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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



CAFN CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING LAND CLAIMS AGREEMENTS

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CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

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Citizens, Council and staff gathered on May 29 at the CAFN offices in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction) and Kwanlin (Whitehorse) to celebrate the 25th anniversary of signing our Agreements.

On May 29, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) marked the 25th anniversary of signing our Final and Self-Government Agreements with the governments of Canada and Yukon.

"For 25 years, the governments of Canada and Yukon have legally recognized and upheld our right to self govern and have protected this right under the Constitution of Canada," says Dän nātthe äda Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith). "Today we celebrate our continuing growth and evolution as a self-government and our return to doing things Dän K'e (Our Way, in our language and culture). We acknowledge our Elders and past leaders who worked for decades to advocate for our rights and forge these agreements."

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On May 29, 1993 Chief Paul Birckel signed the agreements on behalf of CAFN, along with then Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Tom Siddon and Yukon government Leader John Ostashek.

CAFN held celebrations at our offices in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction) and Kwanlin (Whitehorse).

"We also invite people to join us for a larger celebration this July during our annual General Assembly (GA)," says Chief Smith. "The 25th anniversary and our return to governing *Dān K'e* are the main themes for our GA."

The CAFN General Assembly will be held July 20-22, 2018 at Klukshu. More details in this newsletter.



Chief Paul Birckel holds CAFN's Final and Self-Government Agreements just after the signing in 1993.



Past leaders and people involved during negotiation of our land claims were honoured during the May 29, 2018 celebration - CAFN Whitehorse office.

HAINES JUNCTION MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY CHANGES

CAFN is in discussions with the Village of Haines Junction and Government of Yukon on the expansion of Haines Junction's municipal boundaries.

"Champagne and Aishihik First Nations is happy to work together on options to expand the municipal boundaries of Haines Junction to include residents on CAFN land in the Dakwākāda (Haines Junction) area. This aligns with our Council's priorities of good governance and community connection, and strengthens our important relationship with our neighbours. This also opens the door for new collaboration and new ways to build up the community of Haines Junction. We are pretty excited to see this move forward," said Dān nātthe āda Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith)

Discussions were announced on February 26, 2018 by the Government of Yukon, CAFN and the Village of Haines Junction.

"I am delighted that the Village of Haines Junction and the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations are going to discuss the possibility of adjusting the village's municipal boundaries," said Minister of Community Services John Streicker. "The change would incorporate an area that is very much a part of the community but outside the existing municipal boundary, streamlining processes and service delivery. We look forward to working together with our partners as they consider this change."

Haines Junction Mayor Michael Riseborough stated, "The Village of Haines Junction is excited about exploring the potential opportunities for all parties involved in discussing possible municipal boundary adjustments."

Both the governments of CAFN and the Village of Haines Junction have mandated their staff to proceed with discussions. They include:

- Voting issues;
- Municipal boundaries;
- Joint infrastructure development;
- Municipal services responsibilities;
- Joint economic development;
- Bylaw issues; and
- Official Community Plan development.



DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dänách'é.

DÄN K'E (OUR WAY)

Dákwänje Adult Language Immersion Program Launch

On May 23, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) launched our *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) Immersion Program and opened program applications to CAFN Citizens. Two immersion days were held at Shadhäla Kų this May for prospective applicants to experience a "day in the life of a student" in the program. Classes will begin in September. Please see the story in this newsletter for full details.

Citizen Services Project

Implementation of the Citizen Services project continues at CAFN as part of our efforts to shift our government to reflect *Dän K'e* in everything we do. Our Citizen Services Standing Committee hosted community meetings June 3-6 to share current activities and next steps with Citizens. We're also holding a naming contest for Citizens to help find a *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) name. Please watch for the announcement of the new *Dän K'e* (Our Way) name and the winner of the naming contest at the CAFN General Assembly this July.

CONNECTING

Special General Assembly

Kwänischis to the Citizens and new General Assembly Delegates who participated at our March 10-11 Special General Assembly (SGA) at Da Kų Cultural Centre. Two important resolutions were passed by the Assembly; support for continued work on the potential for a resort at Mät'ätäna Män (Kathleen Lake), and financial support for the Dákwänje (Southern Tutchone) Adult Language Immersion Program for up to \$1 Million in compensation funds. Please see a full report on the 2018 SGA in this newsletter.

SELF-RELIANCE

Economic Development

The Mät'ätäna Steering Committee held its first meeting. The committee members are: Kelly Hougen, Melina Hougen, Lawrence Joe, Denny Kobayashi, Ben Ryan, Alex Doepel (Dakwakada Capital Investments) and Paula Pawlovich (Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation). The Steering Committee is eager to get started on assessing the overall project. Third party analysis of the project is also underway.

I attended the Assembly of First Nations Chamber of Commerce on economic development this March in Vancouver to discuss national and local strategies to support First Nation economic development.

Yukon Tourism staff visited CAFN this spring to update and engage with our Council on strategies for tourism development in our traditional territory, especially Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction).

I'm happy to report that CAFN supported a number of applicants through our Business Development Programs this past year. The Business Employment Enhancement Fund (BEEF) provided to six applicants with over \$50,000 in funding in 2017/18. The Employment Equity Fund (EEF) provided just over \$30,000 in funding to assist Citizens.

Dän Ts'änänän (A Blessing for Certain Skills)

We continue to build our team of staff and participants in the *Dän Ts'änänän* (A Blessing for Certain Skills) training to employment program. We are happy to offer more than 40 work experience placements this summer, including jobs in Takhini, Kwanlin (Whitehorse) and Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction). The main focus of the program this season is on the Kwäts'änäke k'énji program (Greenhouse program). In addition

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to work experience placements, *Dän Ts'anānān* (A Blessing for Certain Skills) provides a variety of holistic supports to community members, including: personal wellness enhancement, career counselling and job coaching, training and education supports, and assistance with resumes and cover letters.

Summer Students

CAFN is happy to have more than 30 CAFN students working at CAFN this summer. Post-secondary summer students started work in May and high school students began in early June.

BETTER GOVERNMENT

Aishihik Relicensing

We have initiated socioeconomic discussions for the Aishihik relicensing with the Yukon Premier

and Deputy Premier. We are starting negotiations based on a joint meeting between our Chief and Council and the Aishihik Community Advisory Committee and will engage with Citizens over the next few months.

Haines Junction Municipal Boundary

Discussions are underway between CAFN, the Village of Haines Junction and the Government of Yukon on changes to the municipal boundaries for the Village of Haines Junction.

25th Anniversary

May 29, 2018 marked the 25th anniversary of signing our land claim agreements with Canada and Yukon. We are grateful to our past leaders and trailblazers who forged CAFN's Final and Self-Government Agreements, which have had a huge impact on the health and success of our people and government today.

Finishing Strong

We are working hard to set the stage for the next Council to start work following the October 2018 election at CAFN. This includes: updating the Chief and Council policies, adding information to the "So You Want to Run for Council" booklet, and ensuring we leave government business in good order for the next Council to start work.

In closing, *shāw nithän* to the class of 2018! Many congratulations to our CAFN graduates and your families. We applaud your hard work and are proud of your accomplishments.

Nänúchi'j sh'j (see you later).

Sincerely,

Kaaxnox, Dän Nätthe ada
Chief Steve Smith

PRIORITIES

As our Council nears the close of our term, we are working hard to make progress on and complete priority tasks. Council and staff meet regularly to review progress and discuss next steps. They are:

1. Develop a mandate for B.C. land claims;
2. Complete a needs analysis for housing stock;
3. Complete a master plan and marketing plan for Da Ku Cultural Centre;
4. Launch the new *Dákwänje* (Southern Tutchone) Adult Language Immersion Program and start classes this fall;
5. Work toward a good agreement for CAFN for the Aishihik dam relicensing;
6. Complete revisions to the Post-Secondary Education Policy;
7. Develop and complete new housing policies;
8. Implement the Citizen Services project (Phase 1);
9. Continue developing and implement the *Dän Ts'anānān* (A Blessing for Certain Skills) program;
10. Complete the Dakwakada Capital Investments restructure;
11. Improve programming for young children and families in the Shawkwunlee Daycare in the *Dakwanje Ku* (Language House); and
12. Continue effective communication with Citizens on CAFN projects and priorities.

We look forward to providing you with continued updates over the next few months.

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

The following are summaries of decisions made by Chief and Council during January through March 2018 meetings.

2017/18 BUDGET REVISIONS

Council approved a budget revision request to allow an increase of \$136,000 in funding to implement the Development Assessment function at Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN).

Council approved increased budget revisions of: \$42,860 funded by Yukon government for On the Land Healing; \$57,693 for Healthy Initiatives funded by Health Canada; \$1,430,965 for Dän Ts'änänän funded by Canada; \$1,611 for Community Outreach and Support funded by Canada; and \$80,000 for a Traditional Healer Program funded by Health Canada.

Council approved an amendment of the 2017/18 operating budget to allow \$90,000 in funds to hold a Special General Assembly.

COOKS POLICY

Chief and Council agreed to accept the Cook's Policy and Payment Schedule.

DA KŪ ASSET DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Council passed a resolution to amend the 2017/18 Capital Budget to reflect \$48,500 for development of a Da Kū Asset Development Plan, with new funding through Gas Tax and to proceed with awarding the project to Stantec Engineering.

MÄT'ÄTÄNA RESORT PROJECT

Council approved an increase of \$20,000 in funds for additional services requested of Legacy Tourism Group in relation to the Mät'ätäna Resort Project for the 2017/18 fiscal year budget, for a total budget of \$81,500.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Council agreed to nominate Michelle Dawson-Beattie to the Alsek Renewable Resource Council for a term of three years, ending March 31, 2021.

Council appointed Marie Martin to the CAFN Housing Committee for a period of three years, ending February 28, 2021.

Council appointed to the CAFN Housing Committee for a one-year term: Phyllis Smith as Elders representative, Marie McLaren, Debbie Workman as members at large, and Kathleen Jones as alternate.

Chief and Council renewed the following appointments to the Aishihik Community Advisory Committee: Marie Martin (Committee Chair); Margaret Workman (Elder); Graham MacDonald (Youth); Lorraine Stick; Lorraine Allen; Harry Smith; and Luke Williams, to December 31, 2018.

DEPUTY CHIEF

Chief and Council appointed Councillor Kathleen Van Bibber as Deputy Chief to the end of CAFN Chief and Council's 2018 mandate.

FINANCIAL TRANSFER AGREEMENT (FTA)

Council approved:

- entering into an FTA Continuation Agreement with Canada to extend and amend the FTA for the fiscal year 2018-19.
- an Amendment to our FTA with Canada for management, administration and delivery of YESAA for the 2017-2018 fiscal years, and
- an Aboriginal Language Initiative Amendment for our assumption of responsibility from Canada for management, administration and delivery of the Initiative for the 2017-2018 to 2019-2020 fiscal years.

Chief Smith was authorized to finalize these agreements on behalf of CAFN.

FIRST NATIONS BANK LOAN AGREEMENT

Chief and Council authorized a Letter Agreement for a loan from First Nations Bank in the amount of \$700,000 (for the *Dákwänjē Kū* – Language House) and \$550,000 (for the *Kū Kätthe Ä'q* 'First House' in Takhini).

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PURCHASE OF KŪ KÀTTHE Ä'Ä 'FIRST HOUSE'

Council approved the purchase of *Kŷ Kàttthe Ä'ä* for \$550,000 from Habitat for Humanity Yukon.

2018-19 BUDGET

Chief and Council approved the CAFN 2018-19 Annual Budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019.

ROYAL BANK

CAFN Council approved a new credit card agreement with Royal Bank of Canada.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Chief and Council set the dates for the annual General Assembly as July 20-22, 2018 in Klukshu.

UPCOMING CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

2018

JULY 5

JULY 18

CAFN HAS SOLAR POWER

CAFN, in partnership with the Government of Yukon, installed a new solar energy generating systems in Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction) this winter.

The federal government's Northern Responsible Energy Approach for Community Heat and Electricity (REACHE) program provided funding for the project.

The new photovoltaic system was installed on our main administration building in Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction) and can generate 28.8 kilowatts.

"Champagne and Aishihik First Nations government and staff are excited to have our new solar energy system installed and producing power at our main office in Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction)," said Dän nätthe ada Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith). "This project is in close keeping with our values to protect, respect and sustain the environment, while also building on our priorities of good government and self-reliance."

White River First Nation and Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in also installed photovoltaic systems this year through the same program.

Renewable energy projects help reduce Yukon's reliance on non-renewable sources, such as diesel, lower energy consumption and help transition the territory towards a sustainable and self-reliant energy supply.



New 28.8 kilowatts solar energy system at Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' main administration building in Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction).

SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MARCH 10-11, 2018

CAFN Citizens, delegates, Council and staff gathered this March at Da Kų Cultural Centre for a Special General Assembly.

"Thank you to all our Citizens who attended to learn about and provide guidance on important work at our First Nation," said Dān Natthe Ada Kaaxnox (Chief Steve Smith). "The direction we received through the two resolutions passed by the Special GA helps us go forward knowing that we are doing things Dān K'e (Our Way) and in keeping with our Citizens' priorities for our people and government."

The resolutions passed by the Special General Assembly are:

- 1. Dákwānjē Adult Immersion Program:** this resolution states that the General Assembly supports the establishment of the Dákwānjē Adult Immersion Program to be delivered in the fall of 2018; supports the Council to access up to \$1 Million from the Champagne Aishihik Trust for the Immersion Program; and directs the Council to work with the Trustees to develop a plan to draw down financial support for the program in a way that is consistent with the terms of the Trust and good financial management. Council is to present the plan to the GA in the summer of 2018.
- 2. Māt'ātāna Resort:** the Special General Assembly agreed the CAFN government should complete due diligence and Citizen consultation in order to fully evaluate the business plan for development of a resort at Māt'ātāna Mān (Kathleen Lake). And, if the resort appears feasible, to develop a complete business plan for further Citizen review and consultation.



Khāsha explains plans for the Dákwānjē Adult Immersion Program.

The March 2018 Special General Assembly discussed:

- CAFN's language initiative;
- Economic development;
- Māt'ātāna Mān (Kathleen Lake) Resort update;
- Dakwakada Capital Investments update;

However, the Assembly closed early out of respect for the passing of an Elder. Some agenda topics were not discussed, including:

- Citizen Services;
- Housing update;
- Selection of the 2018 GA location.

Planning is underway for the annual General Assembly, July 20-22 2018. Please watch for more details at CAFN.ca/government/general-assembly.



New General Assembly delegates at the Special General Assembly.



Delegates and participants at the Special General Assembly.

CITIZEN SERVICES PROJECT UPDATE

Dän K'e

VISION FOR CITIZEN SERVICES PROJECT

Dän K'e - Our Way - is our path forward, shifting away from the Indian Act and colonialism; restoring our ancestors' vision for the future.

"We are Southern Tutchone people and the way we do things as individuals, as families, as communities and as a government needs to reflect Dan K'e: our way. The Citizen Services Project is our way of reassessing what we do in light of Dan K'e. It is another step away from the colonial legacy. It brings us one step closer to re-imagining what self-government means for us."

**From Chief and Council Message in
December 2017 Citizen Services Report**

Citizen Services Project Update

Since the 2015 General Assembly, CAFN has been working on the Citizen Services project and building Dän K'e (Our Way, our language and culture) into our government. This project is about re-envisioning how we deliver programs and services to CAFN Citizens.

Decolonization

The Indian Act and Department of Indian Affairs (DIA) set up structures and mindsets that are not working for us, so we are moving away from those ways of doing things. Our Final and Self-Government Agreements were a big step toward Dän K'e, but we still have work to do.

What is the Citizen Services project?

It is about simplifying what we do, putting the Citizen at the centre of everything, and moving away from the old *Indian Act* and DIA way of doing things.

The goal is to get Citizens the help they need to become self-reliant in a way that is Dän K'e. Our approach will support and hold up every Citizen as unique and address their specific needs, but not by doing things for them.

Work started with Citizens at the 2015 General Assembly and continued with community engagement and a Citizen Services Project community engagement report in 2016. A Standing Committee of Council and staff formed in 2017 to continue moving this important work forward. In December 2017, Chief and Council approved the Citizen Services Initiative Phase II report and implementation plan, which lays out how CAFN will carry out this shift. Recognizing that we are fundamentally changing how our government operates, this project will be implemented in stages over the next three years.

Where are we now and what is to come?

We are at the beginning of Phase II, which includes implementation of six recommendations:

Recommendation 1:

Adopt a holistic model of well-being that connects all CAFN government activity to people it serves. We will develop our own Dän K'e model, which may be similar to the First Nation Perspective on Health and Wellness

Recommendation 2:

Create a new department for Citizen Services and realign CAFN government to better reflect CAFN priorities while streamlining the management structure of the organization. The proposed new structure includes three main areas of services, Citizen, Nation and Corporate Services, plus the Executive Office.

Recommendation 3:

Develop a new service culture to support wrap-around, Citizen-centred service delivery. One of the biggest example of how this shift will benefit Citizens is the idea of a single service window for all services.

Recommendation 4:

Develop an approach to apply Dän K'e to policy and program design. This approach will be informed by Dän K'e values, guided by a CAFN heritage and culture committee.

Recommendation 5:

Authorize a phased approach to implementation that manages change skillfully, patiently and in a culturally appropriate manner.

Recommendation 6:

Develop and implement ways to measure the success of these recommended changes. We are developing metrics and indicators which will show our progress on the path to Dän K'e.

Next Steps

We are holding community meetings in June and will also provide an update during the 2018 General Assembly, July 20-22, to provide more information and talk with Citizens about the next phases of the Citizen Services project.

What should we call the Citizen Services Project in Dän K'e?

We are also holding a Citizen Services naming contest for all Citizens now with a deadline of June 30 with a prize of round trip airfare for two on Air North. Please submit your ideas. **Details on page 10.**



CAFN Citizens this February at the 45th anniversary celebration of the presentation of Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow, hosted by the Council of Yukon First Nations.

CITIZEN SERVICES NAMING CONTEST

June 1-30, 2018

CAFN is asking Citizens to submit your ideas for a new name for our Citizen Services project.

RULES

Name Entry Guidelines:

Name submissions must:

1. be in Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone);
2. reflect the idea of doing things Dän K'e (Our Way), show our language and cultural values;
3. reflect that our people (dän) are at the heart of all we do at CAFN;
4. be one word or a short phrase (no more than 3-4 words maximum);
5. *optional: include a traditional story that relates to the name you are submitting and illustrates traditional values. Places to look for stories include: books, Elders, grandparents, or CAFN Culture or Heritage staff.*

What is Citizen Services?

- A project to build Dän K'e (our language, spirituality and culture, Our Way) into everything we do in the CAFN government and as CAFN people;
- Started at the 2015 General Assembly and built on consultation with Citizens;
- Re-envision how we deliver programs and services to CAFN Citizens by putting the Citizen at the centre of everything;
- Moves us away from the Indian Act and Department of Indian Affairs model;
- Moves toward a future built on Dän K'e - our own ways of doing things;
- Provides opportunities for Citizens;
- Acknowledges that every individual has responsibility and a role to play;
- Looks back to our ancestors for guidance on how to move forward, with strength and humility.

Dän K'e

VISION:

Dän K'e – Our Way – is our path forward, shifting away from the Indian Act and colonialism; restoring our ancestors' vision for the future.

PRIZE: The contest winner will receive round trip tickets on Air North for two people.

How to enter:

1. Submit your entry no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2018:
 - by email to almckinnon@cafn.ca;
 - deliver to CAFN reception staff at our Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction) or Kwänlin (Whitehorse) office in a sealed envelope to ATTENTION: Amy McKinnon, Communications Manager;
 - or mail to Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, PO Box 5310, Haines Junction, YT Y0B 1L0 ATTENTION: Amy McKinnon, Communications Manager;
2. There is no limit to the number of entries per person.
3. Please include your submission for the new program name, as well as your name, mailing address, email address and phone number. If a minor (under the age of 18), please also include your parent or guardian's contact information.

Eligibility:

1. The contest is open to all CAFN Citizens.
2. Entrants may be any age, but need to be able to read and write in order to submit their name ideas.

Judging and selection of winner:

1. Name submissions will be reviewed during the first week of July;
2. The winning name will be selected by the Standing Committee on Citizen Services, which is made up of three CAFN Council members and supporting staff, in early July;
3. The new name will be announced at the 2018 CAFN General Assembly July 20-22, 2018.

Acceptance:

Participation shows that you agree to and accept these rules. By participating in the contest, the entrant shows that he/she has read and understood, and agrees to be bound by, these rules.

Minors (Citizens under the age of 18) must have permission from their parent or legal guardian to participate in the contest.

The winning name entry will become the sole property of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

UDZÉ NÀTSÄT

DUGOUT CANOE JOURNEY



AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY TO CELEBRATION 2018

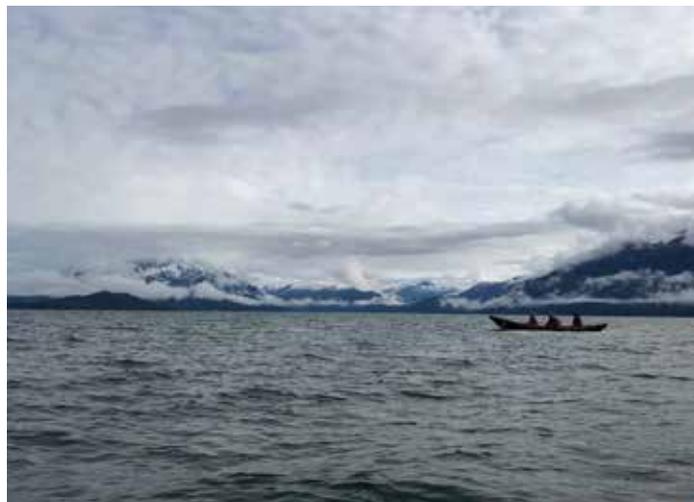
CAFN paddlers and support crew journeyed from Haines, to Juneau in a traditional dugout canoe this June 3-5 to participate at the 2018 Celebration.

The paddlers were:

- Cenjena Alfred
- Kyra Chambers
- Nigel Boyle
- Chris Gleason
- Brandon Long
- Collin Long
- Krista Reid
- Richard Smith
- Peter Upton

Led by Master Carver Wayne Price of Haines, Alaska, the canoe was built last summer as part of the Dañ Kwanje 'Á-Nààn (Voices Across the Water), Canada 150 Project by Yukon First Nation Culture and Tourism Association. It was gifted to CAFN for storage and display at Da Kų Cultural Centre. Wayne Price and more paddlers from Haines, and Hoonah, Alaska joined the CAFN canoe with two more traditional dugout canoes for the voyage this summer.

For more details and video visit: www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/yukon-canoe-journey-champagen-aishihik-juneau-1.4703593



EDUCATION UPDATE

College University Tour 2018

In 2017, CAFN Chief and Council approved funding to coordinate a B.C. college and university tour for students in grades 10-12. In February 2018, a group of 12 students, three chaperones, Councillor Les Walker and Chief Smith travelled to Vancouver and Victoria, B.C. to tour post-secondary institutions in Vancouver and Victoria.

The group visited the University of British Columbia, Douglas College, British Columbia Institute of Technology in Vancouver, the University of Victoria and the two Camosun Campuses on Vancouver Island.

During the tour, the students learned how to prepare for college or university, including how to complete their applications, where to find support for any questions they have, and which classes they need to focus on in highschool.

Feedback from the trip has been positive. Students came back to school ready to put more effort into their assignments and classes.

A big thank you to Chris Gleason for taking time out of his busy academic schedule to help chaperone, as well as to **Air North, Yukon's Airline**, for the amazing deal they gave us on flights, and to CAFN for granting this opportunity to our future leaders.

Kwänischis!



Dáďän Nän Kay Känàďän (our people learning on the land) Spring Break Culture Camp 2018

March 20-25, 2018

It's a sure sign of spring when the Education Department holds their annual spring camp. This year, we hosted between 45-60 people each day at the camp, and over 75 people attended the feast.

Campers helped set the fish net, gather spruce pitch to make salve, and as usual, sew gopher bags. As a camp project, we made mini mukluks to display around the hall. We also held daily *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) lessons. A special thank you to our language teachers Lorraine, Martha, Vivian, Luke and Khásha for their continued dedication to ensure *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) language is alive and strong.





Ornamental moccasins made by camp participants.

The Rangers and Jr. Rangers came to camp for a day and taught youth to build shelter, in case they get lost or stranded, which included great energy saving tips. Scott Stewart and Matthew Trotter from Parks Canada taught youth about avalanche safety; finding a person in an avalanche, safety precautions when on the mountain, water and ice safety.

Thank you to all the CAFN staff that contributed their time and knowledge to the camp, to the first aid attendants who made sure our camp participants had the medical care they needed, and of course to all the Elders who came to camp and helped with activities.



Young sewers display their finished hunting bags.



CAFN graduates at the 2018 Council of Yukon First Nations graduation ceremony May 25 at the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.

Congratulations to our 2018 High School Graduates!

- **Ashton Clouten**
- **Jaden Hume- Berry**
- **Cameron Jim**
- **Dylan Jim**
- **Zabrina Leslie**
- **Marcus Sparvier**
- **Angie Wally**

Please congratulate them for their hard work and encourage them to continue their educational journey into post-secondary.

Summer students

We extend a warm welcome to all new summer students! We hope you enjoy your time with us this summer and have an opportunity to immerse yourself in CAFN government, culture and history.

Chris Gleason is returning to CAFN as the **Summer Student Coordinator**. Chris will be based in the Whitehorse office and can be reached by email, cgleason@cafn.ca or phone, 1-867-689-2556. Welcome back Chris!

CAFN LAUNCHES DÁKWÄNJĒ IMMERSION PROGRAM

Dän K'e Kwänjē Ghäkenīdän: We are Learning Our Language

CAFN is proud to announce the launch of our new adult *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) language immersion program.

"This is one of the most important endeavors the Champagne and Aishihik people will ever undertake. We are committed to having a successful program to teach our people *Dákwänjē*," said *Dän Nätthe Ada Kaaxnox* (Chief Steve Smith). "The students will have a critical and important role in maintaining who we are as a people."

"We are encouraging all our CAFN *dän* (people) who are serious about learning and practicing *dän k'e* (Our Way — our language and culture) to apply for this program. This is a critical time in our history. Our Elders are getting older and we need our younger generations to learn our language. We need our people to speak our language so we can fully transfer our customs and ways of life to the generations that follow," said *Dän Nätthe Ada Kaaxnox* (Chief Steve Smith).

The program is a full-time, intensive two-year course rooted in hands-on, experiential learning. Classes will run from September to June each school year, with the first group

of students graduating in 2020. The program is based at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction), but students will also practice the language on the land and through traditional activities, where it is most meaningful.

"*Dän k'e* is Champagne and Aishihik First Nations top priority. When we have a strong foundation in our language and culture, the benefits radiate to everything we do and to every aspect of our lives," said *Dän Nätthe Ada Kaaxnox* (Chief Steve Smith). "Our language is who we are. It gives us our unique identity that links us to our ancestors and to our land."

Khāsha, a CAFN Citizen and language teacher, has developed the curriculum and will also be one of the instructors. Work to create the program began in 2017 has been carried out in close consultation with Elders and other *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) language experts.

The *Dákwänjē* (Southern Tutchone) adult language immersion program opened to applicants April 23. CAFN Citizens were invited to apply for one of 10 seats in the program. For more information about the program, please visit the CAFN website at CAFN.ca/dakwanje-immersion-program.



The Dakwakada Dancers practice and perform Dákwänjē songs frequently. This photo was taken in March 2018 at the Festival of Native Arts in Fairbanks, Alaska. Photo courtesy of University of Alaska Fairbanks.

DÄN K'E KWÄNJĒ YAKWÄNDÄNÄW PROGRAM

WE ARE LEARNING OUR LANGUAGE PROGRAM

(adult immersion program)

Läch'i tån gā dujēl nj

"We all walk the same trail"

-Elder Chughāla / Lorraine Allen-

Work continues on bringing a *Dän k'e kwänje yakwändänāw* program to life this coming September 2018.

To recap here is the vision of the 2 year program:

- 10 CAFN Citizens of any age;
- Class situated in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction) with on the land field trips throughout the 2 years.
- Hands on, immersion instruction;
- Application packages available at both CAFN offices;
- Two "A day in the life of a student" sessions this May at Shadhāla Ku;
- Classes begin this **September**.

A working draft of curriculum is complete, which outlines what the students will focus on learning in their first year. Also, a working draft of a proficiency scale is also complete, which outlines the stages of language fluency from our Dän (people) perspective. Though 'complete' there is always room for growth and Khāsha welcomes further input.

For more information:

If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail, phone or visit **Khāsha** or **Florence** at Dá Kù:

sreid@cafn.ca
fkushniruk@cafn.ca
(867) 634-3303

DÁKWÄNJĒ GHÀKWÄNJĒ CLASSES

Dànách'e.

CAFN is holding Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) immersion classes for everyone twice a week from 2-3 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays. These classes use the new video conferencing system in the boardrooms at the main offices in Kwänlin (Whitehorse) and Dakwākāda (Haines Junction).

Time is also available from 3:15-4:30 p.m. each Monday in Dakwākāda (Haines Junction) for anyone who would like some extra tutoring in Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone). These classes are open to whatever people would like to learn.

Some examples of what we can do:

- go for a nature hike, talk about what we see, or meet at the bakery, describe what people are eating
- go to the bank, greet people
- walk around Dá Kù, look at the signs
- walk around the main office, make tea or coffee
- learn about nouns/verbs
- go for a drive, describe what we see

The ideas are endless and anyone can sign up for this opportunity.

What is immersion?

Immersion is when you are staying in the "target" language that you are learning. This means that only Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) is spoken when attending a Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone) immersion class.

Who are these classes for?

EVERYONE. These immersion classes are open to all levels of speakers and learners.

How will we learn?

Participants will learn the coordination of language and physical movement along with the use of objects in the class. Participants will not be asked to speak in class unless they feel they are ready to start speaking Dákwänjē (Southern Tutchone). The use of English in class will be discouraged until the end of each class.

There will be a 5 minute break in class and time at the end for questions and to review what we have learned.

Classes will be held in the main CAFN offices on Mondays and Fridays from 2:00-3:00 p.m. until June 29.



DÄN TS'ÄNÄNÄN PROGRAM UPDATE



When the Dän Ts'änänän Program was launched last January, CAFN announced plans for up to 40 full-time work experience job placements in 2018-19. Since then, the Dän Ts'än Nänji (Community Wellness) staff have been working diligently to get Citizens enrolled in the program. We are pleased to say that more than 40 placements are occurring in 2018.

CAFN is hosting job placements in different areas throughout the government departments. The Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji (Greenhouse program) is the core program for 2018 and will run for 21 weeks in both Dakwäkäda and Kwanlin (Whitehorse)/Takhini. Also, CAFN is teaming up with one external community partner, the Yukon College who will host an Administrative Assistant Trainee as a work experience placement.

The Dän Ts'änänän Program offers diverse wellness, training, and work experience opportunities to our community. Our program takes a whole person approach to working with individuals, building customized supports for them that may include work experience placements, training and skills development, and a variety of holistic supports such as: personal wellness enhancement, access to culture and language, career counselling and job coaching, and assistance with resumes and cover letters.

The Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji (Greenhouse program) staff will gain a variety of skills, including Guiding Circles Career Navigation, and certifications such as wilderness first aid, safety (chainsaw/brushsaw safety, rigging and hoisting, confined spaces, WHMIS), foodsafe, etc. The program

is designed to support the experiential learning of participants in three key areas: food sovereignty; construction; and introduction to Indigenous eco-tourism guiding.

The Dän Ts'änänän Program not only benefits individuals, but also our community and all of our Citizens. Participants will contribute to the development of the community by working to clear trails, building a land-based camp (in conjunction with Property Services), building a greenhouse in Takhini, and developing skills to build community housing solutions.

The program is community-centred, and focused on growing not only the skills of our members, but also supporting our traditional and cultural ways. Our goal is to give back to the community, and the Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji kånädän will host a salad bar from our gardens at our General Assembly, and will also host a community harvest feast near Thanksgiving to thank the community for support.



Job placements have been developed in partnership with CAFN departments, and are meant reflect both community needs and individual participant interests, as identified through our intake process. This year's placements include:



Dakwākāda:

- Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji kånādån (Greenhouse Trainees) – Dån Ts'ån Nånnji
- Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji Elder – Dån Ts'ån Nånnji
- Maintenance and Repair Trainees – Property Services
- Maintenance and Repair Lead hand – Property Services
- Artists in Residence (17 weeks part-time) – Da Kų
- Community Engagement and Reconciliation Support Worker (8 weeks) – Da Kų
- Administrative Assistant - Da Kų

Takhini:

- Maintenance and Repair Trainees – Property Services
- Maintenance and Repair Lead hand – Property Services

Kwanlin:

- Maintenance and Repair Trainees – Property Services
- Maintenance and Repair Lead hand – Property Services
- Project Assistant - Heritage, Lands, and Resources

Kwanlin/Takhini:

- Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji kånādån (Greenhouse Trainees)
- Kwäts'änäkhe k'ènji Elder

Additional placements are being planned for 2018-19. Upcoming opportunities include:

- Maintenance and Repair Trainee – Property Services
- Education Assistant – Education
- Administrative Assistant - ECO
- Outreach Worker – Dån Ts'ån Nånnji (Community Wellness)

For more information please visit: www.cafn.ca/dan-tsananan/

Or contact our Wellness Support Workers:

Mary Jane Smith
634-4200 ext. 212 or maryjanesmith@cafn.ca

Maury Fraser
456-6890 or mfraser@cafn.ca



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CAFN AND GOVERNMENT OF YUKON SIGN RENEWED AGREEMENT ON FOREST MANAGEMENT PRIORITIES

The Government of Yukon and CAFN have signed a renewed forest management implementation agreement that outlines the two governments' shared forest management priorities for the CAFN Traditional Territory.

The agreement supports the completion of the timber supply analysis and will help determine a new annual allowable cut for the CAFN Traditional Territory. Other priorities in the agreement include managing forest fuels to reduce the fire risk around communities, developing and implementing a monitoring plan, developing a CAFN Forest Policy, promoting local socioeconomic benefits from forest resource use, and continuing wood supply development.

Chief Steve Smith and Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Ranj Pillai signed the renewed agreement in Whitehorse on April 26, 2018.

“This renewed agreement confirms our interests in working together towards managing our forests sustainably, taking care of our land for our future generations, and improving forest-based economic opportunities for our people.”

– Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Chief Steve Smith

“Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and the Government of Yukon have a long and positive history of working together to sustainably manage the forest resources in the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory. This renewed forest implementation agreement builds on our past successes and maintains a forward-looking, long-term focus to encourage social and economic development that supports the communities in the region and respects the environment.”

– Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Ranj Pillai

Quick facts

Government of Yukon and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations first signed a forest management implementation agreement in 2004, and a renewal in 2012.

Under the 2012 renewal agreement, several forest-related projects have been completed in the Traditional Territory, including:

- acquiring digital aerial photography;
- completing a comprehensive forest inventory;
- establishing a committee to complete a timber supply analysis;
- completing a fuel abatement project south of Dakwākāda (Haines Junction) and numerous FireSmart projects near several communities;
- completing a silviculture (tree planting) project that included a unique training opportunity for Champagne and Aishihik Citizens; and
- significant progress has also been made on the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' Forest Resource legislation and policies.



Chief Smith and Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Pillai sign the Agreement on April 26, 2018.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT ENHANCEMENT FUND (BEEF)

Current Programing:

The BEEF program underwent some updating over the past year. Updated eligibility criteria is as follows:

- Applicants can submit 1 (one) application per CAFN Fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).
- Applicants can access the fund for two years in a row with new CAFN citizens hired for each application.
- Applicants can apply again in the Fourth year.
- Non CAFN owned businesses can apply for funding if a CAFN Citizen has been hired. This is only for businesses in the Traditional Territory unless owned by a CAFN affiliate.
- Only new hires are eligible.
- Contribution is limited to a maximum of \$10,000 and is paid out at 75% of eligible Gross Wages.
- Claims can only be made from date of Approval forward. No retroactive claims. Funding should be advanced by end of year CAFN Fiscal year.

To date CAFN has paid out over \$132,000 to CAFN Citizen-owned/affiliated businesses since 2014.

ENTREPRENEUR EQUITY FUND (EEF)

Current programing:

The EEF program is to enable and assist individual CAFN Citizens to start a new business or purchase and operate an existing business.

EEF aims to financially support CAFN Citizens to pursue business activities contributing to their equity in the venture. By contributing to equity, the Fund intends to help entrepreneurs lever additional financing from banks and other sources.

The EEF has three components to which citizens may apply.

- 1. Equity Matching:** Provides 50% of eligible capital costs in a business venture, to a maximum of \$10,000 per applicant.
- 2. Business Studies:** Provides 50% of eligible costs to prepare business plans or conduct feasibility and other studies related to a business venture, to a maximum of \$10,000 per applicant.
- 3. Trades & Crafts:** Provides 50% of eligible capital costs to a maximum of \$500 per year to Citizens who are self employed in providing services or products for sale.

To date CAFN has paid out more than \$110,000.00 to CAFN Citizen-owned businesses since 2013.

Applications for both funds can be dropped off at either the CAFN Haines Junction or Whitehorse office .

BUSINESS LISTING

Attention CAFN Citizen Business Owners:

CAFN Citizen owned businesses are listed on the CAFN website. This list is also provided to companies that have an economic agreement with CAFN. The list is to help promote those businesses and ensure that CAFN Citizen-owned businesses are used wherever reasonably possible or practical. To be included on the list, please fill out the business information using the form at www.cafn.ca/doing-business/caf-n-businesses or contact our office to be included on the list. **To be included on the list, the business must be at least 50% owned and controlled by a CAFN Citizen.**

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

Currently CAFN has two funds (BEEF and EEF) which are accessible to CAFN Citizens for business related expenses. CAFN is looking at creating an additional fund which may be targeted at tourism related businesses.

We are interested in your thoughts about the potential gaps in funding that is currently being offered as support for CAFN Citizen-owned businesses. We are looking at starting a focus group to discuss available funds and potential funds. If you are interested in being a part of the focus group, please contact Holly. Business support is accessible in Haines Junction as well as Whitehorse. Please call to set up a time.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Holly Underschultz, Economic Development Officer - hunderschultz@cafn.ca - 867-456-6887

DAKWAKADA CAPITAL INVESTMENTS UPDATE



Dakwakada
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Dakwakada Capital Investments (DCI) has been busy working hard to build capacity and invest in our companies during our slow winter season. Our employees and management in all companies are participating in professional development trainings. DCI restructuring is close to completion and we are moving on to a limited partnership.

Dakwakada attended AME Round Up and Mining and Energy Forum in Vancouver, BC in January where we were able to meet people in the resource sectors whose concentration is on infrastructure, power generation and First Nations partnerships.

Dakwakada and its group of companies would like to thank CAFN and community at large for your support over this past season.

RAB Energy Inc. (Northern)

We are glad to see winter gone and the spring and summer building season here and active. The seasonal slowdown this past winter gave us time to regroup and complete a number projects within the facility and its departments. Our garage door division is up and running with two of the Territory's leading installers at the helm. Commercial Aluminum division is currently completing the Mic Mac Toyota dealership and Whistlebend continuing care facility. Macbride Museum and the Yukon College are

few of the major projects completed in the beginning of 2018. The PVC and glass division are geared up for a big season as a high demand for housing at all time. The door division is in the early stages of process planning for automation introductions and also training new individuals for the pre-hang door line.

We have tackled many outstanding projects and a good sense of commitment is felt by all. A well assembled management team with a new organizational structure has developed the 2018 business plan and strategies for future growth.

Recently the Whitehorse trade show allowed us to showcase our newest products and services offered, while at the same time we held a spring sale that netted substantial bargains

to those eager homeowners, builders and renovators.

We will be advertising for labour positions early this year as we implement a second shift in the plant, with hope that full time positions will be resulting. I encourage you to let interested community members know.

RAB Alaska Inc. (Capitol Glass)

Alaska has been through two years of recession which has reduced the size of our markets. In addition, the company has been plagued by high turnover in management positions, major product line and changes and price increases. Our 2018 business plan identified what we must do within key areas of our business e.g processes, people, IT, product offering and markets to succeed. The changes



Northern in Whitehorse, Yukon



Castle Rock equipment in operation.

implemented have been focused on stabilizing our product and pricing, hiring managers who can effectively perform.

A key initiative in the new year is the focus on our marketing strategy. The market has been driven to price point only and high-end quality products are forced to slim margins to compete. Appraisers will give value for countertops, cabinets and flooring, but they are hesitant to give any value for windows. Knowing this we are focusing our marketing efforts on building a greater level of awareness of our product and the benefits windows can provide. Our campaigns are focusing on: educating the consumer, State agencies, and builders with the reputation that our Kodiak 3800 series window offers. In the new year we have also introduced a contractor grade slider that will allow us to offer an alternative window product in a mid-range category. Our insulated glass market continues to be strong with a large volume of walk in customers. We offer a 3-day turn-around time for our AAMA Certified IG units which offers us a competitive advantage. Our margin for our IG units is strong and also a competitive price.

After several years of change and challenges, the Anchorage operation is finally in a position where we have shown control at managing our costs. We are taking steps towards re-establishing markets, and after we move into a properly sized facility will allow us to be profitable.

Icefield Tools Corporation (ITC)

It was a very busy first quarter at Icefield Tools. The team has been working on two main development priorities:

1. Modifying ITC's existing wireline modem to improve operation in Geotechnical environments. While distances for the existing wireline modem are typically shorter, generally less than 7,000 feet, the communication methods are less ideal than in oil and gas wells. The team has developed four distinct prototypes that to field test in March to pick the best performer.
2. Developing an industry standard Error Model, which will be supplied as a software plug-in for drilling operators in oil and gas environments. The engineers will use this data to determine their route when planning the drill path,

and will then use the Gyro Path NSG product to steer the drill.

In addition to developing oil opportunities in the Gulf region, ITC continues discussions for mining supply in South America, and a larger licensing arrangement for a historic Norwegian partner. We are looking forward to a busy 2018.

Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE)

Castle Rock is gearing up for another busy season. Nares River Bridge Replacement is ongoing. Ruskin is in the process of building the working platform and Castle Rock is providing surface and road works on the new access road which will carry vehicles onto the new bridge once complete. The Milestone contract for the Marwell Tar Pit Remediation is underway, removing contaminated soils for remediation. While the Northerm Windows and Doors to Alaska contract is in progress. Project estimates and tender and bidding ongoing.

With a busy season ahead CRE is focused on safety and we have maintained our record of zero-time loss for three consecutive years.

All employees who attended first aid training passed with flying colours and hold advanced certificates until December 2020.

Please refer to your community job board for all future CRE employment opportunities. Future CRE employment opportunities will be forwarded to Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) prior to posting with other employment agencies.

SPRING & SUMMER 2018 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elders Lunches

Elders lunches are held monthly in Whitehorse at the Church of the Northern Apostles. Please watch for the next date. If you need a ride, please call CAFN Elders support staff to arrange transportation in advance. Elders needing foot care, please call Jacquie Chambers.



Congratulations to Jocelyn Johns

Congratulations to Jocelyn Johns on receiving the Bruce Harder Memorial Award from Emergency Medical Services (EMS) on April 28. The Bruce Harder Memorial Award honours the attendant or crew that works well together, has a great attitude, team spirit, is selfless, without ego, caring, believes in and shows great teamwork and leadership, and is committed to their community.



Congratulations to Diane Strand

Congratulations to Diane Strand on her appointment to the Independent Advisory Committee for Senate Appointments. More details on the appointment and the advisory committee can be found here: www.canada.ca/en/democratic-institutions/news/2018/04/acting-minister-of-democratic-institutions-announces-appointments-to-the-independent-advisory-board-for-senate-appointments.html

Notice to Students

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations post-secondary applications forms are currently being modified to reflect the changes in our post-secondary policy. If you have applied, you may be required to reapply. Please watch for more details. If any students had an issue with 2016 T4As, please contact:

Tamara Jim, Post-Secondary Education Manager
Dän kets'edän yū (They are Learning) Education
(867) 456-6893
tjim@cafn.ca

2018 CAFN Election – Call for Address Updates

CAFN will hold its election in October 2018, in accordance with the CAFN Election Regulations. Please ensure CAFN has your current mailing address, so we can contact you with important voting information. Please send address updates to lsmith@cafn.ca. Kwänischis – thank you.

Citizen Wills and Estates

CAFN has resources to assist Citizens with preparing wills and enduring power of attorney. Limited funds remain, so book your appointment soon!

Please contact:

Anna Starks Jacob

Austring Fendrick and Fairman
(867) 668-4405
Toll free 1 (800) 661-0533

Changes at CAFN

The Community Wellness Department in Haines Junction has moved! All Community Wellness staff are now located at Nätsèkhj Kų (Healing House), the old CAFN administration building. The Property Services Department is still located in the main administration building, but has moved downstairs. All phone numbers and emails remain the same. If you have questions, please phone 634-4200.

Congratulations to Heritage Fair Students

Congratulations to our six Haines Junction students who presented their heritage projects at the May 3 Territorial Heritage Fair. The 1st place winner was Joby Clunies-Ross with his presentation on Elder Ray Jackson and the 2nd place winner was Marshall Boss with his presentation on Skookum Jim. Shäw nithän!

Haines Junction EMS

A special thank-you to the Volunteers who make up your Haines Junction EMS team. These keen Volunteers are the people in your community who respond, at all hours of the day and night, to attend to ill and injured persons. They are often called out and away from their work, families, and home for many hours at a time. Their service is to respond to emergencies, give care, and transport sick or injured persons to more advanced care facilities and often to the hospital in Whitehorse. So far this year they have responded to almost 70 calls, the busiest Volunteer EMS service in the Yukon. If you see one of them in your travels give them a “thank-you” for the volunteer work they do. And if you think you would like to be an EMS Volunteer let one of them know, as they are always on the lookout for new volunteers, or “new blood” as they say.



2018 HEADSTONE POTLATCHES

August 4 – Miranda Lee Bill (Crow),

1:00 p.m. at the Jacquot Hall in Burwash

August 5 – Trudy Eugenie Joe McLeod, Kugäya (Crow),

12:00 p.m. at Shadhäla Kų (Champagne Hall). Please bring a dish to share, it is a potluck meal. For more information contact Dorothy Moose 867-332-1780.

August 18 – Kimberly Chambers (Wolf),

2:00 p.m. at Shadhäla Kų (Champagne Hall)

August 18 – Clyde Blackjack “Kajinik” (Wolf),

3:00 p.m. at Carmacks Recreation Centre

August 11 – Vines Smith-Geddes, Samantha (Betsy) Smith, and Kenny Thompson (Crow),

1:00 p.m. at Kwanlin (Whitehorse) Nakwata’ku (Potlatch House)

August 25 – Fred Smith (Wolf),

1:00 p.m. Headstone Viewing in Takhini River and the Potlatch to follow at Shadhäla Kų (Champagne Hall).

September 8 – Grandma May Roberts “Uka Yets’änchin” (Crow),

2:00 p.m. at Carmacks Recreation Centre

September 15 – Gary Jimmy Sam “Łänzhia”-Hunter (Crow),

2:00 p.m. Headstone Viewing, Dinner to follow at 3:00 p.m. at the LSCFN Heritage Hall in Carmacks

September 22 – Darren Johnson and Jessica Johnson (Alyx Stastny) (Crow),

2:00 p.m. at the Jacquot Hall in Burwash

September 29 – Georgina Terri Billy “K’uch’än Eynjáéllá” (Crow),

3:00 p.m. at LSCFN Heritage Hall in Carmacks

October 13 – Emma Ina Shorty Ka’ewa (Crow),

2:00 p.m. at Carmacks Recreation Centre

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAMPAGNE AISHIHIK TRUST UPDATE



Dànách'è.

I am the Chair of the CAFN Trust and will provide a regular update on the CAFN Trust activities in the CAFN newsletters. The Trust will also be presenting a report on July 20th at the Annual General Assembly to be held in Kluskhu.

The Trust was established from Chapter 19 compensation dollars in 1999 through a Trust Deed. In December 2017, a new Trust Indenture was passed by CAFN Council. Generally speaking, the Trust is to benefit CAFN as a whole by investing the money prudently.

Angeline Joe, Frances Oles and Cody Hougen are the other Trustees. The Trust meets at least four times a year to assess the financial investments that are held in the stock market as directed by the CAFN Trust Investment Policy. The Investment Policy directs how the Trust may invest money. The CAFN Trust has two investment managers – Leith Wheeler and Connor, Clark Lund who buy and sell stocks and bonds for the Trust in line with the Investment Policy.

The CAFN Trust provides funding to CAFN on an annual basis through a spending policy calculation. In the past, the CAFN Trust has also provided Dakwaka Capital Investments with capital to invest in their business activities.

Please watch for more information on the Trust in the next newsletter.

*Barb Joe
CAFN Trust Chair*



NŁASHĒJEL

General Assembly



CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

July 20-22, 2018

Łu Ghą—Klukshu

- Barbecue Dinner Friday with Dakwakada Capital Investments.
- 25th Anniversary Celebration!
- Business starts at 9:00 am daily.
- All meals provided.
- Please bring your Potlatch dishes.
- Camping spots are available.
- All Citizens are encouraged to attend!

For more info:
Millie Joe
(867) 634-5243
mjoe@cafn.ca

Reserve a Booth:
Sharol Smith-Sam
(867) 634-4200
reception@cafn.ca

Dän K'e
Our Way

**A 25th Anniversary
Celebration will take place**



Kluane
National Park
and Reserve

KOKANEE SALMON (SACHÄL), NOT OUT OF THE RED YET



Spawning Kokanee Salmon (Photo © Shawn Horseshy)

Sachäl are showing signs of recovering from a decade-long population crash. At the lowest point of this crash, only 20 spawning fish were counted where

historically counts averaged 3,000 fish. Please help this population recover – we ask for your cooperation in not targeting Sachäl.

Silver body,
no spots,
short dorsal fin



 Parks Canada / Parcs Canada

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SPECIAL GREETINGS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Abigail Johnson, a big happy 6th birthday – March 16

Justin Johnson – April 20

Shanita love from Mom – April 25

Ecko Kirk – May 2

Koltun Jim, happy 11th birthday – May 9

Josh and Jorja Jackson, happy 11th birthday, from Ervin and Sharol Sam – May 16

Happy Birthday to Kyra Chambers from her Mom. BIG 21.



Happy 7th Birthday to Ta-Koda Bailey.

You have been a blessing since day one and we love you with all our hearts! Love from Mom, Dad, Sisters, Grandma Gail, Aunty Kathleen and Uncle Lance



Congratulations to Shanita Brown and Richard Hoard on the birth of Kenric Duncan Zaxton Hoard born March 11, 2018, weighing 10lbs 6oz. Love from Grandma!

WELCOME!

CAFN welcomes the following new and returning staff. We look forward to sharing full introductions in the next newsletter:

Dainius Zaldokus, Director of Property Services

Megan MacKellar, Human Resources Officer

Wes Kinney and Dietmar Hatzenbichler, Network Technicians

Chris Gleason, Summer Student Coordinator

Summer students

We extend a warm welcome to all 30+ new summer students!

**Please send your special greetings to:
Amy McKinnon
almckinnon@cafn.ca
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CAFN Haines Junction**

Return Address:
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Destination Address:

CAFN CALENDAR

Mondays and Fridays: Dakwanje Immersion Classes,
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. until June 29 by videoconference in CAFN Whitehorse
and Haines Junction offices.

June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day, stew and bannock
at Da Ky Cultural Centre. CAFN offices closed.

**June 26-28: Council of Yukon First Nations General
Assembly** in Mayo, hosted by the First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dan.

July 5-7: Titl'at Män Tágà - Dezadeash River Canoe Trip. For
more information: Melina Hougen at 634-3305.

July 5: Chief and Council Meeting, Council Chambers,
Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction).

July 18: Chief and Council Meeting, Council Chambers,
Dakwäkäda (Haines Junction).

**July 20-22: Nlāshējel (We Come Together) CAFN General
Assembly.** Details at www.cafn.ca/government/general-assembly/

July 9-13 and 16-18 – Takhini Literacy Camp

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

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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