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ÄDÄLÄT SPRING 2017

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Chief Smith signs the Äghàaḷān (My Relatives) Enrollment Act following third reading on December 16, 2016.

ÄGHÀAḶĀN ENROLLMENT ACT

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Chief and Council passed the Äghàaḷān (My Relatives) Enrollment Act on December 16, 2016.

“This may be one of the most important laws our First Nation ever passes, because it is about who we are as Champagne and Aishihik people,” said Dän Nätthe Ada Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith). “The Äghàaḷān Act ensures CAFN has a fair, consistent process for enrollment today and in the future as our nation grows.”

WHAT IS THE ACT ABOUT?

The Äghàaḷān Enrollment Act:

- Makes it clear who can and cannot enroll under the CAFN Final Agreement;
- Requires CAFN ancestry for a person to be eligible to enroll;
- Lays out a clear, fair process to ensure CAFN Citizens are enrolled in a timely fashion;
- Builds on Chapter 3 of our CAFN Final Agreement;
- Clarifies that dual-enrollment with CAFN is not allowed (i.e. people who are enrolled or status with two First Nations in Canada); and
- Is an exercise of CAFN's powers to create our own laws under our Self-Government Agreement.



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WHAT WAS THE PROCESS LEADING TO THE ACT?

- In 2004, 2005 and 2010, Citizens passed resolutions at the CAFN General Assembly calling for work to resolve dual enrollment and to establish a fair, timely process for enrollment.
- CAFN staff and legal counsel researched options to establish the enrollment process and criteria, and considered a variety of options, ultimately recommending that an act would be the best tool for CAFN enrollment.
- In 2014, the Chief and Council passed a resolution that CAFN develop its own enrollment law.
- In July 2015, Council passed the first reading of the Act. That fall, community input on the draft Act was gathered through consultation, in CAFN communities, with the Elders Executive and Senate, a questionnaire was also developed and given out at the General Assembly and by mail, and online
- In October 2015, Council passed second reading of the Act. Work continued in close consultation with Chief and Council to confirm details on the criteria for enrollment and the definition of ancestry.

DOES THE ACT AFFECT MY RIGHTS TO ACCESS FUNDING, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES?

- No, the Act does not deal with any details on the benefits of being enrolled with CAFN. Those are dealt with in CAFN policies on programs and services, which are completely separate from this Act.

The development of the Äghàalān Enrollment Act has been a long, careful process, with in-depth research and serious consideration by the Council to determine the best process and criteria for enrollment of CAFN people today and for many years to come.

The Act is available at www.cafn.ca/about/guiding-documents/laws-regulations/.

For more information on enrollment with CAFN, please contact **Lilly Smith** at **(867) 634-4200 ext. 235** or lsmith@cafn.ca.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. The purpose of the Äghàalān Enrollment Act is to create a fair, consistent process for Enrollment.

In response to Citizens (GA resolutions in 2004, 2005 and 2010) CAFN has diligently worked to create a fair, consistent, and transparent process for enrollment, with CAFN ancestry as the main basis for enrollment.

2. Anyone with CAFN ancestry is eligible to enroll with CAFN.

Ancestry is the central basis for a person to be eligible to enroll with CAFN. Anyone who can trace their lineal ancestry to a CAFN person (birth parent, grandparent, or great grandparent) is eligible to apply for enrollment with CAFN.

3. No one has been or will be removed from CAFN's current Enrollment List due to the passage of our new Enrollment Act.

The Äghàalān Enrollment Act only impacts new enrollment with CAFN going forward. No one who is enrolled with CAFN has been or will be removed.

4. The Äghàalān Enrollment Act builds upon the CAFN Final Agreement and exercises our Self-Government rights.

The 1993 CAFN Final Agreement lays out the basic parameters for enrollment in Chapter 3. The new Äghàalān Enrollment Act builds upon the Final Agreement by requiring CAFN ancestry to enroll, and by clarifying that dual-enrollment with CAFN is not allowed (i.e. people who are enrolled or status with two First Nations in Canada).

The Äghàalān Enrollment Act is an exercise of CAFN's powers to create our own laws, as we have the authority to do under our Self-Government Agreement.

5. The Äghàalān Enrollment Act took effect February 14, 2017 – the 44th anniversary of the day Elijah Smith and Yukon First Nation leaders presented Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow to Parliament in Ottawa.



DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dänách'é.

Greetings to *Shadhäla, Äshèyi yè kwädän* (Champagne and Aishihik First Nations) people in the Yukon and beyond.

CONNECTING

This January I participated in the Yukon Forum with government of Yukon and Yukon First Nation leaders. The Forum resulted in a joint action plan and declaration for a renewed relationship based on reconciliation and collaboration. The Yukon Forum is scheduled to take place four times in total in 2017, with the next meetings planned for April, September and December.

At Yukon Days in Ottawa this February, I spent much of my time meeting with federal ministers. The positive reception by federal leaders was an important first and I am happy with this progress. I was joined at Yukon Days by Zerryn Martin and Richard

Smith to perform the special welcome drumming for the Premiere's Gala.

I also met with Yukon Premier Sandy Silver in February. We discussed CAFN's economic development strategy, opportunities for funding our CAFN Language Hub through the Community Development Fund, and our application for Canada 150 funding for our upcoming *Da Kų Nän Ts'etthet* (Our House is Waking up the Land) festival this June 2-4. Premier Silver committed to supporting our Canada 150 application and to supporting completion of our economic development strategy.

In March, I attended the Intergovernmental Forum (IGF) in Whitehorse with Carolyn Bennet

(Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada), Sandy Silver (Yukon Premier), and Yukon First Nation chiefs. It was an important discussion, which included movement on renewal of our Financial Transfer Agreement (FTA) with Canada and a report on the progress of Bill C-17 that is intended to reverse the problematic amendments to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Act (YESAA). Since the IGF, second reading of Bill C-17 in Parliament has been delayed. Until the Bill passes, CAFN and other Yukon First Nations will maintain our court case calling for Canada to reverse the amendments made to YESAA by Bill S-6.

Dän K'e (Our Ways)

I was happy to connect with CAFN Youth, Elders and people at our *Dä dän Nän Kay Känádän* (Our people learning on the land) camp during spring break at Klukshu. *Kwänischis* to everyone who participated, especially all the staff and workshop leaders who mentored our young learners in *Dän k'e*. Thank you to Shannon Walker and the Southern Tutchone Tribal Council for offering additional workshops throughout the camp. The fur hat bands were a hit!

Deputy Chief Kathleen VanBibber and Councillor Rose Kushniruk



Premier's reception at Yukon Days – Chief Smith, Zerryn Martyn and Richard Smith drumming welcome.

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attended an important Yukon First Nation school visioning session in early February. A second First Nation school session is scheduled to take place soon, which I will also attend.

Council is forming a CAFN standing committee on Language. I will chair the standing committee, and Councillor Chambers and senior staff will also participate.

Da Kų Nän Ts'etthet festival planning is underway. The CAFN celebration of drumming and dance is happening this June 2-4 at Da Kų Cultural Centre. Elder Councillor Carol Buzzell and Councillor Kushniruk are participating with planning on behalf of Council. The celebration will include performances by local and visiting dance groups, workshops, singing, song-writing, drumming, dancing and much more. CAFN will be hosting regalia-making workshops to prepare for the festival soon. Please watch for more details.

The Dakwākāda Dancers, who are celebrating their 25th anniversary, are also busy preparing for *Da Kų Nän Ts'etthet*. If you would like to perform with the Dancers, please contact Monica Primozic, Diane Strand or Richard Smith. We want as many Citizens as possible to join us.

SELF-RELIANCE

Phase 1 of the Matatana resort feasibility study report has been completed by our contractors (Legacy Tourism Group). We are now proceeding to phase 2, which includes developing an in-depth business plan and forming an advisory committee

to assist with that work. Please see the Matatana article in this newsletter for more details.

Council is helping with a working group to restructure the board of Dakwakada Capital Investments (DCI). Deputy Chief VanBibber, Councillor Shadelle Chambers and Youth Councillor Nikki Workman will participate on behalf of the CAFN Council. Meetings are scheduled to begin work soon.

BETTER GOVERNMENT

General Assemblies

A CAFN Special General Assembly took place on February 12, 2017 at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction. The Special GA approved CAFN's General Assembly Procedures and considered the process and timelines for the 2017 Constitutional Review.

Please see more details in this newsletter on the process and timelines for our five-year Constitutional Review and on our website at CAFN.ca/2017-constitutional-review.

The annual CAFN General Assembly has been set for July 22-23, 2017 at Champagne Hall.

Executive Council Office (ECO)

I want to report on how I spend my time working on your behalf as *Dän Nätthe ada* (Chief) of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. Though I always prefer to be in the Yukon and at my office in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction), the duties of Chief do require me to work in other locations sometimes to further the interests of CAFN. Thus far in 2017, I have had to spend a significant amount of time traveling in order to deal with important external issues, but

I also place a high priority on being in our CAFN communities and spending time with Citizens. I will continue to make that a priority and look forward to see you all at upcoming community gatherings, including the upcoming *Da Kų Nän Ts'etthet* festival and CAFN General Assembly.

Another important update is that we have three people helping in new roles on the Executive Council Office (ECO) team. First, I welcome Fran Asp as our Executive Director. Fran has been filling the Acting Executive Director role since October 2016, prior to which she was our Director of Capacity and Policy Development. She has also worked for CAFN over the years as the Director of Secretariat and in other important roles.

We also welcome Ian Robinson as our Senior Advisor in ECO. Ian has worked with CAFN for many years in the areas of negotiations and economic development.

And I am happy to welcome Merrilee Basic in her new role as Executive Assistant to the Chief. Merrilee has worked with CAFN in the ECO and Capacity and Policy Development departments, providing support with government process, policies, minute-taking and much more.

In closing, I thank Sean Sheardown and Paula Banks for their service to CAFN as the directors of Language, Culture and Heritage and Education. I congratulate both on their new positions and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Nänúchi'j shj (see you later).

Sincerely,

Kaaxnox, Dän Nätthe ada
Chief Steve Smith

DÄN NÄTTHE DÄTTH'I DEK'I

CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

The following is a summary of decisions made by Chief and Council during their September 2016 to January 2017 regular Chief and Council meetings.

CAFN SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM

CAFN Chief and Council approved the CAFN Summer Student Program Operating Manual with amendments.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAM REVIEW

Council approved the reallocation of \$35,000 within the Education Department budget for the purpose of completing a Post-Secondary Education Program Review.

DEPUTY CHIEF

CAFN Chief and Council appointed as Deputy Chief:

- Councillor Rose Kushniruk from September 2016 to January 2017; and
- Councillor Kathleen Van Bibber from January 27, 2017 to January 27, 2018.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Council accepted the 2016 General Assembly Resolutions as approved by the General Assembly.

Council approved the dates and location for the 2017 General Assembly as July 21-23, 2017 at Champagne Hall.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council appointed the following individuals to boards and committees:

- Monica Primozic and Joan Graham to the Haines Junction Community Justice Committee for a term of two years to October 1, 2018;
- Luke Campbell as CAFN's alternate representative to the First Nation Education Commission;
- Graham MacDonald as a Youth member to the Champagne Aishihik Community Advisory Committee (CACAC);
- Angeline Joe, Barb Joe, and Fran Oles to the Champagne Aishihik Trust for a term of three years through November 30, 2019; and
- Barb Allen to the CAFN Lands Committee for a term of three years, ending January 31, 2020.

LAND APPLICATIONS

CAFN Chief and Council approved the following land applications:

- 2014-03 by Candace Walker for a Cabin Lot in Champagne Cabin Subdivision;
- 2016-008 by Kaylea Wabisca for a Cabin Lot in Champagne Cabin Subdivision;
- 2016-008 by Jessica Trotter for a 0.5 hectare Cabin allocation on S-433B1 on Lower Kathleen Lake, with conditions: subject to harvest consent letter and heritage site inspection and access to be maintained;
- 2016-009 by Stephanie Twiss for a 1.0 hectare Residential Lot on S-331F/S near Haines Junction, with conditions: subject to harvest consent letter and heritage site inspection, and service agreement with individual for services; and
- 2016-010 by Kathleen Jones for a 0.5 hectare Cabin allocation on S-214B1 near the East Aishihik River, with conditions: subject to harvest consent letter and heritage site inspection.

Council passed a motion directing the Lands and Resources Department to only accept land applications in the Cabin Subdivision for the area of Champagne between the Old Alaska Highway and Three Mile Gate. The

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Department will not accept land applications west of the Champagne Road until the Champagne Community Land Use Plan is reviewed, amended and finalized by March 31, 2017.

LANGUAGE MANDATE

The Chief and Council adopted the CAFN Language Mandate, *Dän K'e Kwänje ka Gaadembèt* (talking our language our way, they are hungry for it – really want it).

LANGUAGE STANDING COMMITTEE

Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Language Standing Committee, dated November 25, 2016.

TRAPPING CONCESSION ALLOCATION POLICY

CAFN Chief and Council approved a Group Registered Trapping Concession Allocation Policy.

CHAMPAGNE POTLATCH HOUSE

CAFN Chief and Council approved the project to expand and upgrade the Champagne Potlatch House with funding through the Community Development Fund and Gas Tax Fund.

DAYCARE FEES

Chief and Council approved revisions to the CAFN Day Care Fee Schedule dated November 25, 2016.

CHRISTMAS CONNECTS

Chief and Council agreed to support the Community Wellness Christmas Connects Initiatives throughout the Christmas Holidays and approved a budget of up to \$10,000.

ÄGHÄALÄN 'MY RELATIVES' ENROLLMENT ACT

The CAFN Chief and Council accepted Third Reading of the CAFN *Äghäalän* 'My Relatives' Enrollment Act at the Chief and Council Meeting of December 16, 2016.

Council agreed that CAFN would not process new applications for Enrollment until the *effective date of the Act* on February 14, 2017.

CAFN MARKET HOUSING PROGRAM

CAFN Chief and Council approved Schedule C of the CAFN Market Housing Program to increase the guarantee limits for the CAFN Market Housing Program to: \$400,000 for New Construction; \$400,000 for Purchase; \$400,000 for Rental and \$100,000 for Renovation.

Council approved execution of a Bank of Montreal Commitment Letter, as presented on the December 16, 2016. This letter relates to potential future lending under CAFN's First Nation Market Housing Program.

Council also approved a three year First Nation Market Housing Fund Indemnity Agreement extension.

2016-17 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Council approved the 2016-2017 Supplemental Budget, as presented.

LANGUAGE HUB AT DA KU

Chief and Council approved awarding a planning contract for the Language Hub (day care) at Da Ku due to the timing constraints of the funding available.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council accepted the 2017 Executive Committee of the Whole (ECW) and Chief and Council Meeting dates for January to March 2017.

NATIONAL CHILD BENEFIT SUPPLEMENT (NCBS)

CAFN Chief and Council approved repayment of the National Child Benefit Supplement to parents with amounts deducted by the Finance Department, based on the Finance directive on repayment of Accounts Receivable.

CHAMPAGNE POWER

Chief and Council approved funding for Phase 1 power for the Champagne Community on the 3-Mile Road terminating, at kilometer 2, for the amount of \$55,000 funded by the Gas Tax Fund.

PROPERTY SERVICES INCREASE

CAFN Council approved a budget increase for the Property Services Department of \$295,000 for: Mun Ku Renovation, Housing Policy, Housing Needs Assessment and Subsidy Assessments.

NEW HOUSING

CAFN requested and received INAC funding for an Elders six-plex to be constructed in Haines Junction on Lots 29 and 30. Council approved signing a letter of Authorization for the construction.

CAFN also applied for and received a CMHC Section 95 allocation to construct four houses in Takhini River Subdivision and Council approved signing the Letter of Authorization to CMHC.

To request a copy of the full Chief and Council minutes, please contact Doreen Williams, Executive Assistant to Council, at (867) 634-4200 ext. 231 or drwilliams@cafn.ca.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

2017

April 28

May 26

June 23

July 14

DAKWÄKÄDA DANCERS

Past and Present

This year we are hosting a reunion to mark the 25th anniversary of our dance group. The reunion will be held at the time of CAFN's Da Kų Nän Ts'éthhèt Dance Festival, which is the first weekend in June (2nd to 4th). We are hoping for a great turn-out from past dancers, to have mass participation for a few songs, as well as some fun times and lots of reminiscing.

Please feel free to share your ideas for reunion activities and ways to mark this special occasion with dance group coordinator Monica Primozic (monica.primozic@hotmail.com or 335-6672).

Nicely styled commemorative jackets, hoodies and vests are being made for the reunion. These will be sold at half-cost to past and present dancers; and if we receive your jacket or hoodie order down payment by April 30th, your name will go in a draw. The winner will receive their order free, with one hoodie, one jacket and one vest to be given away.

If you have been a dancer, or someone in your family has been, please contact Millie Joe (mjoe@cafn.ca or 634-5173), to make sure your/their name is on the reunion invitation list. Contact details (phone, email or mailing address) will be needed for dancers living away. Millie will also be coordinating the hoodie and jacket orders including receiving the deposit money.

25 Years – Where Did the Years Go?



ALSEK MOOSE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

December 2016 Update



The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN), Alsek Renewable Resource Council (ARRC), and Environment Yukon are entering the second year of a 3 to 5 year community-based program to sustainably manage and aid in the recovery of the Alsek moose population located west of Kusawa Lake, in western Game Management Zone 7.

These actions respond to concerns raised in the draft *Community-based Fish and Wildlife Work Plan for the Champagne and Aishihik Traditional Territory*. The approach is consistent with the *Champagne and Aishihik*

First Nations Final Agreement and the *Yukon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan*.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Moose and wolf populations were surveyed in 2015 and 2016. The 2015 moose population survey showed evidence that moose populations have increased in recent years since declining between 1998 and 2008.

Total harvest reported between 2010 and 2014 was near sustainable limits. However, harvest reports from years previous to this date range were greater than sustainable rates.

More accurate harvest reporting is required. The implementation of a harvest management system is a necessary part of a successful review – to take place in March 2018 – in order for the program to continue. CAFN and Environment Yukon will be developing a harvest management strategy to assure sustainable harvest rates, and CAFN will consult with CAFN harvesters and communities about appropriate harvest approaches.

A November 2016 moose recruitment survey was flown in Kluane National Park, Alsek, and in a comparison area (Kluane/Paint Mountain). Moose



recruitment rates (calves produced that survive to early winter) will be estimated each year for the lifetime of the program.

A local area wolf-trapping initiative is continuing to promote community members being on the land, and encouraging increased stewardship, education, and humane trapping skills. It is a pilot program for Yukon to assist moose recovery efforts by aiming to reduce wolf predation rates in the Asek area, while advancing a collaborative harvest management system. Last winter, community members engaging with this program trapped 17 wolves. An additional 5 were trapped by non-program related trappers in the Asek area.

Participating trappers receive a daily honorarium and gas stipend for the use and maintenance of their snowmobile and trapping related equipment. Trappers who collect and skin a wolf hide for the program are entitled to fur-handling incentives through CAFN and the Yukon Outfitters Association. Wolf pelts remain property of the program. A proposal is being developed that will see these pelts tanned by the ARRC, and used in community workshops to enhance local craft making and marketing which will encourage sustainable trapping into the future.

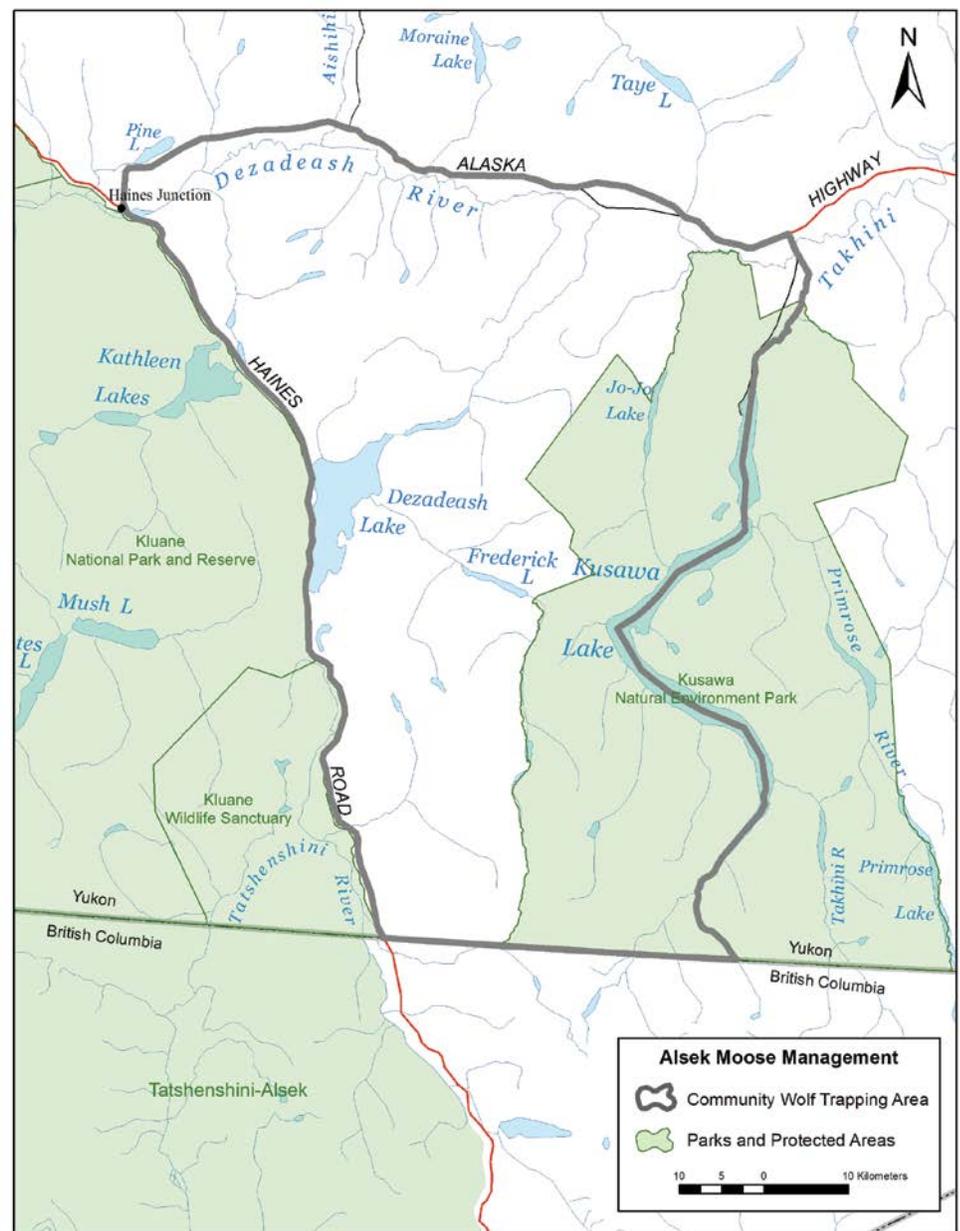
A March 2016 wolf population survey was flown in which average wolf pack densities and sizes were observed. Further wolf surveys are planned in Asek in February 2017 to evaluate changes in wolf populations

and the effectiveness of the wolf trapping program.

Please note that all program trap set lines include visible signage (Blue and Yellow Diamond Signs).

If you have questions or concerns, or are interested in discussing this program in person, please consider attending an upcoming meeting

of the Asek Renewable Resource Council early in the new year which will focus on this subject. As usual, these meetings are open to the public. Alternatively, you can contact Susan Smith, Asek RRC (634-2524), Shawn Taylor, Environment Yukon (634-2439) or Dixie Smeeton, CAFN (634-4200).



MATATANA FEASIBILITY REPORT

In the 1980's CAFN negotiated for lands adjacent to Kathleen Lake for the purpose of eventually having a tourism venture on the spot we call Matatana.

Recently, CAFN hired Legacy Tourism Group (made up of tourism and business experts, all of whom have had success in the industry) to take another look at our unique opportunity.

PHASE 1

The Phase 1 Feasibility report was completed in February of 2017.

We asked Legacy's team to look at how Matatana would play into the high level tourism industry. We found out that if Matatana wilderness resort was built, and included cultural and recreational activities for everyone in the family, we would be very successful.

As part of Phase 1, Legacy confirmed with international travel agents that there is a demand for this experience. The potential clients for this type of resort want to learn, have fun, have adventures, experience CAFN culture, hear stories, meet locals and see the beauty of this area.

We also learned the resort can spark opportunities for Citizens and community members to provide services like guiding, teaching, cultural experiences, firewood, trail maintenance and transportation.

PHASE 2

To date we have determined that the resort is financially viable, even in the worst case scenario, so are moving forward with Phase 2.

For Phase 2, we are working with a small advisory group of CAFN Citizens with tourism experience on: specifics for the site, activities and excursion locations, accommodation style, and transportation options. By the end of Phase 2 in June, we will also have building, operation and maintenance, and staffing costs.

FUNDING

We were funded for 50% of the costs to complete Phase 1 and were also able to leverage funding for the Phase 2 work.

By mid-June of 2017, we will have a business case ready to present to the General Assembly, as well as to bring to lenders in order to finance this venture, if approved by Citizens.

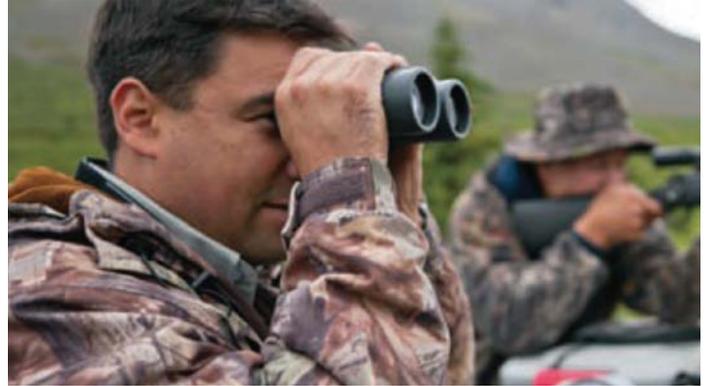
We will have meetings with the special advisory group in April and will host public meetings with Citizens throughout May.

This is a great opportunity to build an industry that allows our Citizens to work on the land, in the culture, and to develop their language and artistic skills while building the economy of the Kluane and Haines Junction area.

ACCESS TO KLUANE PARK

Kluane National Park and Reserve is an important part of the CAFN Traditional Territory and CAFN Citizens have hunting, fishing, and harvesting rights in the Park. There are several roads and trails that access the Park and CAFN citizens have the right to use ATVs, snowmobiles, and other vehicles to harvest year-round. Some of these roads and trails are gated to prevent the public from driving into certain areas, but you can still use them if you are hunting, fishing, or harvesting. The CAFN Lands and Resources Department has keys for these gates and will sign them out if you are planning on harvesting in the Park. Please just make sure that you lock the gate again when you leave and return the key to Lands and Resources when you get back.

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



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BIRDY NEWS

Thanks to the community of Haines Junction for a successful KIDS BIRD COUNT held Dec 31, 2016 at Kathleen Lake shelter.

12 children and families participated that day.

Thanks to the many volunteers, community funding and donations. Thanks to JEFF funding, Mac's Fireweed Books, Little Green Apple, 14 Acre farm and Acacia Vintage.

Yukon Bird Club and Yukon Wildlife Viewing for loan of binoculars.

We will try and make this a yearly kids/family event.

The Haines Junction Bird count was on Dec 17, 2016 with 27 participants, of which 7 were feeder watchers. A total of 20 bird species seen was low

but we missed spruce grouse and crossbills. Redpoll numbers were low, but they have appeared lately in the community. Birds not seen on count day but that week were willow ptarmigan and potentially mountain chickadees. American dippers were seen in different locations and low numbers of ruffed grouse as compared to 2015. Only a few slate-colored juncos and one white-crowned sparrow were seen. Of interest were two different fox sparrows at feeders which have not been recorded since 2007 when I started as compiler for the Christmas bird counts.



The Kluane Lake Bird Count was on Dec 23, 2016 with 6 participants and 10 species in all. This total is always interesting as the center of the count is Christmas Creek and is remote with only one feeder present. A great horned owl was seen on count week.

As usual I am interested in any bird sightings. To report bird sightings or for more information, please contact **Julie Bauer** at 634-2002 and bauerjulieann@outlook.com.

ATTENDING SCHOOL

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations recognizes the importance of attending school. It is important for a child's learning to be on time and ready for the day. We can all work together to increase attendance at school and help in the success of each child. The CAFN Education team is willing to assist anyone who wants to increase attendance for their child(ren) in a positive, holistic manner.

CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM

- Chronic Absenteeism is when a student misses 2 or more days a month of school or more than 20 days a school year. This counts excused absences as well such as; doctor's appointments, dentist appointments, hunting and fishing trips, etc.
- Many factors can affect attendance, including illness, family obligations, events, lack of transportation, work or disengagement from school. When a student misses class, they are missing the learning opportunities of that day and social time with their peers and teachers. Regular attendance is also an indicator of how engaged a student is in their learning, and helps to develop important work-life habits such as time management, work ethic and personal motivation.

AVERAGE ABSENT DAYS IN 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR			
YUKON GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Rural/Urban	First Nations	Non-First Nations	Students
Rural	35	27	32
Urban	22	15	17
Yukon	27	17	20

LONG TERMS EFFECTS OF SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM

- Children with certain risk factors—including poverty, homelessness and chronic illness—are both more likely to be chronic absent and especially hard hit because they often lack the resources to make up for the lost opportunities to learn in the classroom.
- Students who are chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are less likely to read proficiently by the time they finish third grade. Preliminary data in California found that 17 percent of those students were reading on grade level at the end of third grade, compared to 62 percent who attended regularly.

1. Ready, Douglas D., *Socioeconomic Disadvantage, School Attendance, and Early Cognitive Development, The Differential Effects of School Exposure, Sociology of Education*, October 2010.
2. *Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes*, Applied Survey Research, May 2011.

WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER TO INCREASE ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

- Try not to book appointments during school hours.
- Set a regular time to wake up on schools days.
- Avoid electronics at least 1.5 hours before bed as they effect sleep patterns.
- Prepare lunch the night before school.
- Walk with your child(ren) to school or find a friend they can walk with each morning.
- Let your child(ren) know the importance of attending school.
- Try not to let your child(ren) stay up very late on weekends .
- Allow enough time in the morning for your child(ren) to eat a healthy breakfast to get their brains working in the morning.
- Phone your Education Support Worker if you need help getting your child(ren) to school on time.

From the Education Team at CAFN



Attendance WINS

CAFN encourages regular attendance at school. There will be a series of contests for all CAFN youth from Kindergarten to Grade 12.

Submit your attendance records each month for chances to win awesome prizes.

***Deadline dates for attendance records:**

May 8
June 12
July 10

May: Prize for most improved attendance.

Draw for attendance with less than 2 lates and/or absences.

June: Prize for most improved attendance

Draw for attendance with less than 2 lates and/or absences.

July: Prize for improvement in attendance.

Draw for attendance with less than 2 lates and/or absences.

*To be fully entered in each contest C/A NEEDS your attendance records for the month of **MARCH 2017**. Attendance records can be picked up from the office by the student's parent/guardian.*

You can submit to either:

Luke Campbell: lcampbell@cafn.ca

Margaret Chiblow: mchiblow@cafn.ca

Shauna Strand: ssstrand@cafn.ca

Attendance records can also be dropped off at the CAFN offices at the front desk.

DÁKWANJÈ GHÀKWISHE

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Language Class

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to cover basics in Dákwanjè and allow for students to feel comfortable having conversations in Dákwanjè. This course will be hosted 1-3 times a week and participants are asked to attend a minimum of 1 class per week. Participants are encouraged to attend as many classes during the week depending on work demands and commitment restraints. Lunch classes are designed for people that are not able to make classes during regular hours.

EACH CLASS WILL BE BROKEN IN TO THREE PARTS:

1. Learning various words using Total Physical Response. Participants will be asked not to speak in Guch'än during this time and the class will do various activities immersed in Dákwanjè.
2. Learning phonetics of Dákwanjè. This will be a time where participants can take notes and ask questions about what we are learning.
3. The class will go back to only speaking Dákwanjè and students will be encouraged to speak when they feel ready to talk. No one will be asked to speak unless the instructor knows they are ready to do so.

LUNCH CLASSES:

1. Covering basic words of the week.
2. Learning structure of the language.
3. Short Dákwanjè activity.

ASSIGNMENTS:

Each week there will be take (3) assignments that students are expected to have completed.

1. Autobiography/Introduction

Each class we will have time to work on our personal introductions. Everyone will then be asked to introduce themselves to at least one person in Dákwanjè outside of the classroom by the end of the week.

2. Audio lesson

A short clip will be downloaded to Youtube each week that will cover new vocabulary. Please go to Youtube and look up "We are our language". Watch the video by the end of the week.

3. Word of the week.

Everyone will be asked to learn one word in Dákwanjè each week. For the rest of the week people will be encouraged to only use the Dákwanjè word INSTEAD of English.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

For students to use Dákwanjè on a daily basis.

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Monday at Whitehorse office:

8:45-10:00 a.m.
10:45-12:00 p.m.
12:10-12:45 p.m.

- April 24
- May 1, 8, 15

Tuesday at Whitehorse office

8:45-10:00 a.m.
10:45-12:00 p.m.
12:15-12:45 p.m.

- April 25
- May 2, 9, 23

Wednesday in Haines Junction

8:40-10:10 a.m. (Dákù classroom)
10:30-12:00 p.m. (Council chambers)
1:45-2:45 p.m. (Nätsèkhj Kù)

- April 26
- May 3, 10, 24

5 REASONS TO LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE

1. Impress people around you

When you are out on the street visiting, or at a gala, people will be impressed by your ability to speak more than just one language.

2. Improve your decision making skills

In a study done by the University of Chicago it was found that when people speak in a language other than their first language, it helps eliminate their tendency toward loss aversion (loss aversion is when a person is caught up in the "here and now" and not able to make choices that could bring great benefit in the future).

3. Learn about a different culture

You will be exposed to a whole new world of culture when you learn another language and the complex language concepts that exist outside of English.

4. Make new friends

Learning a new language will give you the ability to communicate with new people. You can build new bonds and friendships as you advance in your language learning path.

5. Improve employment potential

Many employers will give preferential hire to those who can speak more than one language.

DÀNÁCH'É

I hope that everyone is having a great 2017. I have been very busy working in various schools in Whitehorse and providing one-on-one support to CAFN youth. If you would like me to visit your child in class or if you require any support please do not hesitate to contact me.

This year CAFN, KDFN, and First Nations Hand Games Society have partnered to coordinate the *Deshän kałka* tournament for intermediate students. This event was hosted at Elijah Smith School on March 14. Schools that had teams in the tournament are Elijah Smith, Jack Hulland, Hidden Valley, Takhini, St. Elias, Ghùch Tlâ and Golden Horn. Thanks to all who joined us at Elijah Smith school to participate in the fun and cheer on the teams.

I also have the opportunity to continue teaching *Dän k'e* classes until May of 2017. Classes continue in *Kwänlin* (Whitehorse) and *Dakwäkäda* (Haines Junction) and there are two classes per day as well as a lunch class. Everyone is encouraged to attend and learn with the group. All levels of speakers are welcome to join in on the fun.

I thank everyone who participated in spring break camp at Klukshu this year. CAFN staff lined up some really fun activities and a community feast.

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NEW FACES



BRENDA JACKSON

Director of Capacity & Policy Development

Dàná ch'è. Please welcome Brenda Jackson as our new Director of Capacity and Policy Development for a term ending December 2018. Brenda's Dän Yizhì (traditional name) is K'ukhàla. She has been working for Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) since November 2015 as the Human Resources Officer and as the acting Director of Capacity and Policy Development in Haines Junction. Prior to her employment with CAFN she has worked exclusively for Yukon First Nation governments and organizations for approximately 25 years in the fields of health and social, justice, human resources and executive. Fifteen of those years she's held senior management and executive positions. Brenda has previously been an active

Administrative Appeals Tribunal Board member for CAFN for 10 years, Yukon Human Right Board of Adjudicator for two years and a working group member establishing an Administrative Appeals Act for First Nation Nacho Nyak Dun for two years. She also managed a "Yukon First Nations Public Service" initiative in 2008-2010 while working at Council of Yukon First Nations. Brenda is a Board member with the Shawkwunlee Dunena Sports Society and the Yukon Indian Hockey Association. Brenda is very passionate about her First Nation community ties, culture and traditions and she is an active member of the Dakwàkàda Dancers.

Shäh nithän.

Brenda Jackson

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MERRILEE BASIC

Executive Assistant to the Chief

Danché.

My name is Merrilee Basic and I am grateful to live and work in Dakwàkàda. I have family with Carcross/Tagish First Nations and many friends with Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. I have worked with CAFN for five years in the Executive Council Office and the past year in Capacity and Policy Development as Research and Policy Coordinator. I look forward to assisting Chief Smith and the Executive Council Office in my new role as Executive Assistant to the Chief. Wishing everyone a safe and healthy spring.

Shähnlj àk'än dzenù. Däk'anutà jè.

Have a good day. Take care.

Merrilee Basic

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FRAN ASP

Executive Director

Please welcome Fran Asp in her new role as CAFN's Executive Director. Her Southern Tutchone name is Tth'iowa and she is a member of the Kajet (Crow) clan. Fran has been working as our Acting Executive Director since October 2016 and was officially appointed as Executive Director this March. Fran started with CAFN in 1998 as the Implementation Officer and has held several roles since, including Director of Secretariat and Director of Capacity and Policy Development.

Fran Asp

Executive Director
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DENA GRAHAM

Youth Centre Support Worker

Hello Everyone! My name is Dena Graham and I am the Youth Centre Support Worker in Haines Junction. I joined the Community Wellness Department team in December 2016 after I completed the General Studies Diploma Program at Douglas College. I plan on returning to school in a few years to earn a Bachelor in Education. I enjoy working with youth and want to be a positive influence in their lives, as well as help our community grow!

Dena Graham

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PLEASE ALSO WELCOME:

John Fingland,

Traditional Knowledge Coordinator

Ian Robinson,

Senior Advisor

Sophie Green,

Takhini Activities Worker

Barb Hume,

Wellness Manager

Mary Jane Jim,

Cultural Supports Manager

Doris Hume,

Income Assistance Administrator

Angie Nassiopoulos,

Case Manager

We look forward to sharing more introductions in the next newsletter.



CASTLE ROCK ENTERPRISES (CRE)

The CRE management team and engineers are continuing to bid tenders to secure work for the 2017 season and beyond. Additional details regarding our past and present season include:

- CRE is in good standing with Environment Yukon and has received its Land Treatment Facilities (LTF) renewal permit. The LTF operations have been extended to December 31, 2021.
- Project clearing of the Whistle Bend Phase 3C has been progressing since December 2016 and will be completed soon. Weather permitting, CRE may begin sub-cutting in late February or early March of this year.
- Underground materials including pipe and manholes are being hauled from our vendors in the south and are being stockpiled at the Whistle Bend compound.
- The Whistle Bend dirt haul was completed in December 2016. The total amount of contaminated soil removed from site was 47,000 cubic meters that is being treated in CRE's LTF.
- The City of Whitehorse Operations Building water and sewer have been completed at the Range Road location. CRE is now clearing the building footprint of approximately 5 hectares.

- The Whitehorse Landfill Operations contract with the City of Whitehorse is continuing.
- Castle Rock Enterprises is proud to have achieved our Zero Time Loss goal for injured workers in 2016. The CRE management, CRE safety team and CRE supervisors will continue to strive for safety excellence in 2017.
- Look for employment postings for the upcoming construction season in spring 2017. Potential recruitment positions: Accounts Payable and Administration, General Labourers, Truck Drivers and Equipment Operators.
- Congratulations to our CRE Safety Manager, Gail Anderson, who received her Construction Safety Officer Designation, re-certified her Occupational First Aid and has been asked to join the Northern Safety Networks Board of Directors. Gail is also working towards an Occupational Health & Safety Certificate through BCIT.

ICEFIELD TOOLS (ITC)

In the last quarter, Icefield Tools Corp has been busy demonstrating its newest directional survey tool as well as streamlining our production efforts.

In November, ITC exhibited at the ADIPEC tradeshow in Abu Dhabi, the largest oil & gas industry event in the eastern hemisphere. This exhibition provides an opportunity

for attendees to learn about new technology and expand regional business relationships. Participants were able to try one of ITC's new North Seeking Gyro (NSG) tools, including operating the PC software to control the instrument in real time with the included modem telemetry.

The NSG system has consistently demonstrated accuracy of ± 1 degree in less than one minute of compass time, while it measures the rotation of the earth and determines its orientation. To our knowledge, this is the most accurate system of its kind.

In the upcoming year, the company will work hard to increase production capability at the Whitehorse facility, with attention to uniformity and process improvement.

RAB ENERGY (NORTHERM)

With the completion of Northerm's 3rd quarter we have noticed a tapering off of new housing construction projects and an influx of renovation and commercial upgrades. The Whitehorse Hospital Expansion project is well underway along with the new Save on Foods and MacBride Museum. These projects were awarded to Northerm in the later part of 2016.

Our operations historically enter a seasonal low every winter when the building and construction industry slows to an idle. This year our winter operation has been fueled by commercial projects that are scheduled to put a demand on our

Gyro Path NSG with Tablet



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glass line. Locally-made insulating units are often approved through the Business Incentive Program allowing us to take a competitive advantage when bidding against southern vendors. In addition, Northerm has secured the Whistlebend Continuing Care Facility, which is one of the largest institutional projects to ever be built in the Yukon. Production of windows is scheduled for mid-February 2017 on this project, and completion of our contract will extend into the fall of 2017.

In the area of HR we have seen some changes to our senior management team, including the addition of Frank Curlew, who will be heading up our Sales and Marketing division.

The fourth quarter is upon us and we are focusing on some in-house cross training of staff, building

and equipment maintenance, as well as a procurement review with all suppliers. New products and processes are being explored as we ready ourselves for the upcoming building season.

We look forward to serving you and your community with locally made Northerm Windows and Doors, and would ask that you promote us whenever you see an opportunity. Remember to provide your proof of CAFN membership to receive your 10% discount.

DAKWAKADA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS (DCI)

Dakwakada Capital Investments was very pleased to attend the training sessions presented in Whitehorse on the history of land claims in the Yukon. There were

many opportunities for networking and valuable information gathered from the presentations and information sessions. Two of DCI's board members represented our interests at the AME Roundup in Vancouver in January. We are also attending the first ever Arctic Indigenous Investment Conference in February 2017.

DCI's Group of Companies participation in the 2016 CAFN Summer Student Employment Program was a great success! If there are any post-secondary students who are attending or will be attending university, college or a training program, and are interested in 2017 summer employment with one of the companies, please contact Virginia Cobbett at (867) 668-5831 or virginia@dakwakada.com.

2017 SPRING ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kiefer Rissanen on earning his commercial pilot license.



DA KŪ NĀN TS'ÉTHHÈT – DANCE FESTIVAL

Sharon Shorty has been engaged to coordinate the festival and will be mentoring Shania Jackson and other Da Kŷ staff.

For details on the event, please contact: **(867) 634-3300**. You can also follow our **Da Kŷ Nān Ts'éthhèt – Dance Festival** page on Facebook.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alexia (Lexi) McKinnon on her new role of Associate Director, Indigenous Leadership, at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity.

MEN'S HEAVY PACK SACK SEWING WORKSHOP

Bruce Green has completed these two pack sacks. They are the product of the CAFN Heritage's Men's Heavy Pack Sack sewing hosted in the fall of 2016. These packs are sewn using heavy duty canvas using multiple stitching and hide reinforced strap attachments inside and outside, braided hide fastening straps and Caribou antler buttons. The packs provide support for the heaviest loads (eg. a whole moose hind quarter). These packs were made by him as gifts to his two sons, Kashis and Theron Green, for completing their first hunt last fall as part of the CAFN First Hunt.





CAFN ACCEPTING PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Constitution (2012) states that every five years the Constitution may be reviewed and that only CAFN Citizens have the ability to propose amendments.

In keeping with the Constitution, we are now in our fifth year and requesting proposed Constitutional amendments.

**CAFN Citizens have until April 21, 2017
to submit any proposed amendments.**

To submit a proposed amendment, please complete and submit a Proposed Constitutional Amendment Form. Forms are available:

- at CAFN reception in Whitehorse and Haines Junction,
- with Lilly Smith the Constitutional Registrar, or
- online at CAFN.ca/2017-constitutional-review

For more information:

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CAFN.ca/2017-constitutional-review



HANDGAMES

The St. Elias Community School had a great time in Whitehorse at the Sourdough Rendezvous handgames tournament, with most kids playing in their first hand games tournament.

We thank the following departments for their support:

- Finance Department and Youth Centre (Community Wellness) for the entrance fee
- Language Culture and Heritage for the t-shirts
- Education for the great lunch at Boston Pizza

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHAKAT TUN ADVENTURES

on being featured in the March 2017 issue of En Route, Air Canada's in-flight magazine. To view the story, please visit https://issuu.com/spafax/docs/air-canada-enroute_march-2017/60.

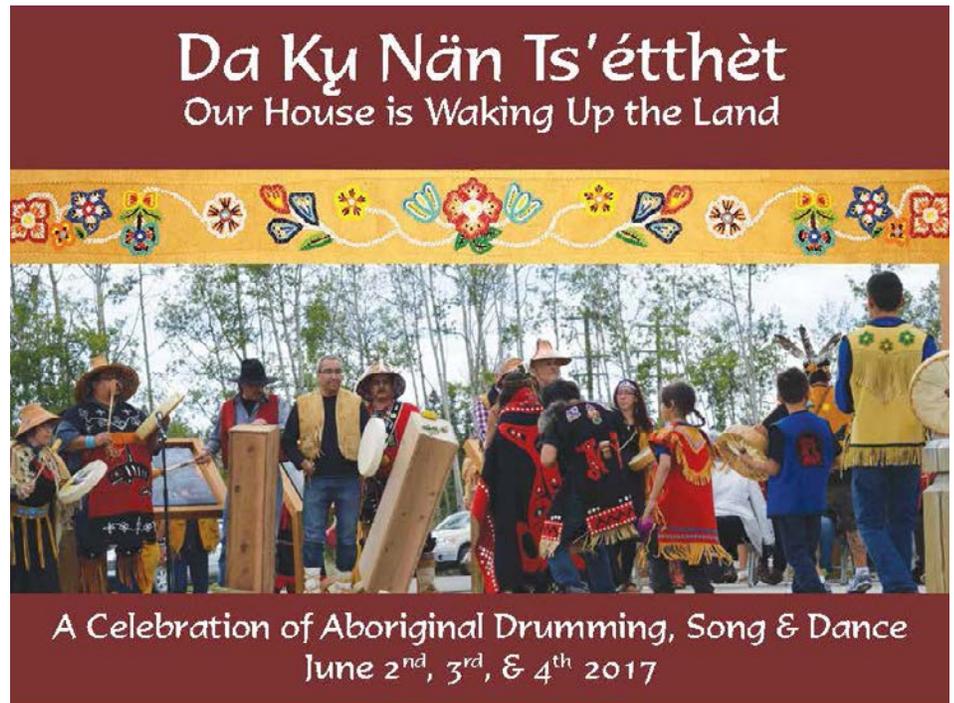
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CONGRATULATIONS TO RECIPIENTS OF THE 2016 ABORIGINAL EMPLOYEE AWARD OF HONOUR

Congratulations to Kim Carlick, George Bahm, and Marie Eshelman on receiving the Aboriginal Employees Award of Honour this January. The Award recognizes accomplishments of Yukon government Aboriginal public servants who provide excellent service or contributions to the Yukon government, fellow employees or to the Yukon public.



IT'S TAX TIME!

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS ON SETTLEMENT LAND

During your personal income tax preparations, please note:

If you resided on any Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Settlement Lands on **December 31, 2016**, you are obligated to file the *Yukon First Nations Tax* form that is attached to your income tax application. You can download the form at this website:

www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pbg/tf/5011-c1/README.html
you can download a PDF file or fill it out online!

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

Each year, CAFN receives a percentage of taxes from Canada and YTG. This amount is based on **all** residents who filed personal income tax returns **who stated they lived on Settlement Land on December 31, 2016**. These taxes increase CAFN's Own Source Revenue.

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

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

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

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

For information on the tax collection sharing agreements, please contact **Ian Robinson**, irobinson@cafn.ca at **(867) 456-6878**.

2017 SPRING BIRTHDAYS

A Great Big Happy 14th Birthday going out to Justin Smarch for February 27th. With lotsa love from, Mom, Winston, Keinen, Keila & Johnny.

A Happy Belated Birthday to my lil Momma Bear, 'Jackie Bear' for January 1st. Lotsa Love Britteny, Winston, Keinen, Keila, Johnny & Boogaloo.

Happy Birthday to my son Dylan on April 17th. Happy 17th birthday, son. Love you. Jessie Jim

Please send your greetings
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POTLATCHES

May 20 – Headstone Potlatch for Dustin Russell Blackjack, 4 p.m. at the Heritage Hall in Carmacks.

May 27 – Headstone Potlatch for Joseph Earl Burns, 2 p.m. headstone viewing at TKC Cemetery, Potlatch immediately to follow at Nakwata Ku Potlatch House. Everyone welcome.

May 28 - Headstone Potlatch for the late Elder Darlene Johnson and her beloved son Shawn Birckel, 3 p.m. at the Carmacks Recreation Centre.

June 10 - Naming Ceremony in honour of Meta Bailie, to name to Courtney Wilbur, Gary Bailie and Stacity Bailie, at the Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction with supper at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

August 5 – Potlatch for Frances Joe, 1 p.m. at Klukshu Community Hall.

August 25-26 – One Year Potlatch for Carla Worthington – August 25 Dinner and Gathering, August 26 Potlatch to start at 2 p.m. at Champagne.



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CAFN CALENDAR

April 21: Deadline to submit Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

For more info visit: cafn.ca/2017-constitutional-review.

April 21-23: Drum Making Workshop at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

April 22-23: Hold Me Tight healthy relationship workshop at the Healing House in Haines Junction.

April 25-29: Button Blanket and Vest Workshop at the Church of the Northern Apostles, Whitehorse.

May 1: Takhini-Dakwakada Champagne Community Land Use Plan, and CAFN Settlement Land Plan, 6 to 8 p.m. at Takhini Hall.

May 2: Dakwakada-Takhini-Champagne Community Land Use Plan, and CAFN Settlement Land Plan, 4-8:30 p.m. at Da Kų in Haines Junction.

May 2-6: Button Blanket and Vest Workshop at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

May 3: Dakwakada-Takhini-Champagne Community Land Use Plan, and CAFN Settlement Land Plan, 5 to 8 p.m. at CAFN office in Whitehorse.

May 6: Dakwakada-Takhini-Champagne Community Land Use Plan, and CAFN Settlement Land Plan, 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Champagne Hall.

May 10: Champagne Aishihik Trust Community Meeting, 12 to 1 p.m. at the High Country Inn in Whitehorse.

May 11: Champagne Aishihik Trust Community Meeting, 12 to 1 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction.

May 17-20: Moose Hide Tanning Workshop at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

June 2: Yukon First Nation Graduation Ceremony, at 12:30 p.m. at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre in Whitehorse.

June 2-4: Da Kų Nän Ts'etthet Celebration of Drumming and Dance at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

July 21-23: CAFN General Assembly at Shadhala (Champagne).

August 4-8: Äshèyi Language Culture Camp at Äshèyi Shakat Kų.

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

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