the greenhouse area. Another 4-6 people will be hired at the end of June, beginning of July to build the new 3-season greenhouse. We are repurposing some of the materials from the old greenhouse. Come see the progress as the summer unfolds.



Takhini

The Takhini greenhouse program began in 2019. We now have 2 greenhouses, gardens and offer on the job training to our trainees. Despite COVID-19, we ran the greenhouse project last year, while practicing the safe guidelines. Trainees then worked until mid-September. We hope to have an even better crop this year (we hear the tomatoes were quite popular!).

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Dug-Out Cedar Canoe

Master carver Wayne Price will be working with and mentoring trainees on how to build a dug-out cedar canoe. For their first few weeks in this program trainees will be making their carving tools; attending Standard First Aid; and getting ready to meet and work with the public. We know people will no doubt be curious about this project! The Log has been delivered from Haines, Alaska. Trainees will be work outside the Da Kų Cultural Center over the summer and fall. We hope you drop b to meet everyone and see the progress.

FIRE SMART

We anticipate partnering with the Lands and Resources Department to fire smart in our communities later in the year. This is a great opportunity for training and building our capacity within the department and communities.

RESUMÉ BUILDING & INTERVIEW PRACTICE

We will continue to offer monthly resumé writing and interview practice

workshops in both *Dakwākāda* and Takhini. We encourage all Citizens to update their resumés, and perfect your cover letter. Even if you have a job, you never know when you will need your resumé. Come talk to our job coach, Kathleen Jones and watch for our notices on Facebook and our emails.

The Dān Ts'anānān program promotes teamwork, good work ethic and taking pride in one's work.



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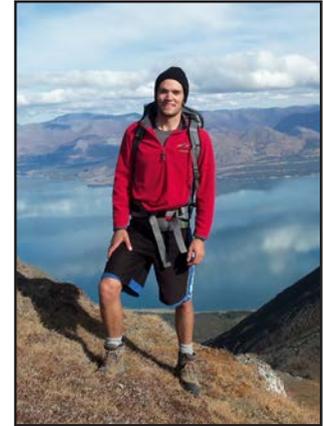
Sharmane Jones is a born and raised Yukoner and a proud Champagne & Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Citizen. She lives in the beautiful community of Dakwākāda-Haines Junction and has enjoyed working on the Traditional Territory of her First Nation for over 30 years. After taking a break for 2 years and working with the Yukon Government, she is excited to be back working with CAFN in her new position as the Occupational Health & Safety (OHS) Officer within the Human Resources Department.

She hopes to see all of her coworkers around in the next few months. She is in the office and in the field building relationships and to increase education and awareness of Health & Safety within CAFN staff and community.



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Lena Sidney recently started as the Summer Student Coordinator. She is a member of the Crow Clan from Teslin Tlingit Council and is continuing her education at Yukon University. She is a wife and mother of two CAFN Citizens. She is excited to be working at CAFN and looks forward to meeting everyone.



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Ray Guinness recently joined the HLR team as the Manager of Environmental Assessment & Natural Resources. Previously, he has worked as the Lands & Resources Manager with WRFN and NDNFN. He is of Canadian-German descent and was born and raised in Northern BC and Whitehorse. He attended the University of Alaska Fairbanks on an Athletic Scholarship with the varsity Cross Country Ski Team and completed studies in Natural Resource Management with a focus on soil chemistry/management. In his free time, he enjoys anything outdoors and he particularly enjoys spending time with his family, skiing, hiking, fishing, camping, climbing, and whatever else his kids get him into. ☺ He feels very fortunate to join the great team at HLR and looks forward to meeting and working with the CAFN staff and Citizens!

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Alexander Bouvier was born in Whitehorse but spends most of his time at his grandmother Louise Bouvier's house. During the regular year he attends VIU and is currently on route to receiving a double major in History and Politics. After his degree is finished he hopes to attend the UVIC faculty of Law where he plans to attain an Indigenous Treaty Law degree.



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Evelyn is new to CAFN and the community. She is a kind, calm, spirit who has a background working in education; supporting, advocating, and encouraging the growth of every individual. She can't wait to transfer her skills into her position as the Assistant to Human Resources. People often ask her where she is from and depending on the day the answer may vary. She has lived in western Canada all of her life; BC, AB, and YT. Over the last 10 years of being in the west, she fell in love with the Yukon where she stayed 2 years in Dawson City. Last summer she moved the Yukon again with her best bud Grizzly Bear (he is her vegan rescue dog that's allergic to meat). When not at work for CAFN, she will be found in nature. as that's where her true home is. She is very excited to call Haines Junction home and can't wait to immerse herself within the community when its safe to do so.



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Shāw Nithän. Emily Hume (Chushara) of the Wolf clan was born in Whitehorse and but has lived all over the Yukon, including 7 years in Dawson City. In 2020 she graduated with a BA in Liberal Studies from Vancouver Island University. She particularly enjoys studying psychology and mental health subjects and is excited to join the Community Wellness team as the new Child and Family Support Worker. Her hobbies include running, yoga, and diving into a good book. It's been a few years since she has stayed for a Yukon winter, but is looking forward to snowboarding and sledding!

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

LEADER – The Ivey Business School LEADER project

Founded in 1991, The LEADER Project (LEADER) is an organization at Ivey Business School that supports growing economies across the globe by coaching local entrepreneurs. Having coached over 8,500 students and entrepreneurs to date, LEADER empowers entrepreneurs to transform their ideas and businesses into engines for sustainable economic growth. LEADER currently operates in Bosnia & Herzegovina, India, North Macedonia, Nepal, Serbia, Vietnam, and Whitehorse.

In May 2021, LEADER ran a two-week entrepreneurship boot camp for aspiring entrepreneurs and current early-stage entrepreneurs in Yukon. LEADER's curriculum is shared through the case method, used by the Ivey Business School, creating a learning environment focused on real-world businesses. During the two-week program, participants took part in lectures and cases spanning a variety of key business topics, such as operations, strategy, marketing, financial statements, and new venture creation. On the last day of the program, participants took part in a business plan competition and



pitched their venture ideas to a panel of judges. Janelle Hager, the winner of the competition, was awarded \$2,000 in grant funding to grow their business in the near future.

LEADER would like to sincerely thank Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) for their kind support in the participant recruiting process for the 2021 year. 3 out of the 7 LEADER participants were CAFN citizens; Delmar Washington, Dallayce Smith

and Sophie Green. We look forward to continuing our relationship with CAFN in future years, and hopefully return back to in-person teaching for the 2022 year!

If you wish to find out more about our project please visit:

<http://www.leaderproject.com/>



Parka-Anorak Program



In February 2021 CAFN and Yukon University offered a paid internship called the Parka-Anorak Program. Students learned how to use industrial sewing machines to create designs and patterns for Parkas.

CAFN congratulates all of the participants in their successful completion of the 2021 Parka Entrepreneurship Program!



CAFN HOUSING PROJECT IN KWANLIN (WHITEHORSE)



Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) is building a new housing project in *Kwanlin* (Whitehorse).

“CAFN is happy to have the opportunity to build and offer homes in Whitehorse for the very first time, because we believe having a place to call home is a foundation for a good life,” said Kaaxnox, Dän nätthe äda (Chief Steve Smith). “It is dän k’e – our way, to help those who need it most, so focusing on our people who face housing need is important to us as dän shawthän (good Southern Tutchone people).”

The 20 new units will provide homes for CAFN individuals and families in housing need. The project is located at 195 Olive May Way in Whistle Bend,

and includes five separate “town home clusters”, each made up of four separate units, including one, two and three-bedroom homes, and some accessible units.

The total budget for the project is \$8.1 Million:

- CAFN is investing \$1.4 Million;
- Canada is funding more than \$6 Million through the Rapid Housing Initiative;
- Yukon Housing Corporation has invested \$600,000 through the Housing Initiative Fund; and
- CAFN is applying for \$100,000 in Yukon good energy rebates.

We have also applied to the City of Whitehorse for the Housing Development Incentive Grant to waive property tax up to \$500,000 over the first 10 years and reimburse most development permit fees.

Why is CAFN building homes in Whitehorse?

Almost a third of CAFN Citizens currently live in Kwanlin and our people have traditionally used the area for many years. We are linked to both Kwanlin Dän and Ta’an Kwach’an people through our families, and have always had a presence in Whitehorse, like all Yukon First Nations. Many of our Citizens choose to live in Whitehorse for access to jobs and services, including medical care.

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How can Citizens apply for one of the new homes?

CAFN has a housing allocation system already in place that we use for other homes, and will also use for the new Whistle Bend project. Applications are not being accepted at this time. When the houses are close to completion, we will inform our Citizens of the opportunity to apply.

When will the project be complete?

Construction began this May and is scheduled to be complete in 2022. As with most construction projects, especially now with new challenges during COVID, there could be changes if needed as the work progresses, and we'll be glad to provide our Citizens

with updates on progress.

For more information and to read our joint project announcement with Canada and Yukon, please visit:

<https://cafn.ca/new-rapid-housing-projects-for-cafn-and-yukon/>



Dakwakada
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

2020 was a strong financial year for the Dakwākāda Group of Companies and Investments despite COVID-19. 2021 has been challenging as North America has been hit with supply chain issues and raw materials shortage. Our companies are working hard to meet the customer demands which are still very strong. Dakwākāda Capital Investments continues to explore new opportunities and investments that will provide increased wealth and growth.

We are currently seeking directors to sit on our RAB Energy Inc. (Northerm) and Castle Rock Enterprises Board of Directors. We are also looking to hire two summer students to work with the Dakwakada team. Please refer to our website at <https://dakwakada.com/our-team/careers/> or the CAFN employment/job postings board for opportunities listing.

Dakwākāda Capital Investments is pleased to announce the successful acquisition of Canada West Garage Doors Inc., a Kelowna, BC based provider of residential and commercial overhead doors. Canada West Garage Doors supplies, installs, and repairs the complete spectrum of garage door styles and designs, with specialist knowledge of the latest trends and technology.

The Canada West Garage Doors acquisition, effective April 23, 2021, was completed after a thorough due diligence process which lasted through much of the spring of 2021. As with any acquisition, success is often determined by a successful integration. As such, we expect much of

this year will consume a significant portion of Business Development and Finance time as we learn about the operations of Canada West Garage Doors and we integrate their support functions into our own.

Canada West Garage Doors Integration

The Canada West Garage Door LP integration is continuing smoothly and on schedule. The acquisition is being received very positively by customers and suppliers alike and staff are engaged in the strategy to grow the business. COVID has created some supply chain delay/back-order issues but the sold business Work in Progress (“WIP”) to date is at a record high and sales continue to be flowing solidly as Kelowna experiences building growth in all facets of residential construction – multi-family, large plot/sub-division building and high-end custom building. The focus over the coming months will be the planning and execution of business growth and market expansion, with particular emphasis placed upon Lumber Yard/ Dealer Network sales channels as well as new supplier partnership development.

With the initial integration tasks successfully completed, we are moving on to our business planning and forecasting. This will lay the foundation to upgrading the existing accounting system to a more fulsome company-wide reporting system. A more robust reporting system will provide management the information they need to successfully achieve our growth objectives.

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This is part of sky light for Regina. The lady on the right photo is Hannah, our estimator who designed the skylight.

Mac Plastics Ltd.

Mac Skylights started the year off with the fabrication of a 60-foot by 20-foot skylight for a senior's complex in Regina. Once Completed with sent the skylight out to Regina with installation to be completed by the second quarter. We saw another larger order come in for 36 skylights for Pockar Management group that were delivered and installed in Calgary. Quoting and bidding for both Commercial and Residential has remained strong for the first and second quarter. Mac Skylights launched an updated website: www.macskylights.com in the first quarter and is very pleased with the response

as the new website generates 2-3 leads a day from homeowners, architects, and home builders.

Mac Plastics has remained strong with producing protection screens for commercial and retail outlets in Alberta like Ikea, Sobeys and Safeway, Subway and across Canada to Booster Juice. Also, producing custom screens for general offices, medical offices, and small retail business.

Mac Plastics has also been doing research and development on Sleds for the North that are able to carry up to and over 1,000 lbs behind a snowmobile. We are in final

development stages for this product line and will be available for sale in the fall of 2021.

Mac Plastics has also started working with Sunshine Bees on several different designs of new products to help increase the bee population. In working with Sunshine bees, we hope to encourage the bee industry to use Mac Plastics right across Canada.

RAB Energy LP (Northerm)

It has been a busy start to 2021. Northerm Windows and Doors acquires Bud's Industrial Installations, which took place officially on March 19th, 2021. Bud's Industrial Installations will keep doing business under the same trade name and will become the Overhead Doors division of Northerm Windows and Doors.

Our Commercial division completed the following projects thus far in 2021:

- Francophone School
- Old Crow Community Centre
- Nissan Dealership
- City of Whitehorse Operations Building



Sled for the North.

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We are currently working on the following:

- KDFN Community Hub
- Challenge Cornerstone
- YH 47 Unit housing

PVC windows, and doors have been busy keeping up with the construction demands of the Yukon and Alaska.

Our divisions have been working diligently through the pandemic to complete projects and look forward to continuing the success through the remainder of 2021.

RAB Energy Alaska Inc. (Capitol Glass)

2021 has started quite well. COVID monies and RURAL Alaska opening back up yielded the release of several projects that had been put on hold. Currently, we're up 17% for new orders

compared to last year, during this same period.

Summer months (3rd quarter) looks to be as promising, with growth amongst all product lines.

Consumers are becoming more educated when it comes to windows, doors, showers, etc. and we have seen an increase in new smaller contractors being directed by the consumer (end-user) to purchase our products. Not only our premium quality Northerm window but the education we offer to consumers on windows, doors, and more, that we offer. Contractors and consumers openly acknowledge that our knowledge and expertise on products is also what is driving new business our way. They feel confident they are getting the best product(s) for their monies when purchasing from Capitol Glass.

Castle Rock Enterprises LP (CRELP)

- Current Projects:
- Stewart Crossing Quarters
- Swift River Water Treatment
- Whitehorse Skate Park
- Carcross Lagoon Expansion and Upgrades

- Marshall Creek Residential Expansion Project
- Boreal Commons
- Haines Junction Phase 3
- Holy Family Parking
- Golden Horn Parking

Castle Rock continually seeks out bid opportunities throughout the year to secure contracts.

CRELP is accepting resumes for summer 2021 hiring opportunities for CAFN Citizens.

Resumes may be forwarded to apply@castlerockent.com. No phone calls please.



RESTORE ÄSHÈYI



CAFN continues to work to reduce and address the impacts of the Aishihik Generating Station (AGS) on CAFN and within CAFN Territory.

Negotiations Update

Since CAFN met with Citizens this February and March, our work on a new agreement with the Government of Yukon and Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) was put on hold due to the calling of a territorial election. Since then, CAFN has notified the Yukon government of our desire to renew talks to ensure a better future for Äshèyi, and meetings have resumed. We have also put the Government of Canada on notice of our desire to begin discussion about historic harms.

Work on research about the history of the area prior to and leading up to the dam construction, from the 1940s to 1970s, also continues.

Aishihik Generating Station

The Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board (YESAB) concluded its review and made 44 recommendations on Yukon Energy's project proposal for a new long-term license (starting in 2023). The recommendations are strong and many reflect CAFN values. YESAB concluded that it could only assess the project's effects over a 5-year period and made recommendations that include:

- collaborating with CAFN on a number of issues,
- gathering more information and monitoring issues of concern,
- limiting winter flows until downstream issues (such as erosion and ice formation) can be addressed, and
- applying new indicators and thresholds to better understand impacts on fish and wildlife.

You can view the full recommendations here:

<https://yesabregistry.ca/projects/45e1a736-f431-4ea3-90d9-37c03e1b1677/documents>.

CAFN staff are working hard to ensure these strong outcomes emerge as terms and conditions in the Water Use Licence and Fisheries Act Authorization. YESAB's recommendations are currently being reviewed by the Government of Yukon and Department of Fisheries and Oceans, in consultation with CAFN. This review will result in a Decision Document for next steps. CAFN looks forward to updating Citizens on the outcomes and next steps, and will notify Citizens when the Yukon Water Board begins its public review and hearings. We value the high level of Citizen interest and involvement in this important work.

Kwänischiss! Please stay tuned for updates in this newsletter and on our CAFN website at cafn.ca/aishihik-relicensing-2019.

For more information, please contact:

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EDUCATION UPDATE

2020 AND 2021 LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to the recipients of the CAFN Chief and Council Leadership Award!



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2020:

- **Kiefer Rissanen**
Captain "Wings"
- **Shadunjen Van Kampen**
Commercial Pilot License

The CAFN Chief and Council Leadership award recognizes a high school or post-secondary graduate who:

- demonstrates leadership qualities through CAFN community involvement;
- is working towards one of the three strategic priorities identified by Council which are - Self Reliance, Connections and Better Government;

- is committed to education and lifelong learning.

Dän Shawthän:

Council holds up each of these recipients because they help show what we all strive to be: "dän shawthän" or good Southern Tutchone people. Each has shown commitment to CAFN, involvement in our community, perseverance to complete their training, and made personal sacrifices to achieve a challenging goal. *Shaw nithän* – congratulations!

2021:

- **Courtney Wilbur**
Juris Doc - Common Law Degree

Shawkwunlee Daycare News

Congratulations to all our children who will be moving on to school full time. Our celebration will be outdoors in August.

K-4 Grads

Weston Kinney
Kieran Wolfe
Ben Nassiopoulos
Odysseus Dixon

K-5 Grads

Len Osborne
Ila Bernard
Iris Falls
Rocco Rondeau
Evelyn Stewart



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Khut'äla Audrey Brown, Chughala Lorraine Allen.

Honoring our Elders

The *Dan Näkwähèl* would like to honor *Khut'äla* / Audrey Brown, *Chughala* / Lorraine Allen for supporting the language development of the Dan Näkwähèl as elder experts within the program.

Training and Employment update

In March, safety courses were held at both Haines Junction and Champagne. The courses included Confined Space, Remote First Aid, Traffic Control, Snow shoe Making with the Heritage Dept (Richard),



CAFN participated in three Job Fairs, Cultural Training for youth with the Dakwäkäda Dancers and Lena was hired as the Summer student coordinator.

Educational Support worker update

We were happy to be able to offer tutoring at Takhini for the last school semester and plan to keep it going for the next school year. The sessions were held by Georgina Widney as 1 hour drop ins and available for all grades.

If you would like to be a tutor at Takhini River Subdivision for the next school year, please get in touch with the ESWs or the Education Manager, Crystal Shmoon.

We held another *Dän n'tashänadäl* - (Native-person/people they-are-always-gathering) event on the topic "Bringing Learning at home" in February, and Jackie Baer was our guest speaker sharing her story on how she made it to New York with hilarious tips and advice for when you want to have a career on the stage.

Shäna Kenädän, the 2021 Spring break camp was delivered differently this year in order to abide by the pandemic safety measures. Rich and fun cultural activities were provided in Haines Junction, Whitehorse and Takhini for families.

The camp was a success and very well attended. Elders and Dakwanje speakers provided language embedded lessons and participants were encouraged to practice and remember the teachings with mini-quizzes and rewards. Our young people are really knowledgeable!

Elders, Knowledge keepers and CAFN workers were invited to teach their knowledge to families by showing us how to:

Rabbit snare, setting fishnets, carving, drum making, outdoor cooking challenge: Stew and Bannock over the fire pit, family bush camp challenge, hand games, Arctic Winter Games, Mini Fish Camp, Storytelling, Mitt Sewing, Animal Track and Sounds Identification, Fire Bow Drill, Arts and Crafts, Sliding and plenty of fun games.

Shäw n'ithän to our talented Citizens Earl Darbyshire, Val Chambers, Martha Smith, Vivian Smith, Mike Jim, Levi Graham, Josh Darbyshire, Erin Kothetty Pauls, Matt Brown, Shayla Battaja-Green, Chris Gleason, Trina Adanchilla Pauls, Joanna Allen, Rayden Kodwat, Darcy Glada, Adrianna Sidney, Darlene Jim, Les Walker, Ron Chambers, Community Wellness, HLR, and Property Services for all of your support making this such a great experience for our families!



CAFN 2021 GRADS



POST SECONDARY GRADUATES

Masters

Courtney Wilbur – *Juris Doctorate - Common Law*
– University of Ottawa

Degree

Melina Hougen – *Bachelor of Science – Northern Environmental & Conservation* – University of Alberta

Jagger Jamieson – *Bachelor of Science – Northern Environmental & Conservation* – University of Alberta

Allanah Johnson – *Bachelor of Arts - Animation*
– Emily Carr University

Geena Charlie – *Bachelor of Science - Nursing*
– University of Victoria

Diploma

Dustin McKenzie-Hubbard – *Appliance Service Technician*
– Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Certificate

Candace Walker – *Accounting & Bookkeeping* – Career City College

GRADE 12 GRADUATES

Kassius Green	Maximillian Evans
Rorie MacDonald	Zander Leslie
Tiana Oles	Zerryn Martin
Sturko Cassidy	Tristin Primozić
Joanna Allen	Adam Titus
Emma-Lee Burns	Micjael Wally
Taylor Gladue	Nints'ia Murphy
Ecko Kirk	Azalea Patterson
Dalton Moore	William Graham-Hume
Brendan Germain	Brodie Graham-Hume
Jonas Schaerig	Jeremiah Jim
Kylar Thirkettle	

KINDERGARTEN 5 GRADUATES K-5

Brandon Blanchard-Barber	Emma Dion
Mia Vance	Kelty Chambers
Marshall Van Bibber	Alex Loblaw
Mira Marnik	Autumn Marie Zold-Wabisca
Jacob Alexander	Keigan McLaren-Charlie
Owlchild	Layla Jane Joe-Osborne

IMMERSION GRADS

<i>Túhàna</i> /Liza Jacobs,	<i>Kennda</i> /Elizabeth Gladue
<i>Ts'úk'aymaq</i> /Heather Jim	<i>Senten</i> /Sheila Kushniruk,
<i>Kunsän</i> /Marianne Joe	<i>Ts'égègia</i> /Marcus Sparvier
<i>Äyetth'ána</i> /Natane Primozić	<i>Chadlita</i> /Earl Darbyshire
<i>Mäts'äsänämaq</i> /Sarina Primozić	

GRADE 7 GRADUATES

Justus Bourassa	Hailey Loblaw
Katelyn Hirsch	Korricia Jim
Dawson Widney	Troy Johns
Cashis Peter	Chad Itsi
Lela Smeeton	Xavier Benjamin
Jorden Fraser	



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Ketäníàtà Lawrence Joe.

Recipient of an honorary Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Governance

Lawrence is the son of Lorraine Joe and the late Douglas Joe, and great grandson of Chief Hutchi Joe. He is of the Käjèt (Crow) clan and a citizen of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN).

Lawrence is a trailbreaker who set the path for negotiation and implementation of Yukon's First Nations Final and Self-Government Agreements. He leads by example and

has mentored co-workers, employees, CAFN youth, and many others.

As the founding director of CAFN's Heritage, Lands and Resources department, Lawrence established the first staff positions focusing specifically on Heritage in a Yukon First Nation's government context. In 2012, this department later established the Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction. He also created post-secondary support policies and scholarships that since 1997 have consistently supported 60-80 CAFN students annually achieve their

education goals.

During Land Claims negotiations, it was recognized that Yukon First Nations capacity in natural resource management was limited. Lawrence spearheaded what would become the Renewable Resources Management diploma, one of Yukon University's longest-running programs.

The Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Governance traces its roots to an earlier Executive Development program, also spearheaded by Lawrence to develop capacity in CAFN citizens to successfully support the implementation of Self-Government Agreements and grow their First Nations.

Lawrence Joe's legacy continues to benefit Yukon First Nations people, all Yukoners, Canada, and the world, as a model for revitalizing Indigenous self-government and for moving closer to reconciliation.

Sòóthän kendän yū. Nghą təshānídhin to all our 2021 graduates! (good you-have-learned there you-for Excited-I-think) You have learned well. I am excited for you!

Council Corner!

Council initiative, "Council Corner" will present how Chief and Council operate and the duties they perform for Citizens through a comic series. This will be an educational and informative series showcasing the evolution of self-governing practices within CAFN.

CALL OUT

We are looking to contract an indigenous illustrator to design a comic series.

For more information please contact Communications Officer, Jenna Henderson at: jhenderson@cafn.ca or 867 334 6264.

Stay tuned for the first edition to appear in one of our upcoming newsletters!



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 Steven Dubas.

CAFN Warrior Walkers Julie Smith and Diane Strand while on the Healing Journey from Whitehorse to Kamloops, B.C.

Congratulation to Bobbi-Rae Patchett for being nominated for the May 2021 Keystone Kop Society Yukon's Athlete of the Month!

Bobbi-Rae has been involved with Special Olympics Yukon since she was in grade school, having first participated in the school based program. She now participates in a variety of different sports including bocce, golf, bowling, athletics and soccer!



@specialolympicsyukon

Whitehorse Keystone Kops

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to parents Kaylea Wabisca and Wyatt Drift and big sister August for the birth of Ava Louse Drift on March 15, 2021. Love Gramma Angie Wabisca and Grampa Ron Cook!



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday!!

June 2nd

Happy 1st Birthday Colt Alec Hoehne-Nicholas/Workman !

Lots of love from Big Sister Hope, big brother Bentley, Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday from Grandma Vera, Grandpa John, Doreen and the family:

Jaylia Healthcliff-Jackson – Happy 1st birthday June 1, 2021

Shania Jackson – June 4, 2021

Frederick Jackson - June 30, 2021

John Hume – July 7, 2021

John Williams July 18th

Daniel Jackson – July 7, 2021

Elly Jackson – July 15, 2021

John Williams – July 18, 2021

Frances Petterson July 26th

Deborah Williams – July 28, 2021

Chris Williams – July 30, 2021

Zariyah Joe – August 11, 2021

Dreydyn Joe – August 23, 2021

ShyAnn Williams – September 13, 2021



Happy 5th Birthday to Ms. Kianna Baker for June 30th

From Grandma & Grandpa Jones, Uncle Trevor and Auntie Jennika

Please send your special greetings to:

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CAFN CALENDAR

HEADSTONE POTLATCH FOR RICHARD KENNITH JOHNSON

August 21,
1:00 PM, Burwash Landing, YT

CAFN CHIEF AND COUNCIL DATES

- September 29
- October 28
- November 25
- December 16

For more event dates and details, please visit
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Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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