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CAFN LAUNCHES NEW DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN TRAINING-TO-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY BY HELPING YOU GET THE RIGHT JOB – FOR YOU

On Wednesday, January 31, 2018, a new four-year training-to-employment program was announced by Dän nätthe ada Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith) of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) at the Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction.

"This project is a major strategic initiative for CAFN as it touches on each of our key priorities of self-reliance, connecting and better government" said Dän Nätthe ada Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith). "We are enthusiastic that the Skills and Partnership Fund has invested in CAFN's vision for this project that will positively impact the employment outcomes for hundreds of CAFN dän (people)."

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NEW CAFN TRAINING-TO-EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM LAUNCHES WITH OPEN HOUSE AND COMMUNITY DINNER

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Many community members were on hand to listen to CAFN leadership introduce this innovative program, named Dän Ts'änānān— "A blessing for certain skills," to reflect the community values.

CAFN Language Instructor Khasha explained why this particular name was chosen for this unique program. He told the well-known story of the loon who helped the blind hunter see. The loon's offerings of medicine and support to the hunter were called *Ts'änānān*. The parallel was drawn between the loon, who met the man on his path and eventually guided him to see — and the program, which is based on a similar model of meeting someone where they are at and showing them the way forward.

Ultimately, the one who receives the support feels strong, self-sufficient and grateful. Then in turn, that person is able to give back to his or her community.

The talks were followed by an open house where the public circulated and were able to speak directly with the program team, ask them questions, and even start the registration process.

More than fifty people attended the event and also enjoyed a community dinner while they circulated and learned more about the program and how to get involved.



OVERVIEW OF THE DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN – “A BLESSING FOR CERTAIN SKILLS” PROGRAM

The Dän Ts'änänän Program 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 feel like their work makes a difference.



The core approach for this program is to guide participants for 12 months with personalized learning and training, combined with short-term work experience. Ultimately, it is hoped participants will end up with either full time employment, or heading to Yukon College for further education and trade certifications.

FUNDING & PARTNERSHIPS

The four-year \$7.5M project is funded through the Government of Canada's Skills and Partnership Fund (SPF), which supports projects to help Indigenous workers get the skills they need for long-term employment.

According to Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, “Breaking down barriers to employment for Indigenous people will ensure that everyone has a real and fair chance at success. Helping Indigenous people

get the skills and training they need to find good jobs will help grow the economy and strengthen the middle class and help those working hard to join it.”

The Yukon Literacy Coalition and Yukon College will be working together with CAFN to deliver the program content.

Project organizers are currently recruiting participants and will eventually serve up to 250 people over the course of the 41-month project.

DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN IS BASED ON THE TRADITIONAL STORY OF THE BLIND OLD MAN AND THE LOON



There is an old blind man who has relied on his wife to do things for him and has been left behind so that he won't slow his people down. The blind man, starving and thirsty, lost his way and calls out to a loon to help him.

The loon gives him a ride on his back and dives several times below the water of the lake. Each time they surface, the man's sight improves, with him being able to see clearly after the final dive.

The loon sings during his dives under the water with the man. The singing creates bubbles in the water that rise over the man's eyes, and help to gradually restore his vision.

After his sight is restored, the loon brings the man back to the edge of the lake. Grateful that his sight has been restored, the man gives the loon his most prized possession, his necklace.

This represents the vision of CAFN's leadership in supporting citizens toward the goal of self-sufficiency and reciprocity.

Once a person is healthy, well and able to support themselves, they are also in a position to make positive contributions toward improving their community.

Participants in Dän Ts'anānān Build Hope from Learning

Trauma from childhood or even in adulthood can change anyone's ability to find and keep work. People may have dropped out of school, stopped caring about working, or stayed in a job they don't like, feeling stuck for years. Some end up in a cycle of dependence.

Being of working age without a satisfying job is hard on anyone's self-confidence. People can end up feeling isolated and hopeless. It can be almost impossible to change all alone.

THE WAY TO FIND A NEW PATH AND BECOME SELF-RELIANT IS BY:

1. Starting with the right support that listens to each person's story with compassion;
2. Then helping the person create and implement a plan that meets them where they are now, and shows them the steps to move forward;
3. While supporting them with financial, educational and emotional resources along the pathway, until their goals are reached.

By helping each person, one by one, Dän Ts'anānān will reignite hope, restore confidence, and strengthen job skills and capacity within the community.

The ultimate goal of Dän Ts'anānān is to help every person of working age in the Champagne and Aishihik communities to have a good job that they like, so that they can financially support themselves and their families.

HERE'S HOW THE DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN PROGRAM WORKS

To get started, the interested person will sit down with a CAFN Wellness Support Worker and talk about their past and present work, their own skills and gifts, and their ideal job or career.

Then the team of Wellness Support Workers, Job Coaches and the participant will map out the steps to help them get there, starting exactly where they are at today and moving ahead one step at a time. By the time their own path through this program is completed, participants will be ready for a better job or to receive a college education.

Each participant's personal program is a mixture of individual work, classroom work, and on-the-job training, all supported with daily contact with a Job Coach and regular contact with a Wellness Support Worker. The entire Dän Ts'anānān team is there to guide and celebrate every step that each participant takes until they have achieved their goals.



This individual-centered approach with appropriate types and levels of support over the long run is what makes Dän Ts'anānān truly stand out from other training-to-employment programs.

When our people work, our community works better.



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DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:

Are you interested in getting a job or exploring a new career?

Have you dreamed of getting an education or going into a trade?

Are you a CAFN citizen or Indigenous person living in our community?

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

The program is designed to build on your strengths and help you develop yourself to secure rewarding and fulfilling work that aligns with your dreams. Our focus is on building capacity in all citizens – CAFN staff, underemployed citizens and unemployed citizens. Our goal is to assist 250 CAFN citizens and community members through Dän Ts'änänän over the next three years.

How is the Dän Ts'änänän program different from other employment training?

Most employment training programs offer the same programming for everyone. The problem is that people are not all the same. What one person needs to move forward is often different than what the next person may need.

Instead of a 'one size fits all' approach, DänTs'änänän programs are custom designed to meet each person's unique needs are meant to help each person move forward from where they are.

One person's program will look different from that of another person. We also provide each person with the support of our team members every step of the way.

To do this, we work one on one and privately with you. We take the time to listen to your story and to understand your individual situation.

From here, we continue to work together with YOU to map out the steps that will help you move past your barriers,

starting exactly where you are today and moving ahead one step at a time.

Our team will help you with your first steps - whether it is getting support for substance use, overcoming physical or mental health barriers, improving your literacy and numeracy skills, education or work experience. When you are done, you may start a good job or a college education.

Your program will be a mixture of individual work, classroom work, and on-the-job training, all supported with regular contact with your Job Coach and your Wellness Support Worker. The team is there to guide you and celebrate every step you take.

Since every program will be different, some people may take longer than others to work through their program.

Our team is here to support you when you are facing challenges or feeling stuck or overwhelmed.

Who is it for?

The program is for CAFN citizens and CAFN community members who fit one or more of the following:

- you have never had a job, or you wish you could change jobs;
- you are on Social or Income Assistance;
- you have not had any work recently, or are on Employment Insurance;
- you would like to improve your skill set and develop along your career path with more on-the-job training and/or formal education (including CAFN staff).

Getting Started With the Dän Ts'änānān Program Team



Mary Jane

Ama Mary Billy Smith, DaKlaweidi; Ata Tom Smith Sr., Kajet (CAFN). *I am one of the Wellness Support workers with the Dän Ts'änānān program.. I look forward to being with a dynamic team, and working with you.*



Maury

"Flying Eagle", Agunda clan - *I am honoured to be part of the Dän Ts'änānān team and feel that it will be a great benefit to all the citizens of CAFN. I acknowledge all the traditional teachers who shared their wisdom, to grow me into the helper I am today. Miigwich.*



Barb

My name is Barb Allen and I am excited to be part of the Dän Ts'änānān team. I am a member of CAFN and have worked for our government in various positions over the years. I enjoy working with our members and look forward to connecting with you in the future.

Step 1:

Talk With a Wellness Support Worker

The first step is to drop by, call or email the Wellness Support Worker in your community and set up an appointment for a private and confidential conversation.

You'll tell them your story and talk with them about your dreams for your life and the kind of job you would like.

Together, you will create a plan for moving forward, starting right where you are today.

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Your Wellness Support Worker will continue to check in with you often throughout the program.

Step 2:

Get Extra support

As you create and work through your plan, part of your support may be from your Job Coach or Financial Literacy Coach.

They will help you access resources that will support you on your career path, write a resume and apply for jobs.

Your Job Coach will be in regular contact with you during your placement, to ensure you aren't getting stuck or frustrated. And to cheer you on!

When you are finished the Dän Ts'anānān program, you will ideally have a good job or be starting formal training at Yukon College for a degree, diploma or a trade.

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***With the right support,
you have a much better chance of
reaching your destination.***

***That's what the Dän Ts'anānān
program is all about.***



Darlene

My parents are Paddy and late Stella Jim. Maternal Grandparents: Paddy Smith and Annie Ned. Paternal Grandparents: Little Jim and Maggie Jim. I am currently working as a Job Coach for the Whitehorse and Takhini area and I look forward to assisting CAFN members. I am excited and looking forward to the new experiences this position will give me, along with my own self-healing and numerous courses. I will be located in Whitehorse. So if you need help with your resume or cover letters, please come see me, call me, or just stop in for a coffee and visit.



Susan

I am really pleased to have the opportunity to work for CAFN as a member of the Dän Ts'anānān team. I was working for the Alsek Renewable Resource Council previously. My position here is to coordinate activities and opportunities for team members and for the people of CAFN. I have lived and worked in the CAFN Traditional Territory for the last 26 years and I am excited to be working with this team, the members of the Community Wellness department, and most of all you, the people of Champagne Aishihik First Nations.



Amanda

Amanda comes from the Cree and Haudenosaunee nations and is a community activist, an Auntie of many, and a connoisseur of tea, bannock, and dry meat. An advocate at heart, she dedicates her time to supporting both community-based and global approaches to Indigenous people's equality.



DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dänách'é.

Greetings and *Nän äyü nàkwà ntth'ät n-yè sàkúthj jè* (Happy New Year).

This winter at CAFN we remain focused on connecting, self-reliance and better government, while upholding *Dän K'e* (Our Way) values in all that we do.

Last November, Council met with directors to reaffirm our priorities for the remainder of our mandate. The following are some of the key items we are focusing on over the next several months. We are committed to continuing to engage with and update Citizens as these important projects continue.

Many of these priorities will be discussed during the upcoming March 10-11 Special General Assembly at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

We hope you will join us there!

DÄN K'E (OUR WAYS)

We are beginning to implement the outcomes of the Citizen Services project this spring and over the months to come. At our December 2017 Council meeting, we approved the Citizen Services project report and implementation plan. We look forward to sharing more details about these exciting changes as they are implemented.

CONNECTING

Christmas Connects

Now in its third year, our 2017 Christmas Connects program was an amazing success. Together Council, staff and volunteers hosted more than 15 events in our communities. Christmas is a time of gathering and celebrating family. CAFN's main goal was to support the people to ensure they feel welcome and loved. *Kwänaschis* — many thanks — to all who participated in CAFN events over the holidays.

Dákwänje Adult Language Immersion program

We are fully committed to revitalizing *Dákwänje*, our language. Our top goal is to begin delivering our very own adult language immersion program this fall. Curriculum development is well underway and planning for the program continues.

Graduates of the immersion program will be trained to become our language keepers to carry on our Southern Tutchone language to the next generations. For example, some may choose to become teachers at *Dákwänje Kų*, our new language house and daycare next to Da Kų Cultural Centre.

Post-Secondary Education Policy

CAFN is revising our Post-Secondary Education Policy for CAFN student funding. We want a policy that will better meet our peoples' needs, improve post-secondary opportunities and outcomes by students, and build stronger partnerships with educators.

SELF-RELIANCE

***Dän Ts'anānān* (a blessing for certain skills)**

The *Dän Ts'anānān* program is one of the most exciting things happening at CAFN right now. We believe this four-year program will be life-changing for some Citizens and will offer training-to-employment opportunities for all. Please see full details on the program and the exciting January 31 launch event on pages 1-7 of this newsletter.

Aishihik Relicensing

The relicensing process for the Aishihik dam (hydroelectric facility) has been underway for more than a year and continues until 2019. Our CAFN staff and the Aishihik Community Advisory Committee continue to devote a great deal of time and energy on behalf of CAFN people. Please watch for more updates in the months to come.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our economic development strategy is to create an environment for developing, investing in, and strengthening our community. We recently completed and signed a new Trust Deed that improves our corporate structure. Some specific initiatives we continue to build on are the Mät'atäna resort plan and a business plan for Da Kų Cultural Centre. Work to restructure and reinvigorate the role of the Champagne and Aishihik Community Corporation (CACC) also continues.

BETTER GOVERNMENT

Housing

Over the next few months we are finalizing changes to several housing policies at CAFN related to rental housing, home ownership, and more. We are also completing an analysis of our housing needs and finding ways to build new houses to meet those needs now and into the future.

In closing, I thank Citizens for your continued input and involvement in our government. Our CAFN Council is committed to following through for you.

Nänúchi'j sh'j (see you later).

Sincerely,

Kaaxnox, Dän nätthe ada
Chief Steve Smith



Chief Smith attended a forum for Canada's modern self-governing First Nations in Ottawa in late 2017.



Prime Minister Trudeau and Chief Smith at the treaty and self-governing First Nations forum.



Chief Smith and Minister Frost at the December 2017 Yukon Forum..



Passage of Bill C-17 and the YESAA Reset MOU were announced at the December 2017 Inter-Governmental Forum in Whitehorse (see page 10 for more details).

YESAA NEWS: RESET MOU SIGNED AS BILL C-17 PASSES INTO LAW!

On December 14, 2017 Bill C-17, *An Act to amend the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act (YESAA)*, passed third reading in the Senate and received Royal Assent.

This is a very important outcome for CAFN, and a victory for all self-governing Yukon First Nations because it upholds our Final Agreements.

Bill C-17 repeals problematic changes to YESAA, passed by the Government of Canada in 2014 through Bill S-6.

YESAA is significant because it outlines the development assessment process for projects in the Yukon. It is founded upon the provisions in the Umbrella Final Agreement. The amendments through Bill S-6 undermined and weakened the development assessment process, and our role in that process as Yukon First Nation governments.

There were four contentious amendments through Bill S-6:

- delegation of federal powers to the Yukon government;
- policy direction to the YESAA board;
- changes to timelines for assessments; and
- exemptions from renewals and amendments.

In October 2015, the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation, and the Teslin Tlingit Council, together with most self-governing Yukon First Nations filed a petition in the Yukon Supreme Court to declare the Bill S-6 amendments to YESAA invalid.

"First Nations support responsible development in our traditional territories and want relationships with industry, but we have to protect our agreements. We are forced to take legal action to bring certainty and clarity back to Yukon's development assessment process," said CAFN Chief Steve Smith, the day the petition was filed.

The petition stated that the Government of Canada failed to meet the steps required in Yukon First Nation Final Agreements, a breach of the First Nation treaties. It named the governments of Canada and Yukon as parties to the case.

In June 2016, following the election of the federal Liberal government, Canada introduced Bill C-17 and committed to correcting the situation. Since then, the court case has been held in abeyance. The Yukon government also pledged to support Bill C-17 following the October 2016 territorial election. Over the next year, the bill moved slowly through the legislative process, and finally passed third reading in the House of Commons in November 2017.

On December 15, 2017 – one day after Bill C-17 passed into law – the governments of Canada and Yukon, the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) and Yukon First Nations Chiefs proudly announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, also called the Reset MOU, to guide the governments in implementing YESAA.

In a joint news release, Chief Smith stated, "We are encouraged by Canada and Yukon's commitment to move forward with Yukon First Nations on this MOU that affirms future amendments to YESAA will be done jointly and avoid the mistakes of the past. Canada's continued efforts, with Yukon's support, to pass Bill C-17 and the signing of this agreement reflect progress toward a relationship of respect and reconciliation."

The new MOU sets a path forward for governments to work together and improve the Yukon environmental assessment process in the spirit of partnership, respect and cooperation. The structure provided by the MOU will also support the fulfillment of the Yukon First Nations Final Agreements.

The MOU includes the creation of a new oversight group for the environmental and socio-economic assessment process in Yukon, which will include representatives of Yukon First Nations, and the governments of Canada and Yukon.

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

The following are summaries of decisions made by Chief and Council during their October, November and December 2017 meetings.



Members of the CAFN and Village of Haines Junction councils raised the CAFN flag at the St. Elias Convention Centre on November 2, 2017.

CAFN FLAG

Chief and Council approved a request from the Village of Haines Junction for the use of CAFN's flag, and to be part of a raising ceremony on November 2nd.

Council also approved providing a flat to the Yukon College in Whitehorse to be raised in the future alongside all Yukon First Nations flags.

BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT ENHANCEMENT FUND (BEEF)

Council approved amendments to the CAFN Policy for the Business Employment Enhancement Fund, effective October 26, 2017.

FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION COMMISSION

Chief and Council appointed Colleen Joe-Titus as CAFN's designated representative to the First Nations Education Commission.

PORCUPINE CARIBOU

Chief and Council approved a resolution to support the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation in their battle to save the calving grounds of the Porcupine caribou herd.

CMHC SECTION 95 HOUSES

Council approved the Letter of Authorization and Ministerial Loan Guarantee Application for CMHC Section 95 Housing for construction of two new houses in Haines Junction for \$380,000.00 this year. Council confirmed the CAFN Housing Committee Housing Allocations Report will be used in the Tenant Selection Process for these two houses.

CHAMPAGNE AISIHIHK COMMUNITY CORPORATION (CACC)

The Council appointed Kari Johnston as a Director to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Community Corporation for a three year term effective December 14, 2017. Council attended a strategic planning session with the Community Corporation and is currently working on a formal agreement between the CAFN Chief and Council and the CACC.

CAFN LAND APPLICATIONS

The CAFN Chief and Council approved the following land applications:

- 2017-008 by Donna Jean Chambers for a Cabin on R-67A in Champagne, with conditions: legal review of waiver to the satisfactory indemnification of CAFN regarding contamination liability, 0.38 hectare allocation, heritage site inspection,

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CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

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harvest consent letter, adherence to set back of 100 feet.

- 2017-012 by Jared Hougen for Cabin/Recreational Lot on R-67A in Champagne subdivision, with conditions: 3 year build requirement.
- 2017-014 by Greg T. Smith for Residential Lot on C-6 in the Haines Junction Village subdivision, with conditions: 5 year build requirement, no infrastructure will be offered, written notice of releasing his Takhini River Subdivision lot allocation.
- 2017-013 by Donna Thibodeau for Cabin/Recreational Lot on R-67A in Champagne subdivision, with conditions: 3 year build requirement.

AISHIHIK RELICENSING

Council authorized Chief Smith to engage with and seek a commitment with the Yukon Government for a socio-economic agreement. A letter was sent from the Chief to the Premier.

FORESTRY IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

Chief and Council approved the recommended draft 2017 Forestry Implementation Agreement.

2018 SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Council agreed to hold a Special General Assembly. The original date of February 9-11, 2018 in Haines Junction was rescheduled to March 10-11, 2018.

CITIZEN SERVICES REPORT APPROVAL

Chief and Council approved the Citizen Services Initiative Phase II Final Report as a guiding document for Indigenous Management Change Structure to ensure CAFN serves and governs its Citizens with traditional values and practices. This report will create a foundation for Implementation and will be a living document.

FINANCE AND BUDGETS

Chief and Council approved the 2017-2018 Supplemental Budget.

Chief and Council approved amendments to the 2017/18 operating budget to reflect the program funding

received from Service Canada for the Dän Ts'änänän (formerly Our People Working Together).

Council authorized borrowing of up to \$700,000 dollars by way of a loan from the First Nation Bank of Canada for the purpose of funding the new Dákwänjē Kù.

Council approved signing a Commitment Letter with the First Nation Bank of Canada for CAFN's First Nation Market Housing Program.

DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN (FORMERLY OUR PEOPLE WORKING TOGETHER)

Chief and Council approved contracts with Yukon College for \$994,439; Yukon Literacy Coalition for \$798,500; Saint Elizabeth First Nations, Inuit & Metis Elder Care Program for \$55,350; and Langara College for \$50,000 to \$100,000 (plus GST). All are considered strategic partners for the Dän Ts'änänän program, are providing additional "in-kind" support, and are one of a kind organizations in the Yukon or Canada.

CHRISTMAS CONNECTS 2017

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations community members gathered this December and January for many excellent Christmas Connects events.

Our Christmas Connects program began in December 2014. The program focuses on bringing citizens together to support one another at what can be a difficult time of year – to connect with family and friends and celebrate the holiday season *dān k'e* (our way).

There were 15 Christmas Connect events this holiday season in addition to local community dinners. The events ranged from an exclusive Star Wars movie viewing to Lift Your Spirits days in Whitehorse, Takhini and Haines Junction, and wrapped up with the First Night New Year's Eve Celebration at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

Many thanks to the hard-working staff, volunteers and council members who helped organize and host these events, and to all the CAFN community members who participated.



REMEMBERING KÄT'Ä K'E, WORKING AK'ÄN DZĒNU, FOR OUR KÄT'Ä

Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Dän K'e • Listening to the Land • Strengthening our Family-Land Connection

The Heritage, Lands and Resources Department is working to continue our journey from self-government to self-reliance. A major part of the journey is finalizing the vision of our Settlement Land Use Plan (SLUP). SLUP will focus on planning for our Traditional Territory in the Yukon and B.C., with an emphasis on our R-blocks and Site specifics. Having our plan ready will ensure Dän K'e, *Our Way* is followed as we prepare for Regional Land Use Planning.

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED:

Focus Groups and Community Dinners

Throughout the fall, the SLUP team worked with citizens to build on the knowledge collected during the spring and summer of 2017. We hosted

a second round of focus groups and community dinners similar to our spring discussions of *kät'ä k'e*, yesterday and *ak'än dzēnu*, today to collectively envision our shared *kät'ä*, tomorrow.

The focus groups found, when considering *Kät'ä*, and how our land use plan can strengthen our Family-Land Connection, there are three themes:

STRONG, ROOTED FAMILIES

Strengthening Culture & Language
Healing, Identity & Worth
Reconnecting with Traditional Places
Empowering CAFN Government
Traditional Food & Medicine
Cabin Allocation & Accessibility
Youth Empowerment

SHARED PROSPERITY

Mineral Development
Renewable Energy
Oil & Gas
Tourism
Agriculture
Forestry
Land Leasing Opportunities
Transportation and Infrastructure
Trapping

SHARED STEWARDSHIP (Stewd)

Heritage
Climate Change
Fish & Wildlife
Water & Drinking Water
Fire
Contaminated Sites
Control, Access & Stewardship of our Trails



Harold Kane and Jocelyn Joe-Strack at the November 29 workshop.



Khasha helps explain the Animal Mother creation story.



Participants hard at work during the Land Use Planning Workshop.



Percy Allen shares ideas for next steps.

LAND USE PLANNING WORKSHOP

On November 29, we held a Land Use Planning Workshop at Da Kų with 50 citizens. During the workshop we reviewed one of our creation stories, *Animal Mother*, as told by Elder Maggie Brown (Moose), investigated What is Stewardship Dān K'e?, and broke out into smaller groups to discuss 'hot topics', including: Cabin Allocation, Hunting, Reconnecting with Traditional Places, Tourism and Mining.

Overall, the workshop was a success and provided the Land Planning team with an additional wealth of information to move onto our Next Steps.

PREPARING DRAFT 1

In the meantime, we are analyzing and reflecting on the knowledge heard and collected to prepare CAFN's Settlement Land Use Plan DRAFT 1, which is scheduled for release during summer/fall 2018. This will be followed by round three of citizen engagement.



NEXT STEPS

Citizen Survey: online, in person or on paper, we want to hear from you!

We recognize that not all citizens have had the opportunity to provide their perspective and vision for tomorrow. So, we're preparing a survey that citizens can complete online, in person or on paper.

We hope to hear from as many folks as possible. The survey will be available in March 2018 and will close at the end of the spring.

Complete a survey and enter your name for door prizes, including an Air North pass, cool outdoor gear and more!

DÁKWÄNJĚ

DAKWÄN DÀNÁCH'E

All-of-you how-are-all-of-you

DAKHĚAWĚDÍ ÍCH'E

Killerwhale-clan I-am

SHADHĚLA TS'ÄN ÍCH'E

Sun-mountain-little from i-am

GUCH'ÄN K'È LUKE CAMPBELL ÛÚYE

White-person way Luke Campbell
my-name-is

I am very excited to be in my new position as "Dän k'è kwänje ajasadla". I will be based out of Dákù and will be providing programming in Kwänlin, Takhini, ShadhĚl, ye Dakwà kà da for ANYONE that wants to enrich their ability to understand, speak, read, write, and enhance DákwanjĚ.

CAFN is pleased to announce immersion opportunities open to EVERYONE.

Immersion sessions will be a day to celebrate and speak DákwanjĚ.

DÁKWÄNJĚ DZENU

11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thay nzhā (March) 10 – ShadhĚla Kù

Tsäl nzhā (April) 7 – Location TBD

Ntāy nzhā (May) 26 – Location TBD

LEARN DÁKWÄNJĚ THROUGH STORYTELLING

Come and participate in an interactive storytelling session. Luke Campbell and a special guest will be there to tell a fun story that will have people laughing and learning.

Tuesdays from 2 to 2:45 p.m.
at the main CAFN office in
Dakwà kà da

Wednesdays from 2 to 2:45 p.m. at Da
Kù

INTENSIVE DÁKWÄNJĚ LESSONS

These classes are for anyone who is serious about increasing their speaking, reading, and writing skills in DákwanjĚ. All levels of speakers are welcome to register.

Classes will be Tuesday and
Wednesday from 4:45 to 6 p.m.

Please contact Luke Campbell in
order to register.

Nt'āy nzhā (May) 29



CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

Dá dän Nän Kay Känädän

(Our People Learning on the Land)

Spring Break Camp in Łu Ghą: March 20-25

- Fishnet, set lines and cleaning
- Safety Activities *See waiver*
- Survival teachings and games with the Rangers
- Mitts and Hunting Bag projects
- Daily DákwanjĚ lessons for all levels
- Bison Hunt *See waiver*

...and more

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

Waiver and information packet available at CAFN offices

DÁKWÄNJĒ GHÀKWÄNJE

Ye nch'ja?	What do you have
Tle'l ga kwjnyja ích'j	I have a smart phone
Tl'el ga kwjnyja nch'ja ?!?!?!?!?	You have a smart phone !?!?!?!?!?
Àghāy, tlaya ch'aw dín'j	Yes, I am telling the truth
Kwints'j	I am jealous
Tl'el ga kwjnyja duket ni	You should buy a smart phone
Äjù danā ích'j	I dont have any money
Yeka äjù danā nch'j?	Why don't you have any money?
Äjù ndasídla ak'an	I am not working right now
Yeka äjù ndasjdlaa?	Why are you not working
Dízhät Ts'etlāw, ts'etlāw, ts'etlāw	I fart all the time
eeeeewwwwwwwww	eeeeeeewwwwwwwww
Ítsäy. Äjù tl'el ga kwjnyja ích'j Danā nch'ja?	I am crying. I have no smart phone. Do you have any money?
Gwwwwaaaaaayyyyyy! Gäna nch'e Àghāy danā ích'j	Gwwwwaaaaaayyyyyy. You poor thing. Yes I have money.
Danā jè	Give me money
Äjù kwjnji. Kwídlāw kù ts'ā n díkel shj.	You're crazy. I am going to the bingo hall.
Tl'ahy	

Make a video of you and a friend playing out this script ONLY in Dákwänjē. Äjù guch'an k'è ghàkwänje! Upload your video to Youtube and send the Link to lcampbell@cafn.ca

Łà ki (2) \$50 gift certificates to Air North will be awarded to the video with the best costume and best acting.

All submissions must be handed in by Thay nzhā (March) 16, 2018.

CAFN 2016-17 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

WHITEHORSE

Grade 8:

Adam Titus
Tiana Oles
Zerryn Martin
Zander Leslie

Grade 9:

Mya Kinney
Anya Jim
Erin Jim
Sean Barnaby
Kenneth Hubbard
Graham Macdonald
Frankie Chartrand

Grade 11:

Zabrina Leslie

Grade 12:

Allanah Johnson
Jamie Joe-Hudson

ST. ELIAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Grade 8

Ecko Kirk

Grade 9

Cara McCuaig
Douglas McKinnon
Tiara Kinney-Johns

Grade 10

Nicholas Williams
Jordan Cote-Germain
Trevor Jones

Shāw thun. Congratulations on a job well done!

RENEWABLE RESOURCES UPDATE

TRAPPING

We are now in the third year of the Community Wolf Trapping Program that is part of our Alsek Moose Management Strategy. The program is focused on the west side of Game Management Zone 7 (west of Kusawa Lake to the Haines Highway, and south to the Yukon/BC border), and is a partnership between CAFN, Yukon Government (YG), and the Alsek Renewable Resource Council. The three-year pilot program, which ends in 2018, is intended to help stabilize and recover the moose population in the Alsek area. Between 1998 and 2008, the population had declined by 44 per cent. More information about the program is available in the Spring 2017 issue of the CAFN newsletter. Copies can be found online at <https://cafn.ca/news/> or at our office. The trapping program will be evaluated at the end of this year, with a possibility of a funding extension until 2020.

I'm excited to have Levi Graham as our new coordinator this year, and to continue our great working relationship with Peter Knamiller, YG's Wolf Program Coordinator. It's also fantastic to see the continued interest of trappers participating in this program, sharing what they've learned with each other, and teaching the next generation. A big thank you to all the Registered Trapping Concession holders who gave their permission for assistant trappers licences – we couldn't do this without you!

We'll be meeting with the trappers and concession holders in January to review the plan for the rest of the season. Want to get involved? It's not too late. The program will be running until March 31 – call Levi! We're also planning public meetings in the spring, to present the results from the program and talk about next steps.

We're planning to offer the YG Basic Trapper Training course here in Haines Junction. Depending on the availability of the instructors, we're hoping to hold it in either February/March or September 2018. This course is required to get a trapping licence. If you're interested in attending, please call Levi to get your name on the list.

In other trapping news...wolverine carcasses are wanted! Trappers are being asked to voluntarily submit skinned wolverine carcasses (head included) to YG Environment for a \$50 payment. Carcasses will be used for studies on sex, age, diet, and disease. Wolverines are currently listed as a Species of Special Concern across Canada, and may

be affected by climate change and harvest. The studies will help scientists better understand this elusive species, and help develop national management plans.

MOOSE AND WOLF SURVEYS

Part of the Alsek Moose Management Strategy, along with the wolf trapping program, was for YG to enhance monitoring of moose and wolf populations in the same focus area.

In 2013, census surveys were conducted on the moose population in the Kluane/Paint Mountain area, south of Gladstone Creek and north of the Alaska Highway, and in 2015 in the Alsek area, bound by Kusawa Lake, the BC border, and the Haines/Alaska Highways. The next census is scheduled for 2020.

Between census surveys, YG does annual recruitment surveys. The surveys count the number of calves that cow moose produce on average in a certain area. We know that moose can have fewer or greater numbers of calves in a given year because of factors like weather and/or predation, so it's important to look at the data over multiple years to see changes and trends over time. The information also helps determine whether harvest levels are sustainable or need to be changed, and whether wolf trapping is having an impact on the population.

Moose recruitment surveys are flown by helicopter in early winter, with crews of three observers looking at blocks of land that are 4 km x 4 km. Any moose spotted are counted and classified as bulls, cows and calves. Harry Smith, Tom Millspaugh and I assisted with these surveys in November. I will be investigating ways that more community members can assist in the surveys. Right now YG says that assistants must be CAFN employees, due to safety and liability concerns.

No survey results are available yet. YG's Moose Biologist, Sophie Czetwertynski, is working with a consultant to look more at the survey techniques, and do some computer modelling and statistical analyses. We'll update you in the next newsletter.

Wolf aerial surveys will be done in February/March 2018 to estimate wolf population size, pack size and distribution.

Thanks to YG Kluane Regional Biologist, Shawn Taylor, for his input on this section!

OTHER WORK

Harry Smith, a Fish and Wildlife Monitor, has been keeping all our equipment running smoothly, talking to bison hunters, and getting ready to accompany school groups in February on their annual bison hunts.

I've also been helping with technical reviews of fish and wildlife studies for the Aishihik Dam Relicensing Project, working closely with the Alsek Renewable Resource Council, investigating funding opportunities, improving communications with researchers working in CAFN Traditional Territory, and working on several new and exciting projects that you'll hear more about very soon.

WHAT'S NEXT

Wolves are only one of many factors that could be impacting moose populations. There are other factors to consider, like other predators, including grizzly bears, harvesting, disturbances from increasing access and land use, and climate change. Our future work will focus on the

"bigger picture", and we'll be talking to community members more about creating a strategy. Watch for notices about upcoming meetings in 2018.

In the spring newsletter I'll also update you on work we're doing related to bison, elk, caribou, salmon, other fish species, and bears, as well as other projects that will be happening this year under the Community-Based Fish and Wildlife Workplan 2016-2021. The workplan is a partnership between CAFN, YG, and the Alsek Renewable Resource Council. And I promise to have pictures!

My door is always open, and I welcome your ideas and suggestions.

Monica Krieger

Renewable Resources Manager
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3mkrieger@cafn.ca

WE NEED BAIT!

The Community Wolf Trapping Program is looking for bait. If you are successful in your moose, bison or elk hunt, we would appreciate getting the hide, bones, and guts. Freezer-burnt meat would be good too.

Out in the field it would be ideal if you lay out the hide, put the bones/guts in the middle, and fold it in to freeze. Please put a hole in the front of the skin for easy retrieval. If you are going to drag it out, you should leave it 200-300 yards from the road, and off the trail. Call Levi and tell him where to pick it up.



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Levi Graham

**Community Trapping Coordinator
Department of Heritage, Lands and Resources**

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2017 CAFN STAFF AWARDS

Congratulations! Shāw nithän to everyone honoured at CAFN's staff awards and Christmas dinner on December 1, 2017. An extra special thanks and congratulations to Lilly Smith on her 45 years of service.

2017 LONG SERVICE AWARDS:

1 year of service:

Merrilee Basic
Kyra Chambers
Margaret Chiblow
Dena Graham
Sheila Greer
Craig Hampton
Troy Johns
Nancy Low
Dixie Smeeton
Miranda Williams

5 years of service:

Kelli Backstrom
Stewart Breithaupt
Elly Jackson
Robert Jackson

10 years of service:

Jacquie Chambers
Kevin Joe
Richard Smith

15 years of service:

Sheila John
Ian Robinson

45 years of service:

Lilly Smith

CHIEF AND COUNCIL VISION AWARD – DÄN KWÄK'E NDAL (WALKING OUR WAY)

Winners: Management Committee as a whole

Fran Asp
Denise Beattie
Rob Fendrick
Trish George
Craig Hampton
Brenda Jackson
Colleen Joe-Titus
Krista Reid
Ian Robinson
Dixie Smeeton
Diane Strand



December 2017 Long Service Award recipients.

2017 STAFF CHOICE AWARDS:

Outstanding Service Provider

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

Winners by tie:

Margaret Chiblow
Debbie Williams

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.

Winner:

Richard Smith

THE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Leadership Award honours a staff member 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:

Craig Hampton
Diane Strand



Richard Smith receives the Cultural Role Model Award.



Diane Strand and Craig Hampton receive the Leadership Award.



Surrounded by her family, Lilly Smith receives special recognition for 45 years of service.



Management Committee members receive the Chief and Council Vision Award.

NEW FACES



MEGAN GRABOWSKI Environment and Natural Resource Officer

As Environment and Natural Resource Officer, part of my job is to compile comments from CAFN to YESAB about impacts of projects in the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territories. If there are any YESAB projects that impact you or that you are concerned about, feel free to email (mgrabowski@cafn.ca), call (456-6877) or visit me at the Whitehorse offices. I will incorporate your feedback into a CAFN comment, and/or assist in getting your comment to the YESAB Designated Office or YESAB Online Registry. As a recent addition to the CAFN HLR team, I am keen to listen and learn, and will work hard to submit comments to YESAB that reflect CAFN values.

867-456-6877
mgrabowski@cafn.ca



LEVI GRAHAM Trapping Coordinator

Dannch'e, hoping that everyone's staying warm and having a great winter so far. I would like to share how excited I am to get out on the land with you. I am responsible for coordinating wolf trapping on Game Management Zone 7 and looking forward to accompany you on the land.

The main objective of the wolf trapping program is to stabilize and recover moose. Moose harvest has been higher than sustainable levels in recent history, but not in relation to current harvest and the current moose estimate. Wolves haven't been identified to be more abundant than average, but we are trying community wolf trapping as an additional opportunity to allow for moose recovery in a local area. This is important for local harvesters.

The key is to have as many local community members taking part and doing the trapping as possible, this will enable us to be a success at the Alsek Moose Recovery program. If you want to be a part of this program, if you are interested in getting your trapping licence, or if you have some questions about wolves, feel free to give me a shout at 867-689-3464 or in the lands office.



MONICA KRIEGER Renewable Resources Manager

I am honoured and happy to be working with CAFN in my new role as Renewable Resources Manager. I joined the Haines Junction office on October 23.

I grew up in small farming communities in Alberta, but have lived in the North for about 20 years. My family is German and Russian, and my last name Krieger (I've heard lots of people saying it wrong, so it's pronounced "kree-grrrrrr"), means "warrior" in German. I always try to follow my Dad's advice, to go out every day and live up to my name – to fight for what is right and not be afraid to be different, try something new, and challenge the status quo.

I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Archaeology, and began my career working with First Nations in Alberta. I actually specialised in Mayan and Aztec archaeology, and thought I would go back to finish my Master's degree in Mexico or Central America somewhere. But I went north instead of south, and never went back! Along the way, I became more interested and involved with the environmental issues that were impacting the First Nations communities I lived in.

So I decided to change careers. I moved to Whitehorse in 2001 and completed the Renewable Resources Management Technology diploma.

Since then, I've worked with First Nations in northern Alberta, the Yukon, and the NWT, including many years in fly-in communities. I've been a lands and environment department director, land use planner, lands manager, environmental monitor, community-industry liaison, Traditional Knowledge study coordinator, communications specialist, and many other roles. Here in the Yukon, I've lived in Whitehorse, Dawson City, Burwash Landing, and Haines Junction (twice). Most recently, I had been working since 2015 as an Assessment Officer with the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) in the Haines Junction office.

I am passionate about community-based monitoring programs, land stewardship initiatives, showing how science and Traditional Knowledge can complement each other, capacity building, mentoring and training for youth, collaborative projects to achieve shared goals, and finding innovative ways to get people enthusiastic and engaged.

If you have questions or concerns about fish and wildlife, want to give me some advice on what my priorities should be, or just want to have a coffee (or find out about my crazy allergy to potatoes)...stop by anytime, and I look forward to meeting many of you out on the land!



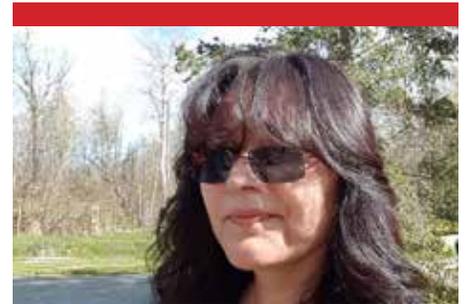
JONATHAN LEGER Land Manager

Born in Moncton, New Brunswick, Jonathan received his Bachelors of Science in Forest Management from the University of New Brunswick in 2004. He moved to the Yukon in 2005, and has worked with the Government of Yukon since 2007 within the Department of Energy, Mines & Resources as a Natural Resource Officer, Lands Officer and Land Claims Officer.

Jonathan is the partner of Mary Jane Allison, Native Language Instructor at St. Elias School. He enjoys the outdoors whether it be hunting, fishing or just enjoying the natural beauty that only the Yukon can offer.

ELIZABETH F. SMITH Elementary Education Support Worker

My name is Elizabeth F. Smith. I would like to thank CAFN for offering me the opportunity to join the Education Department as the Elementary Educational Support Worker for the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations members in the Whitehorse elementary schools.



My traditional and cultural ties originate from Asheyi. I spent summers living traditionally; hunting, fishing and gathering. My school years were in the Haines Junction education system. I had the opportunity to learn from influential teachers, who sparked and guided my interests in academic studies. I raised my kids, worked and completed various post-secondary training in Victoria, B.C.. My educational focus was medicine. I am a licensed nurse, and have worked in Victoria General Hospital; Medical/Surgical, Acute Stroke, Oncology, Respiratory and Rehabilitation Units. I thoroughly enjoyed working in a Long-Term Care Facility that concentrated its care on Veterans. I completed an Associate of Arts Degree; focusing on Biological, Mental, Sociological, Physiological, Environmental and Biomedical areas of Psychology.

My other work experience includes various advocacy roles in elder, youth and community support positions. The comprehensive First Nations Family Support Worker Certificate Program equipped me to understand, and support individuals with a wide variety of issues and background history of First Nations people and their families.

I have recently returned to the Yukon, and I look forward to supporting the goals of our nation's future leaders

ANNOUNCEMENTS



With Great Sadness
We announce the passing of

Darrell Richard Brown

February 13, 1973—October 2017

The Millspaugh and Brown Family
would like to thank the community of
CAFN and Haines Junction from the
bottom of our hearts.

A Big Thank You to Rose Kushniruk
and Charlene Hume for all their time
and effort in supporting Tom and I.

Judy



**TAKHINI RIVER SUBDIVISION
WOMEN'S CIRCLE**

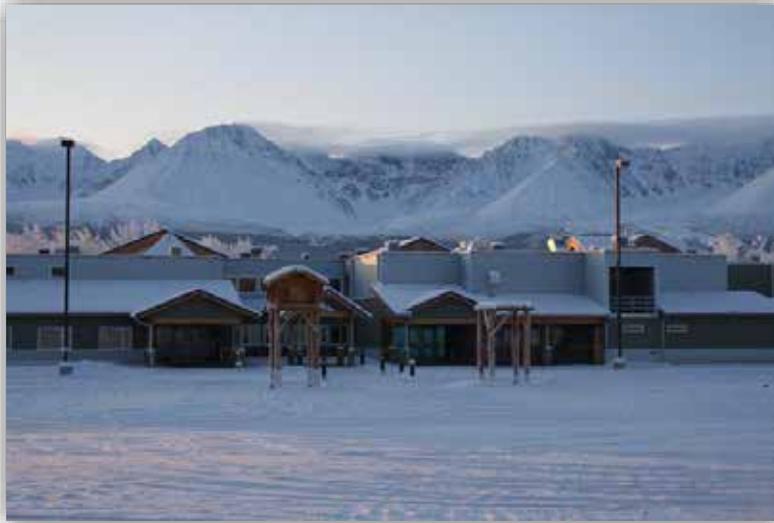
Every Tuesday in March (March 6/13/20/27) at the hall
From 6pm-8pm

Join us for a meal and talking circle
Learn about breathing techniques to help keep your cool in stressful situations
and relax your mind & body
Participate in a Guided Meditation Sessions with Joelle Klinck

For more information call/text Lisa at 332-5243 or Lexi at 689-0617
Wear something comfortable and feel free to bring a mat or blanket

**We are hoping to use some essential oils – please let Lisa or Lexi know if
you need our meeting to be scent free**

Dän K'e – Our Way



REVISED DATES: **SPECIAL CAFN** **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** **MARCH 10 & 11, 2018**

BUSINESS STARTS AT 9:00 AM DAILY

CAFN Chief and Council have called a Special General Assembly to address some important issues and will be seeking support for exciting new initiatives.

We encourage all citizens to attend.

~ Door Prize! AirNorth Air Pass ~

Please watch for more details at:
CAFN.ca/government/general-assembly



LANGUAGE IMMERSION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
INITIATIVES
CITIZEN SERVICES
HOUSING
DAKWAKADA CAPITAL
INVESTMENTS UPDATE

ALL CITIZENS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND

*ALL MEALS WILL
BE PROVIDED
*HOTEL ROOMS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR
DELEGATES
*CITIZEN GAS
REIMBURSEMENT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT WITH SIXTIES SCOOP SURVIVORS

In early October, the federal government agreed to settle an outstanding class action lawsuit for survivors of the Sixties Scoop.

What does this mean?

It means that First Nations and Inuit children who were taken from their homes by the government between 1951 and 1991 are entitled to financial compensation. People will receive between \$25,000-\$50,000, depending on the number of claimants who come forward. The settlement includes Indians and Inuit, as defined under the Indian Act, who were removed from their homes and lost cultural identity between 1951 and 1991. Settlements will only be paid to eligible claimants in the class action lawsuit.

If you or members of your family are Sixties Scoop survivors from the Yukon and would like to learn more and submit your name and basic details to be part of the class action lawsuit, please contact:

Shier & Jerome Yukon Lawyers

(867) 668-2600

Toll Free 1-877-668-8882

info@shierjerome.ca



CONGRATULATIONS TO SKYLAR GEE

Congratulations to Skylar Gee on placing 10th in the COMP Cams ASCS Mid-South Short Track Nationals in Leduc, Alberta in October 2017! For more details and the full story on his race, please visit www.ascsracing.com/news/?i=54423



Graduation Announcement



Maisie Smith

Graduated on September 2017 with a

Masters of Arts

in Counselling Psychology

from the University of British Columbia.

She is a part of the Wolf & Daklaweidi Clan,

her ancestry is Tlingit and Northern Tutchone

and she is a Champagne and Aishihik First Nations citizen.

Maisie is a member of the Canadian Counselling

SPECIAL GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Alan MacDonald (Chop Chop) – October 2

Bonnie Chambers – October 19

Mayzie Campbell a very happy 1st birthday October 22

Cameron Sidney – October 29

Maddison Dupont a very happy 2nd 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 – “30” December 17

Roy Wabisca – “89” December 21

Joe Knight – December 22

Mike Telep – December 25

Lena Smith-Tutin – December 30

Fran Oles – December 31

Fred Chambers – January 5

From the Wabisca, Telep, Knight and Bratt families.

Happy Birthday to daughter, sister and Aunt Melissa Imbeau on January 4 and Happy 3rd Birthday to our beautiful granddaughter, niece and cousin Piper Mae Imbeau on January 9. Love Dad (Grampa Ron), Angie (Grannie Annie), Kaylea (Auntie) and Wyatt (Uncle) and cousin August Eden Drift.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jackie Williams – January 1

Laurie Strand – January 4

John B.L. Scurvey – January 7

Charlene Hume – January 20

Suzie Hume – January 31

Johnny Kushniruk – January 17

Benny Jim – January 19

Darlene Jim – January 24

From the Jim Family.

A birthday greeting for January 5th for Fred Chambers and January 18th for Adrianna Sidney. With love from Shadelle and family.

We'd like to wish a Birthday Wish to our daughter Doreen Williams on January 20, 2018 and also our 2 grandsons, Alexander and Nicholas for January 15, 2018. We wish our granddaughter Casey Williams a Big Happy Birthday for February 18, 2018, her 6th birthday!

From Grandma Vera and Grandpa John at Haines Junction.

We would like to wish our son, Gerald Asp a Happy Birthday for February 26, 2018. From Mom and Dad.



Happy 16th Birthday to Erin and Anya Jim on February 15!



WELCOME TO NEW CAFN BABY

Isaac George Ned Sidney-Ross born, September 23, 2017, 10 lbs 8 oz to Lena Sidney & Tyler Ross (Grandpa Delmer MacDonald)



ALEX & SUE VAN BIBBER

“Always remembered & greatly missed by family & friends”

February 28 will be 6 years since Sue left us, and it was 3 years on November 26 when Alex went “to the mansion in the sky” (his words).

Return Address:

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Destination Address:

CAFN CALENDAR

Tuesdays in March - Women's Circle at Takhini River Subdivision, 6 to 8 p.m.

March 7 - Naloxone Training and Fentanyl Awareness Presentations, with Blood Ties Four Directions and the Haines Junction Health Centre,, 11:45am at the Youth Centre. Lunch provided. Please contact Marion for more details at (867) 456-6889.

March 10-11 - Special General Assembly, at Da Kų Cultural Centre. Business starts at 9 a.m. daily.

March 15-23 - Spring Break, St. Elias Community School, Dakwākāda.

March 20-25 - Dādān Nān Kay Kānādān Camp-Klukshu Spring Break Camp (Our People Learning on the Land), in Łu Ghą - Klukshu. Information and registrations packages available at CAFN offices. For more information please contact: Margaret Chiblow at (867) 634-5244.

March 16-18 - 41st Kilrich Yukon Native Hockey Tournament, Whitehorse.

March 22 - Chief and Council meeting, Council Chambers, Dakwākāda.

April 7 - Dákwānjē ghākwanje dzenų, a fun day of Dákwānjē immersion. Location TBD, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

April 10 - For the Sake of the Children Workshop, 5:30 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

April 18-26 - Jack Hulland Kets'ādān kų culture week.

May 29 - 25th Anniversary of Signing the CAFN Final and Self-Government Agreements (May 29, 1993).

April 18-26 - Jack Hulland Kets'ādān kų culture week. Activities will be held during the school day to celebrate Yukon First Nation culture at Jack Hulland Elementary school.

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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