

Dákwäni

What people are saying

FALL 2014

CAFN ANNOUNCES BRAND NEW DÁKWÄNJE NÀTS'ÙAL ACT



The Dakwakada Dancers performed during announcement of the Dákwänje Nàts'ùal Act on July 19 at the 2014 CAFN General Assembly in Kluksu.

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Chief and Council announced passage of the *Dákwänje Nàts'ùal* (Language) Act during the CAFN General Assembly in Kluksu on July 19, 2014.

“The *Dákwänje Nàts'ùal* Act is our own law committed to restoring and revitalizing Southern Tutchone and

our other traditional languages, and is a major accomplishment for the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations government and people. We believe this is the first law of its kind for a Self-Governing First Nation in Canada,” said Chief James Allen.

During the General Assembly, the *Dákwänje Nàts'ùal*

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Act was officially announced, followed by a celebration honouring all who contributed to the Act. The special celebration featured the premiere of an animated Southern Tutchone video created by CAFN Youth, Southern Tutchone songs and dances performed by the Dakwakada Dancers and CAFN men's drum group, and a fantastic potlatch feast.

"We have come a long way from the impacts of residential school, when we were uprooted from our homes and punished for speaking our language, to today, as we celebrate our language, culture and self-reliant people," said Chief Allen.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' *Dákwänje Nàts'ùal* Act was formally passed into law on July 11, 2014 by the CAFN Chief and Council.

Work on the Act began early in 2013 when the CAFN Council directed the newly formed Language, Culture and Heritage Department to research First Nations' accomplishments in language preservation. Through this research, we discovered we would be the first among Canadian self-governing First Nations to draft a Language Act. We began the process of drafting this Act by developing a questionnaire. Some of the questions for our Citizens were about increasing the number of Southern Tutchone speakers, revitalizing our language, and identifying barriers to learning the language.

Additionally, CAFN formed a Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee of CAFN Citizens, which includes Elders, Youth and fluent speakers who will help guide in development of our Language mandate and implementation of the Act. The Committee also continues to help us incorporate the great feedback we have received from Citizens.

Though Southern Tutchone is the primary language traditionally spoken in the CAFN Traditional Territory, the Act also recognizes that in the past most Champagne and Aishihik people spoke more than one language and had family ties throughout a large part of Yukon and Alaska. The cover page of the *Dákwänje Nàts'ùal* Act reflects those connections by also using the Tlingit and Northern Tutchone terms for the title of the Act, which means "picking up the language".

While we are among the first to draft an act of this sort, we are not alone in working to revitalize the language and increase the number of fluent speakers. CAFN congratulates our friends and family in Alaska, who re-

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Chief Allen signs the *Dákwänje Nàts'ùal* Act into law following its passage by Council on July 11, 2014.

cently celebrated passage of a bill in the Alaska State Legislature recognizing Alaska's Native languages as official state languages, and other First Nations in Yukon and Canada who are persevering in their work to keep their traditional languages alive.

Current CAFN language programs include:

- a language nest at the Shawkwunlee Daycare in Haines Junction;
- the joint bi-cultural program at the St. Elias Community School with the Yukon Department of Education;
- weekly language classes in CAFN communities for Citizens (fall and winter);
- twice-weekly language classes for CAFN staff;
- annual language immersion camps on the land; and
- growing incorporation of Southern Tutchone and traditional languages in our government documents and business.

We look forward to developing the language mandate called for in the Act, training more language teachers and working with our government partners to solidify programs and agreements that uphold and reinforce the value of continued work to revitalize our traditional language.

We acknowledge all who contributed to developing the Act, and all our Elders, language speakers and instructors who continue to keep our traditional language and culture alive every day. *Shāw nithän* (good job) and *kwänaschis* (thank you).

The *Dákwänje Nàts'ùal* Act is available at www.cafn.ca/laws.html.

2014 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 2014 CAFN General Assembly (GA) gathered at Klukshu this July 18-20 for three days of government business and the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends. An estimated 200 people attended, including Citizens who travelled from many parts of Alaska and Canada in order to be at the GA.

General Assembly business included reports on the past fiscal year by Chief and Council, all departments, the Elders Senate and the Youth Council. The Assembly reviewed and approved the 2013-14 audit and financial statements. And CAFN provided an in-depth discussion on home ownership options through the First Nation Market Housing Fund.

Citizens at the 2014 General Assembly passed the following 30 Resolutions:

- Citizen Client Services
- Takhini Garbage System
- Salmon Management
- Contracting Procedures
- Accomodations for Workers and Cooks for Potlatches
- Expanded Champagne Potlatch House
- Champagne Graveyard Expansion
- Preservation of Compensation Funds
- Promoting a Unified People (Parts 1 and 2)
- Community Economic Development
- Education Support
- Facility Known as the Aishihik Treatment Centre
- Increase CAFN Housing Stock
- Land Use Application by Lumber Mill in Canyon Creek
- Bison Herd Reduction
- FASD Effects Program
- CAFN Cultural Policy
- CAFN Government Office Closures
- Program Assessment and Review
- CA community Corporation Mandate and Restructuring
- Student and Elder Housing in Whitehorse
- Economic Development Entrepreneurship
- Programs and Services for Citizens Off Settlement Land
- Personal Finance and Budget Training for Citizens

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Delegates hard at work during the 2014 General Assembly in Klukshu.

- Support and Lobbying for Yukon Native Languages
- Summer Students
- Recognition Plaques for St. Elias Language Students
- Acquisition of Elders' Stories and Cultural History,
- Takhini Cultural Camp
- Community Road Maintenance

The GA facilities included a booth tent with nearly 30 tables full of information about CAFN and other organizations, as well as beads, crafts and other products for sale. Adult activities were a hit and included fun contests like Chief and Council Truth or Dare and a fishing derby, as well as a traditional medicines session and popular diamond willow carving workshop.

Youth helped as Gopher Buddies by serving food and drinks to meeting participants and doing light clean-up. A kid zone was busy with crafts and games for younger children. Kids were also able to canoe on Klukshu Lake while learning about paddling and canoe safety. Six youth represented their communities as GA delegates.

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CAFN youth model their 2014 GA Gopher Buddy t-shirts.

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The diamond willow walking stick carving workshop was very popular.

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CAFN has 30 delegates who represent their community at the GA each year. Each region has five delegates made up of one Elder, one Youth and three regular delegates:

- Takhini/Kusawa,
- Klukshu/Shawshe/Haines,
- Champagne/Hutchi,
- Aishihik/Canyon,
- Haines Junction/Kloo Lake, and
- Whitehorse.

Our First Nation is proud that 2014 was our "greenest" GA to date. No paper plates were provided - everyone brought and washed their own dishes. The new CAFN recycling van travelled to Klukshu daily to collect and recycle kitchen and food packaging,

CAFN Citizen Jan Hill of Haines, Alaska had many colourful beads available for sale at the GA.



cardboard, and other recycleable items. The CAFN bus also travelled daily between Haines Junction and Klukshu and delivered many Elders and other passengers safely to the GA.

CAFN extends its thanks to all who participated during the 2014 General Assembly. Special thanks to Charlene Hume and summer student Jonni-Lyn Kushniruk who provided overall coordination for the GA this year. *Kwānaschis* also to the GA planning team, cooks, workers, activity coordinators, staff and all who contributed. *Shāw nithān*. It was an excellent GA.

For General Assembly photos, resolutions and more, please visit www.cafn.ca/general.html.

The 2013-14 CAFN Annual Report is also available online at www.cafn.ca/report.html.



Susan Knight, CAFN Exhibit Designer and Collections Officer, compares an ice-patch moccasin with Elder Sadie Brown's sewing.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

2014 Chief and Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Chief and Council meetings will be scheduled following the October 16 election. Please watch for more details.

Chief and Council Decisions

The following decisions were made by the CAFN Chief and Council during their April 24-25, May 21-22, June 5, June 18-19, July 10-11, July 14, and July 24, 2014 regular and special Chief and Council meetings.

Wildlife Harvesting Regulation

Chief and Council resolved not to issue permits to harvest cow moose under section 3(1) of CAFN's Wildlife Harvesting Regulation and that consultation with the CAFN Elders and community is required for further direction on this issue.

YESAA Amendments

Chief and Council decided Chief Allen will sign a letter to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regarding proposed changes to the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act. Chief Allen will update CYFN Leadership.

White River First Nation in CAFN Traditional Territory

Chief and Council resolved to refute any and all assertions by the White River First Nation to any expansion of territory, assertions of title or Aboriginal rights, save for those rights, titles and interests recognized in the CAFN Final Agreement and shall undertake all necessary action to preserve the rights, titles and interests guaranteed in the CAFN Final Agreement. Chief Allen will update CYFN Leadership.

Dákwänje Nàts'ùal (Language) Act

Chief and Council accepted First Reading at the Chief and Council Meeting on April 25, 2014, Second Reading on June 5, 2014, and Third and Final

Reading on July 11, 2014. Council resolved to enact the *Dákwänje Nàts'ùal Act* at 2:00 p.m. on July 11, 2014. This Act is the first of its kind for a self-governing First Nation in Canada.

Board and Committee Appointments

Chief and Council appointed Vera Williams as the Elder representative and Shadelle Chambers as a regular member to the CAFN Housing Committee for a term of three years; and extend Marie McLaren's appointment to the CA Trust Board through December 2014.

Chief and Council appointed the 2014 Election Board members for the duration of the 2014 General Election process: Dave Brekke, Robin Bradasch, Wayne Jim and alternate Anna Fraser.

National Health and Fitness Day

Chief and Council proclaimed National Health and Fitness Day in Champagne and Aishihik First Nations as the first Saturday in June to further encourage Citizens to participate in physical activities and contribute to their own health and well being.

CAFN Election Regulation

Chief and Council resolved to adopt the revised Election Regulation, a Regulation pursuant to the CAFN Government Administration Act. The revisions were made primarily to reformat and clarify the mail-in ballot process.

CAFN Audit Approval

Chief and Council accepted the Financial Statements to March 31, 2014, as prepared and presented by Crowe MacKay LLP.

Clerk of the Constitutional Registrar

Chief and Council appointed the Central Registrar and Enrollment Clerk as the Constitutional Registrar as per the Constitution, section (73).

Interim Economic Development Committee

Terms of Reference

Chief and Council accepted the Interim Economic Development Committee Terms of Reference (TOR) as presented. Discussion included whether Councillors should be members of the Interim Development Committee, how to ensure political interests are covered by the Economic Development

Act, and establishing an Economic Development Fund which could be used for equity and feasibility studies.

Administration of Justice Framework Agreement

Chief and Council resolved to approve the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Administration of Justice Framework Agreement as initialed by the negotiators for CAFN, Canada and Yukon on June 6, 2014. The Framework Agreement will ensure the process that would lead to negotiations between parties to complete the Administration of Justice Agreement (AJA). Chief and Council are authorized to sign the CAFN Administration of Justice Framework Agreement at a time and place deemed advisable by Chief and Council.

Land Applications

Chief and Council approved land applications:

- 2014-001 by Greg Smith for Cabin on R-36A near 28 Mile, Aishihik Road;
- 2014-007 by Les Joe for Residence on S-74B1 on Quill Creek;
- 2014-005 by Rose Kushniruk for a portion of Commercial Lot C-15B/D, formerly known as Lot 23;
- 2014-004 by Diane Benjamin on C-28B/D in Haines Junction with the condition Property Services identify the correct boundaries.

Chief and Council deferred land applications based on drainage issues to be resolved:

- 2014-003 by Candace Walker for Cabin on R-67A in Champagne Cabin Subdivision;
- 2014-006 by Kaylea Wabisca for Cabin on R-67A in Champagne Cabin Subdivision.

Chief and Council denied land application:

- 2014-002 Denise Trotter for Cabin on S-225B1 on Lower Kathleen Lake.

Eligibility and Enrollment

Chief and Council accepted the report on Eligibility and Enrollment as presented by the CAFN Governance Department and directed the Governance Department to develop an Enrollment Law, taking in to consideration comments made by Chief and Council at their Special Meeting on July 3, 2014.

Amendments are to be reviewed by the new Council prior to final approval.

Election Board

Chief and Council appointed Robin Bradasch as Chair for the Election Board, in accordance with the Election Regulation 2.2. of the CAFN Government Administration Act.

CAFN Legislative Process (Acts)

Chief and Council resolved that pursuant to CAFN Constitution section 52 (1), CAFN Chief and Council adopt the CAFN Legislative Process (Acts), as presented.

Rescind Motion #006/19 October 2012; Gas Tax Funds

Chief and Council rescinded Motion #006/19 October 2012 regarding approval of up to \$20,000.00 to be available to CAFN Citizens, through Gas Tax Funds, for home energy efficiency improvements for private residences. This was determined by Canada not to be eligible under the Gas Tax Fund Agreement. The Property Services Director intends to submit a proposal for a revolving loan fund which could determine new requirements and utilize funding in ways previously unavailable.

Safer Communities and Neighborhoods (SCAN)

Chief and Council directed the CAFN Executive Director to start discussion with Yukon Department of Justice to develop a Yukon-CAFN SCAN legislation Communication Protocol. Since SCAN legislation currently applies to Settlement Land, this protocol will ensure that Yukon will involve CAFN in the SCAN process. *Please see page 25 for more details.*

2014 General Assembly Resolutions

Chief and Council accepted the General Assembly Resolutions as passed by the General Assembly at Klukshu, July 18-20, 2014.

CAFN Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP)

Chief and Council adopted the 2014 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan as presented. The ICSP allows access to the CAFN Gas Tax Fund to support community projects which promote sustainability.

CAFN Capital Reserve

Chief and Council approved the establishment of a Capital Reserve and policy with the fiscal management described in the Capital Reserve Policy, effective for the fiscal year April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. The Capital Reserve will be available for expenditures for CAFN buildings, infrastructure, equipment, and other capital expenditures.

CACC Regulation

CAFN Council adopted the new Contribution to CACC Operations and Maintenance Regulation, a regulation pursuant to the CAFN Financial Administration Act.

Redemption of Yukon Inn Units

Chief and Council resolved to support the proposed Yukon Inn unit redemption substantially as proposed including amendment of the Unanimous Shareholders Agreement.

Yukon Inn Trust Loan Guarantee

Chief and Council approved a loan guarantee for 40.5% of the proposed borrowing of \$4 million from the First Nations Bank of Canada by the Yukon Inn Trust for the express purpose of redeeming the ownership interests as proposed.

Yukon Inn Trust Loan Agreement

Chief and Council agreed to a postponement of any payments due to them by the Yukon Inn Trust if those payments result in a breach of the loan covenants of the First Nations Bank of Canada.

Decommission Property Tax Reserve

Chief and Council approved decommissioning of the Property Tax Reserve and approved that any funds remaining in the Property Tax Reserve will be transferred to the Capital Reserve.

Funds Released from CMHC Replacement Reserve

Chief and Council approved allocation of funds released from the CMHC Replacement Reserve account to the new Capital Reserve.

John Graham Early Elders' Benefit

Chief and Council approved that early Elders' Benefit be awarded to John Graham due to extenuating circumstances.

Printed copies of Chief and Council minutes are available with reception staff at the Haines Junction and Whitehorse administration offices, or upon request to:

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Personal Education Credits for Residential School CEP Recipients

THE DEADLINE FOR THE PERSONAL EDUCATION CREDITS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM IS OCTOBER 31, 2014

All recipients of the Common Experience Payment (CEP) are eligible to apply for Personal Education Credits, as per the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement (IRSSA).

Personal Credits up to \$3,000 for each CEP recipient are available for a wide range of educational programs and services, including programs and services related to Aboriginal identities, histories, cultures or languages. CEP recipients can use the full amount themselves, give them to certain family members, or combine them to support a group learning activity.

CAFN is on the list of approved educational entities for CEP recipients and will assist with delivery of eligible educational programs and services.

For more information:
**www.residentialschoolsettlement.ca
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Photo courtesy of M. Joe

Gopher hunters at Äshèyi during the language family camp this August.

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Dännch'e. We have enjoyed a busy and eventful summer full of language learning with both Elders and youth. Alongside the Community Wellness department, our Language programs hosted a very successful Äshèyi Language Family Camp from August 1-5 at Äshèyi Shäkat Kų. In total, we had 67 participants! It was great to see so many youth and families attending.

During the camp, we were successful in the traditional hunting and gathering of *ga* (rabbits), *tsäl* (gophers), *udzi* (caribou), and *nįghu* (soapberries). We made our delicious "Indian Ice Cream" with the soapberries. Chief James Allen and Uncle Luke Williams got the camp a caribou to harvest on the first activity day. We appreciated this very much since it gave the youth time to learn how to cut, hang, and dry the meat, and then care for the dried meat.

Camp participants kept busy learning our language through activities such as sewing baby moccasins and dance regalia, and making dance paddles, diamond willow walking sticks and traditional medicines. We also enjoyed a nightly campfire with traditional story time. We were entertained by the unique storytelling style of Southern Tutchone teacher Mary Jane Allison as she told stories in the old way in which she learned them. Marion Primozic

and the traditional medicines team helped us learn to identify, track and plot different medicinal plants. We were amazed at finding out just how many traditional medicines are available in Äshèyi country!

Shäw nithän to our Äshèyi Elders who graciously shared so much knowledge of our language. Through their captivating lessons, we learned to cherish our language and our Southern Tutchone ways. We would also like to thank our successful hunters for sending us all home with tummies full of traditional foods. And *shäw nithän* to Elaine Chambers of däna Näye Ventures for donating backpacks, water bottles and field notebooks for the camp; they were especially handy for our day hikes into Sekulmun Lake.

Please enjoy some of our camp pictures shown here.

Southern Tutchone community and staff classes will start up again in mid-September using the Southern Tutchone Language Unit 1 booklet. Please watch for posters with the starting dates and locations.

We wish everyone a great fall season and a successful harvest for your families.

If you have any ideas for Southern Tutchone language learning and teaching, stories you would like to share, or would like more information, please feel free to contact me any time.

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Photo courtesy of M. Joe

Participants at the 2014 Äshèyi language camp.

2014 EDUCATION SUMMER CAMP

This year we decided to hike from *Shadhäla* (Champagne) to *Chu'ena* (Hutchi) because during the previous two summer camps, we took youth on the old "grease trail" or "Dalton trail" from Klukshu to Champagne. We thought continuing the trip from Champagne to Hutchi would be a great way for students to complete the entire journey from Klukshu to *Chu'ena*. This summer 17 kids, three youth leaders, 10 adults, two Elders and one dog joined the hike and travelled from *Shadhäla* to *Chu'ena*. The group hiked more than 104 kilometers and back again.

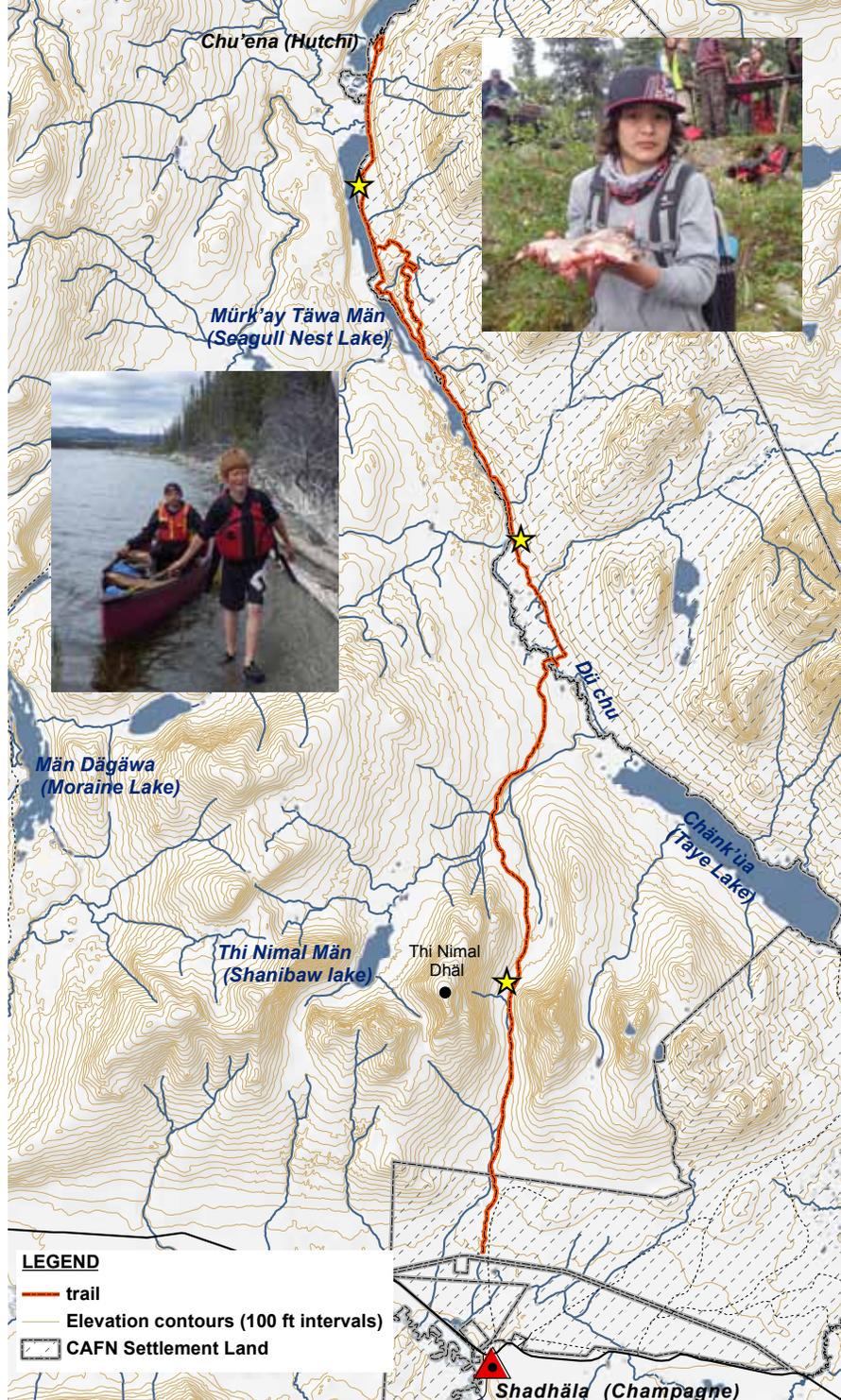
We got to pick berries every day, speak Southern Tutchone, set and check fish nets, eat *äthän gan* (dry meat), canoe, drink from fresh creeks, learn the history of *Chu'ena*, learn about the Kooklux map, and have a ton of fun. Everyone helped with chores every day: getting water, doing dishes, washing clothes, cleaning up camp, sharing gear, cooking, helping Elders, and more.

Many participants really enjoyed the trip. We noticed how much the youth benefitted from the journey; all participants learned how to work as a team and help each other out.

A huge *shäw nithän* to the Community Wellness, Education, and Lands and Resources staff who helped with the camp. Also, thank you to Jane Vincent for helping write funding proposals for the camp. Thank you to everyone else who made the camp a huge success! We look forward to our next journey with the kids.

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Above map: The route from Shadhäla to Chu'ena.
Inset photos: the return trip by canoe, and a tasty fish.
Photo below: Happy camp participants at Shadhäla.





Champagne and Aishihik First Nations PROPERTY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Departmental Reorganization

The reorganization of the Property Services department is in full swing. The department is in the recruiting process to ensure the implementation and development of a strong team. Screening and interviewing is underway for the positions of Property Management, Administrative Assistant and Data Entry Clerk.

Cheryle Patterson has started work as Housing Program Manager. This position is new and is responsible for housing programs and tenancy management of all rental housing units. She will also be responsible for coordinating strategic planning in order to develop and maintain both short-term and long-term housing plans.



Home Ownership

The transfer of existing units has begun. Criteria used to transfer these units includes:

- Tenants must have resided in the unit for the majority of the life of the unit.
- The unit must be accepted "as is".
- Occupants must have the financial ability to keep up the unit, including major replacements and repairs.
- Occupants must have knowledge of home maintenance and minor repairs.
- The unit must be insurable.



Some of our proud home owners are:

Tom Graham and Darline Blair
Lena Smith-Tutin and Kevin Tutin
Tom Millspaugh and Judy Brown
Craig and Amy McKinnon

CONGRATULATIONS to all new home owners!

Property Services will continue to transfer homes to eligible occupants while considering individual circumstances. Also, an option included in this program is home ownership with a monthly fee for maintenance provided by Property Services.

HOUSE FOR SALE IN HAINES JUNCTION



#47 Smith Street
Have you ever dreamed of owning a home on settlement land?
• 3 bedrooms
• 1 bath
• unfinished basement

Champagne and Aishihik Market Housing Program

Champagne and Aishihik Market Housing Program

CAFN Market Housing Program has now been finalized through an agreement with the First Nation Market Housing Fund and will assist Citizens with home ownership on our settlement lands. This program will provide access to affordable and competitive home loans in order to build, buy, or renovate. Property Services will help you access this bank financing. Assistance is available to help you:

- purchase an existing unit up to \$250,000;
- construct a new home up to \$250,000; or
- renovate an existing unit from \$10,000 to \$100,000.

The approved lenders for this program are:

- Bank of Montreal www.bmo.com/aboriginal/en/loan.html, and
- Peace Hills Trust www.peacehills.com, see First Nations Services.

Please contact our Housing Program Manager at (867) 634-4215 for more information or for an application for this fund.

Yukon-Canada Investment in Affordable Housing

On July 31, the governments of Canada and Yukon announced a new agreement for affordable housing investments. This combined investment of approximately \$16 million over five years will help Yukon individuals in need of affordable housing including seniors, persons with disabilities and families. Under this agreement, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) will provide Yukon Housing Corporation with \$1.575 million per year to support housing projects. Yukon will be required to contribute an equivalent amount of funding. Examples of initiatives include: new construction, renovations, rent supplements, and accommodations for victims of family violence.

Under the new agreement, the federal funding in the territory would be intended for off-reserve affordable housing and renovation programs. This led the CAFN Property Services team to raise a question about eligibility during a meeting with the Yukon Housing Corporation: Since CAFN is a self-governing First Nation with Settlement Lands and the funding available is for housing “off-reserve,” does this mean CAFN, which has no reserve land, is eligible to access this funding? The actual agreement is still under development and our hope is that we will be able to access this funding to provide housing options for our citizens.

Habitat Yukon is 10 Years Old!

CAFN’s partner, Habitat Yukon, is celebrating their 10 year anniversary in September! The Habitat program is an affordable homeownership model which provides “a hand up, not a hand out” to low-income families who pay the full fair market value of their home through a no-interest, no down payment mortgage that is geared to their income. Monthly payments are based on a maximum of 30% of a family’s gross monthly household income.

In partnership with Habitat Yukon, three CAFN homes are currently under construction on our settlement land at the Takhini River Subdivision. The triplex is called “First House.” It is the first Habitat housing project built on First Nation Settlement Land in Canada. While visiting the First House in 2012, former Assembly



of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo said, “The First House Project is a critical step towards providing quality options to First Nation families and communities in need of affordable housing. Our hope is that partnerships like this will begin to benefit more First Nation families and communities right across the country.”

The CAFN families selected through Habitat Yukon’s standard process will move into the triplex this fall.

Gas Tax Fund

The new Gas Tax Fund Agreement was signed by Canada and Yukon this July. This new agreement will provide approximately \$3.7 million to CAFN between 2014 and 2024. Our recently approved Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) is the tool which will allow us to access the funding. It also outlines the process for community projects to be approved for construction.

The new 10-year plan for the Gas Tax Fund Agreement continues to include project categories such as public transit, local roads and bridges, wastewater, water, solid waste, community energy infrastructure and non-capital investments in capacity building initiatives. New eligible project categories of interest to CAFN include highways, disaster mitigation, broadband and connectivity, brownfield redevelopment, culture, tourism, sport, and recreation infrastructure.

Recycling Program

CAFN has launched the recycling program for the Haines Junction community. Recycling bins were distributed to households, and recycling is picked up every Wednesday. The program is working well and will be expanding to our other communities.

Property Management Projects

- The construction of the new home at Lot #27 Takhini River Subdivision has now started and work will continue through the winter.
- Renovations at house #110 Rainbow Street in Haines Junction are progressing rapidly and will be completed soon.
- House #80 in Haines Junction is now complete. An open house was held to celebrate the highest energy-efficient home in the community. The tenants are getting settled in and adapting to the mechanics of this new energy-efficient home.

For more information, please contact the Property Services Department at (867) 635-4215.

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RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES OF CAFN HARVESTERS

The hunting season is here again and we would like to wish everyone good luck in their hunting and fishing efforts. We would also like to remind every one of their responsibilities while hunting and fishing this fall and winter.

All Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' Citizens have the right to harvest for fish and wildlife within our traditional territory. Although we have this right, we also have a responsibility to ensure we are only taking what we need and using everything we take. While harvesting, please remember to report your harvesting activity to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations' Renewable Resource Department. This harvest information is crucial in order for us to accurately manage a sustainable wildlife resource, and observations from harvesters can be of great help to us.

If you wish to hunt outside our traditional territory, you must get permission from the First Nation you are visiting or obtain a hunting license and hunt under the law as of general application.

Our Final Agreement only recognizes CAFN Citizens; Non-CAFN citizens do not have the same right within our traditional territory. This means that for many of us, our friends, relatives and/or spouses do not have the same harvesting rights as a CAFN citizen, and they may be charged if they are caught harvesting without written permission or a hunting license. We recognize part of our culture involves sharing with others, but we have to be sure we are not abusing our rights or ignoring our responsibilities.

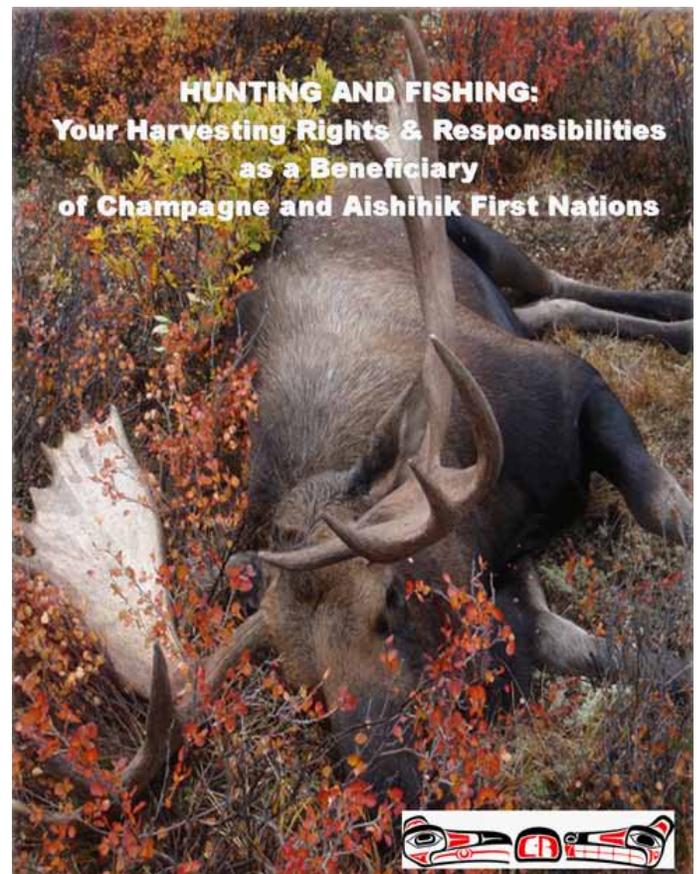
Our fish and wildlife populations are relatively healthy, and we can ensure they stay that way with continued involvement from every one. If you notice anything of interest or have any concerns while out fishing, hunting or picking berries, please let us know. You can reach Linaya at (867) 634-4211 and Micheal at 634-4248 or 456-6885.

Have a great harvesting season.

It is very important that we are conservative when hunting and do not harvest Cow Moose.

REMEMBER TO REPORT YOUR HARVEST.

Thank you,
CAFN Renewable Resources



More details on CAFN Harvesting Rights and Responsibilities are available at www.cafn.ca/lands.html

NATURAL RESOURCES UPDATE



Photo courtesy of V. Lutz

Sheila Greer and Harold Johnson educating a crew from Strategic Metals at Kwayday Dän Kenji.

Hello everyone.

This spring and summer have been quite busy and eventful. We implemented CAFN's Mineral Industry Code (MIC), conducted site visits and worked closely with some of the exploration companies within our traditional territory. We also brought an Elder to visit the Canopus Property north of Aishihik this season. Further, we have provided Heritage 101 courses, which provide training on how to identify heritage resources.

In the past month, we worked to provide the Heritage 101 course to two exploration companies we have been communicating with. The participation of the exploration crews is invaluable, as they are like our eyes and ears in the backcountry of our traditional territory. By working together, we are able to ensure any CAFN heritage resources discovered will be documented. Alongside Sheila Greer, I helped provide these crews with the information needed to identify potential heritage discoveries - and guess what? It's working! Shortly after one Heritage 101, a discovery was reported!



Photo courtesy of V. Lutz

*At the Hopper Property on the Aishihik Road.
From left to right: Ron Chambers, Roger Brown, Gord Allison,
and Patrick Hudson (hydrologist)*

We also have a Heritage Discoveries pamphlet available at both offices for your use.

Once the crews were trained, we were able to visit the properties with hydrologist Patrick Hudson, who has an extensive background in exploration and mine water management practices. Knowing what surface and ground water are doing before any type of work happens is very important. It aids in planning and protecting our natural resources for future generations.

Once the season settles down, we will be hosting a Haines Junction Mineral Awareness Workshop. Please keep your eyes open for more information.

I hope everyone has a great fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

*Venesa Lutz
Natural Resource Officer
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NEW FACES

Cheryle Patterson Housing Programs Manager



Cheryle Patterson “Nàayea” (the one that went across) is a member of the Crow Clan, daughter of Yvonne Joe-Francoeur and Fred Patterson, and granddaughter of Sadie (Stevens) and Chief Hutchi Joe.

Cheryle recently completed the Community Addictions and Advanced Counsellor training, which will benefit Housing Programs. In addition to this training, Cheryle has completed the Mortgage Broker program, as well as diplomas in Financial Services (money and banking) and accounting. Dedicated to life long learning, she has many short courses too.

Cheryle has 16 years accounting experience and 12 years experience in Housing. She has looked at housing programs and strategies all over Canada and the world in some cases.

Cheryle Patterson
Housing Programs Manager
(867) 634-4215
cpatterson@cafn.ca



Jessica Dyck Shawkwunlee Daycare Manager



I am really enjoying my new job as the manager at Shawkwunlee Daycare Centre. The staff and families at the daycare have been very welcoming and we have been having a fantastic summer. I completed a diploma in business Administration over the last two years, and I am a Level 2 Early Childhood Educator. My job has been rewarding so far. I love being able to plan and program for the centre as well as spend time with children every day.

I was born in the Yukon and grew up in the Carcross/Tagish area. I have done some exploring and travelling outside of the Yukon, but I always seem to make it back home. I love it here, and I am looking forward to getting to know the community of Haines Junction.

Jessica Dyck, Manager
Shawkwunlee Daycare
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THANK YOU TO...

Sincere thanks to the following staff who are leaving their work at CAFN. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors:

- *Wes Kinney, IT Site Support Technician;*
- *Shandell McCarthy, Director of Education; and*
- *Diane Strand, Director of Language, Culture and Heritage.*

Best wishes also to Florence Kushniruk and Laurel Mercer as they take education leave from CAFN for one year in order to return to school.

Sharmane Jones

Da Kų Cultural Centre Facility Manager

Please welcome Sharmane Jones as CAFN's new facility manager at Da Kų Cultural Centre. In this position, Sharmane oversees day-to-day operations and the retail store, manages bookings and rentals, liaises with tenants, and assists with a wide variety of other tasks at our Cultural Centre in Haines Junction.



Sharmane Jones
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CAFN's AMAZING SUMMER STUDENTS



*Jonni-Lyn
Kushniruk*

Shāw nithān (good job) to CAFN's summer students for 2014:

- *Jonni-Lyn Kushniruk, Meeting & Events Coordinator Summer Student*
- *Natane Primozic, Retail Sales Associate Da Kų store*
- *Shauna Strand, Executive Council Office*
- *Brandon Williams, Information Technology Student Support Technician*

*Brandon
Williams*



Ashley Boss

Staff Development Officer



After completing my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Justice Studies, I have decided to come back home and work with my own First Nation. I am very excited to be working here as the new Staff Development Officer. I will provide support to CAFN staff for Staff Development Training Plans, workshops, performance evaluations and helping develop cultural/traditional orientations for new staff, just to name a few. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me as I am very happy to help! I am based in the Whitehorse office and will make occasional trips to Haines Junction as well.

Ashley Boss
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HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

CALL FOR SHORT TERM WORKERS

CAFN Human Resources has an open call for short term work opportunities for: cooks, cleaners, minute takers, sound technicians and more.

Successful CAFN applicants with current certification in the field of work applied on will be asked to work at CAFN events on a rotating basis throughout the year.

Please visit www.cafn.ca/jobs.html for more details and to watch for new job opportunities as they become available, or contact HR Officer Joan Graham at jgraham@cafn.ca or 634-4244.



Dakwakada Development Corporation (DDC) has been working hard with Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE) and Outcrop on a marketing rebranding project for CRE with a launch date of fall 2014.

DDC had a great time at the CAFN General Assembly meeting with existing and new community members. If you received a complimentary t-shirt or buff, we hope you've had a chance to wear and enjoy it!

EVENTS

Dakwakada Development Corporation and the Yukon First Nations Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Private Equity and Mergers and Acquisitions Forum on Friday, September 19, at the Gold Rush Inn. We are meeting in the Town Hall conference room starting at 9 a.m.

The 2nd Annual DDC Community Economic Update is tentatively scheduled for October 2014 at the Champagne Community Hall. Please stay tuned for the finalized date.

NORTHERM

Yukon

While we have experienced a slower than expected first quarter, business is starting to pick up in the 2nd quarter. We are pleased to introduce Andrew Stark who was recently hired for the position of Commercial Install Manager. Andrew will be running our install and commercial installs division. With this position filled we are able to generate an increase in sales for Northerm.

We are still looking for an outside sales person and hope to have this position filled before the end of the second quarter as we actively look to expand our market share into Inuvik and Northern BC.

We are encouraging anyone with carpentry and install experience to please drop off a resume as we are starting to pick up in this division.

We are looking forward to a busy 3rd quarter.

Alaska

Our Residential department is working with the Peterson Group, which is heading up a project for the State of Alaska Commerce Department called "Made in Alaska." The program launch is a house manufactured using Alaska-made products. This is an exciting opportunity for us as all of the windows are Northerm-produced. Once the house is complete, a big ad campaign will be launched, providing details on the Alaska-produced products and suppliers/manufacturers. They will be including pictures of our facility and the manufacturing process. We are very pleased to be involved in this initiative.

Our commercial metal department is on track for 2014 and doing well. The state capital first phase is kicking off. The materials have been received in house and subassembly fabrication has started. At this point we estimate we will be on site in Juneau for the end of August and beginning of September.

To date Commercial UPVC has completed three small to medium jobs: a school, a detention center and a youth center. Beyond that, we have two approved bids targeted for late summer and early fall.

Our commercial manager has started cross training our glazers. With the added flexibility within the team, we have the ability to employ the glazers on commercial or residential work.

KILRICH

The building and real estate market in Whitehorse appears to have stabilized, resulting in a rise in housing starts. The Whistlebend subdivision is beginning to look like a community with a number of units completed. Building outside of Whitehorse has also been brisk this year. Kilrich has been providing materials to a number of housing, commercial and institutional projects throughout Yukon.

The strong construction market combined with Kilrich's reputation of providing quality products at competitive pricing has resulted in a relatively successful first half. Our revenues and profits are above budgeted targets, and we are optimistic moving into the second half of 2014.

Kilrich's safety program was tested this spring for our Certificate of Recognition (COR) Certification.

Thanks to the effort and commitment of our employees, the external audit went smoothly and proved the program is in good shape. Kilrich kept our COR with a score of 89 percent.

CASTLE ROCK ENTERPRISES (CRE)

Operational Update

A few of the CRE projects completed this summer include: extension and resurfacing runway 32R-14L (paving), Faro Mine test pit (remediation), Town of Faro water pump (underground utilities), Whistlebend (landscaping) and Evergreen Takhini Subdivision (surface works).

Projects to Complete

Surface works and paving include Crocus Glen Subdivision, Evergreen Project Whistlebend Subdivision, Brookside Subdivision Phase 1 and Alaska Highway Pavement Preservation. Additional projects include:

- F.H. Collins School replacement (subcontractor to Clark Builders);
- Highway right-of-way clearing on the Campbell Highway;
- YTG Cold Mix Asphalt patching material;
- City of Whitehorse landfill operations (5 year contract);
- LNG plant site works (YEC);
- Fish Lake dike stage 2 (YEC);
- Whistle Bend wind mill and fencing (YG);
- City of Whitehorse Hillcrest water-main;
- Carcross sludge drying ponds (YG);
- Watson Lake RCMP landscaping;
- Emily Tremblay School site works;
- Tagish water treatment plant (sub-contract to Cardinal Construction).

Initiatives

Castle Rock Enterprises, in conjunction with DDC, has been working on venturing and partnering into a land treatment facility (LTF), mine remediation, partnering with other First Nations on projects and opportunities, moving into new demographics (Alaska, Northern BC, and Nunuvut) and exploring new technologies in asphalt products. These are exciting ventures that will take time to come to fruition. The DDC board and management of CRE are working diligently on moving these ventures forward.

Paving Marketing Initiative

Castle Rock will soon be marketing a paving blitz through the media providing a 10% discount to clients as well as a payment plan (OAC).

Castle Rock is pleased to offer a 20% discount to all CAFN members or CAFN governance paving/BST projects as well as a payment plan (OAC) for any of your paving requirements. Projects would include paving, BST, seal coat, crack fill and chip seal. Please contact David Pumphrey at (867) 334-6799 and indicate promotion CAFN #1.

Castle Rock Apprentices and Community Involvement

Annika Joe (CAFN) and Kody Pelletier (KDFN) were hired this spring as heavy duty equipment apprentices and have been working out extremely well. We are very pleased to have them join our Castle Rock team.

CRE appreciates the support received from CAFN, KDFN, the Yukon Mine Training Association and the Youth Employment Centre at the Skookum Jim Friendship Centre towards the development of these apprentices.

CRE was pleased to help sponsor the following community teams and events: Team Yukon (North American Indigenous Games), DD Castle Rock Crushers (Softball Yukon Dustball), and the Tanner Sinclair Fund.

We will be happy to accept resumes and discuss opportunities with anyone wishing to pursue an opportunity in the construction industry. Resumes can be faxed to (867) 633-2621 or emailed to finance2@castlerockent.com.

For more information:

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PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE



Takhini conversation 2012



Brenda Lee Asp Designs at Da Ku and Climate Clothing

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Council released the Community Economic Development Plan in June 2012. The plan brings together insights contributed by more than 140 CAFN citizens and guides CAFN further along the path of self-reliance. Valuable input was received on proposed policy objectives, how the community wants to benefit from economic development, and where citizens see potential for development – the foundations of a community-owned plan.

Economic development must be done in a way that benefits future generations.

Economic development must link CAFN Citizens with CAFN culture and traditions.

CAFN citizens want durable economic development.

CAFN should focus economic development support on both individual entrepreneurs and collective corporations.

Economic development needs to strengthen CAFN's social fabric.

CAFN citizens recognize that economic development will involve tradeoffs.

– Community Economic Development Plan (December 2012)

“CAFN needs economic development...as long as regulations and policies are in place.”

– Community consultation 2012

Work drafting an Economic Development Act was undertaken throughout 2013 and 2014. The Act defines the role of CAFN government in economic development.

The Act is not about mixing politics with business; it is about clearly defined roles, responsibilities and processes that provide governance mechanisms, and how the community is involved in setting the strategic direction for economic development.



"I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for getting my business plan on paper. Through your service I was able to fulfill my vision that I have been dreaming about for over fifteen years. I look forward to hiring members to join my success." – **Stephanie Twiss**



"I am so excited to get this on the way. I will finally be in a business that turns a profit this year. Thank you for your help in achieving this goal." – **Brenda Asp**



Biomass project concept uses woodchips.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Twelve citizens are currently taking advantage of CAFN's business assistance program, which provides guidance to those wishing to develop a business idea and ongoing support once the business is operating. The program supports access to business training courses offered through Yukon College both in Haines Junction and Whitehorse. The CAFN Entrepreneur Fund is available and financially supports citizens to pursue business activities by contributing to their equity in the venture. In the first half of 2014, five citizens received funding approval.

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

April 1, 2013 to June 2014	Citizens
Business guidance to develop business idea	12
Training programs	6
Entrepreneur Fund approvals	5

INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Citizens recognize the need for new sources of renewable energy in the Yukon. There is a clear intent by Yukon Energy Corporation to purchase electrical energy from independent power producers to meet its growing needs for new sources of renewable energy. CAFN investment has been made in early exploration of wind, mini-hydro, biomass, and solar. It is the intent of CAFN to continue to examine potential projects that have cleared the initial exploration phase. CAFN is also actively engaged in Yukon Government's Independent Power Production Policy Review Process and was designated as the CYFN lead on this initiative.

Citizens can benefit from local forestry development through supply of wood fibre for biomass initiatives and profiting from related potential businesses. CAFN forestry and economic development staff are investigating the potential to integrate several opportunities to stimulate small-scale forestry based industry.

FINAL AGREEMENT OBLIGATIONS

Governments are reviewing Chapter 22 of the Final Agreements to answer: Are Yukon Indian People achieving the intended economic benefits flowing from the Final Agreements; CAFN Economic Development asks: if not, why not, and what can be done about it?



Vanessa Innes
 Manager,
 Economic
 Development



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INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT



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FORESTRY PROJECT – BUILDING ENTREPRENEUR OPPORTUNITIES

Citizens can benefit from local forestry development. This project investigates the entrepreneur and employment opportunities for CAFN community members in the biomass feedstock supply, as well as other related economic and business possibilities on and off settlement lands. To this end, we need an understanding of the business and labour supply and demand resulting from several forestry opportunities. We need to know the fit between what the opportunities are and the CAFN competencies and readiness to provide the required work force and business support.

As forest management planning continues, the primary objective of this project is to ensure CAFN citizens can benefit from a local developments in the community. This includes planning comprised of a process that scopes out what the opportunities are, develops and assesses the business concepts, and quantifies the likely revenues and costs associated with various concepts.





CAFN Economic Development will be assessing small-scale forest sector development for the community including its readiness to create durable business and forestry related opportunities to support a small biomass operation and a fulsome range of other forestry activities. With funding support from the Aboriginal Forestry Initiative and CanNor, we plan to:

- Assess the potential for small scale forest sector (and related business) opportunities to support fibre flow to a biomass facility;
- Determine the community's current readiness in forestry capability and capacity, and related business skills and potential development; and
- Explore business concept development to business case.

As part of this project, CAFN wants to consider and assess the full range of small-scale forest industry development and opportunities including forest management, harvesting, silviculture, fire suppression, and firewood/biomass sales, and transportation.

A small biomass facility represents a number of both short and long term development opportunities for the community – as a manager and buyer of fiber to create employment and forest management and harvesting businesses, and as a building-block foundation (through the creation of local energy). The production of heat and electricity from biomass will reduce Green House Gas Emissions and will create a durable anchor for local economy.



Vanessa Innes
*Manager,
Economic
Development*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POST SECONDARY STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM



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ATTENTION: CAFN Citizens

Are you planning to attend University or College? The CAFN Post-Secondary Education Program is accepting applications for your funding requirements.

The deadlines for your application submission are:

September enrollment: June 16 deadline

January enrollment: November 28 deadline

May enrollment: March 28 deadline

Students must be accepted to enroll or be enrolled in a community college or university to complete college, first degree, masters or doctoral programs.

All current and ongoing students must reapply each year for continued funding. Transcripts must be included with your application.

For an application package and further information contact:

*Champagne and Aishihik First Nations
Post Secondary Education - Whitehorse office
304 Jarvis Street*

Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2H2

Phone: (867) 456-6884 or (867) 456-6893

Fax: (867) 667-6202

www.cafn.ca/education.html

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION SUPPORT - WHITEHORSE

Dännch'e!

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. I look forward to another exciting school year!

This summer I was busy with the education summer camp that brought us to beautiful Chu'ena (Hutchi). Prior to the summer camp, I had only been there in the winter, and it was amazing to go there and see how wonderful the area is without snow. The Łu (fish) sure made the trip worthwhile!

As the school year is here, I wanted to remind everyone of some of the many services my position offers students in the Whitehorse elementary schools:

- individual student support in and out of the classroom;
- assistance with cultural activities in the classroom;
- Mediation of conflicts between CAFN, students and/or parents in the school to maintain positive relationships;
- attendance and participation in school-based team meetings regarding student assessments, individual education plans, and student progress;
- promotion of the Elders in the Schools program;
- assistance for school staff to incorporate CAFN cultural content in the classroom; and
- attendance of school council meetings.

School supplies funding is available to all CAFN students. CAFN also offers assistance with funding for tutors, which is available all year. Forms for these can be found at each CAFN office or on the CAFN website at www.cafn.ca/education.html.

If you would like to speak to me in person, I will be at Jack Hulland for most of September and you are welcome to come by room 25 for a visit. I will have a set schedule in October for weekly visits to schools in Whitehorse. I will notify parents of this schedule in the fall.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me.

Luke Campbell

Elementary Support Worker for Whitehorse

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CONGRATULATIONS

CAFN congratulates our Housing Support Worker Mary Jane Smith on her recent appointment as President of the Yukon Options for Independence Society.

Options for Independence (OFI) promotes independent living by delivering housing, support and supervision for adults living with FASD.

The recently completed construction of a new building in downtown Whitehorse, *Dun Kenji Ku* (The People's Place), will allow the OFI to provide housing and program services for up to 26 residents.

Former OFI Board Director Terry Molnar said that housing is an important building block for improving the quality of life for people with FASD. With a foundation of safe and affordable housing, the OFI can address more complex needs by providing support services and connecting people to local community resources.

Please join us in congratulating Mary Jane on this exciting and invaluable opportunity to help provide support to some of Yukon's most vulnerable citizens.

Champagne and Aishihik congratulates CAFN Youth Lenna Charlie, who was one of two Yukon delegates selected to represent the territory at the New Canada Conference in Charlottetown, PEI August 31 - September 3, 2014. The New Canada Conference brought together 100 young people from across the country and asked them to consider: "the choices, forces and ideas that will define Canada's future. What kind of a country are we becoming? How will we be known to the world and to ourselves in the decades to come?" Lenna said she attended the Conference because she believes it's important for young aboriginal people to have a voice. The Conference is part of PEI 2014, which marks the 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference of 1846. Lenna, 22, recently continued her post secondary education by enrolling in the Yukon College heavy equipment technician program. For more information on the New Canada Conference, visit www.ncc-cnc.ca.

Photo courtesy of J. Chambers



Community Care staff brought together Elders living in Whitehorse, Champagne and Haines Junction for a special Elders' Lunch at Champagne this July.

COMMUNITY CARE UPDATE

Community Care is looking for donations of moose, fish and caribou for our Elders' Lunch and meal programs. If anyone has meat or fish from harvest this year, a donation would be greatly appreciated.

A friendly reminder that the Elders' Fuel program is just around the corner. Please have debris and clutter removed from tank areas to ensure a fuel fill-up. If possible, provide a small ladder for the fuel delivery person for easier access to your fuel tank.

The Community Care Coordinator is seeking Elders to take part in the New Horizons for Seniors project for Elders' awareness workshops. There is some honoraria available.

An Elders' flu shot clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Nātsèkhj Kų. Elders' lunch will also be provided.

A community flu shot clinic open to all community members will be held October 29, 2014 in Chief and Council Chambers from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, or need more information regarding Community Care programs, please call Jacquie.

*Jacquie Chambers, Community Care Coordinator
(867) 634-4012
(867) 634-5219 cell*

Frances Joe and Sadie Jackson reunite during the Elders' Lunch at Champagne.

Photo courtesy of J. Chambers





OCTOBER 16 AT 10:16 A.M.

CAFN will be participating in the “Great Yukon Shake Out” exercise, an international event where millions of people worldwide will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On.

Major earthquakes can happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The Shake Out is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves and to become prepared. The goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe. To respond quickly, we must practice often!

WHERE and WHEN

- In each CAFN Administration Building on **October 16 at 10:16 a.m.**
- Keep your eyes open, we will visit your community in October to practice this exercise and to discuss Earthquake Safety Actions and Emergency Plans. When: TBD.
- You can also sign up at www.shakeout.org/yukon and participate at home with your family.

In conjunction with the “Great Yukon Shake Out,” we are also coordinating a **free Standard First Aid course in Champagne on October 23-24** with the aim of having more self-reliant communities. Please contact Analie Lafreniere-Lemieux at (867) 634-4231 or e-mail alafreniere-lemieux@cafn.ca if you are interested in taking this course.



Shake Out. Don't Freak Out.



Drop! Cover! Hold On!

October 16, 10:16 a.m.

The Great Yukon **Shake Out**

Register at ShakeOut.org/yukon



Photo courtesy of F. Asp

The Dakwakada Dancers performed at the Moosehide Gathering in July 2014.

SCAN PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

CAFN signed a Communication Protocol with the Government of Yukon's Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) Unit in July 2014 with regard to CAFN Settlement Land.

The SCAN Unit's mandate is "to investigate and take action against illegal activity which may include - drug trafficking, bootlegging and prostitution - which is occurring repeatedly on property and affecting the safety and security of one or more person."

The Protocol commits CAFN and Yukon to "building a respectful, cooperative working relationship" and identifies that both governments "share a common interest in creating safer communities by addressing habitual illegal activities that negatively affect community safety."

How does SCAN work?

Any person may confidentially report illegal or suspicious activities in their community:

- **online at www.scanyukon.ca;**
- **by phoning 1-866-530-SCAN (7226) in Yukon communities; or**
- **by phoning 456-SCAN (7226) in Whitehorse.**

If suspicious or illegal activities take place on CAFN Settlement Land, CAFN can also make a confidential complaint on behalf of a citizen. Following the completion of an investigation on CAFN Settlement Land, the SCAN Unit will provide a summary of the evidence gathered to CAFN or will designate and recommend a course of action. The Protocol states that "The SCAN Unit will seek the support of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations for the recommended response and examine any alternative options available for resolution of the complaint."

The SCAN Unit's mandate is under Yukon's Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act, which was signed and took effect in 2006 and applies to all of Yukon, including First Nation Settlement Lands.

For more information:

www.scanyukon.ca, or

Terry Rufiange-Holway

CAFN Property Services Director

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tr-holway@cafn.ca

GENDER EQUITY IN INDIAN REGISTRATION ACT (BILL C-3)

Individuals who want to register for Indian status must submit an application and meet all three criteria:

1. Your grandmother lost her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian;
2. One of your parents was registered or entitled to be registered under subsection 6(2) of the Indian Act;
3. You or your siblings were born on or after September 4, 1951.

If you are successfully registered, you will have access to federal benefits and services for registered Indians. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) will provide you with a status number.

IMPORTANT:

CAFN is NOT notified when you get your status number because the Indian Registrar may not share that information by law. **It is very important that you notify us if you are a beneficiary of CAFN and have successfully received your status through Bill C-3.**

Information on the Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act and the registration process can be found on INAC's website: **www.ainc-inac.gc.ca**

For further information, please contact:

Lilly Smith, Enrollment Officer

(867) 634-4204

lsmith@cafn.ca

Box 5310, Haines Junction, YT

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SPECIAL GREETINGS

Kwìdlj dzenù sòthän nch'j! ***Happy Birthday!***

*Happy Birthday to my brother Mickey on August 17 and to my niece Michelle on August 19.
Happy Birthday to Porky Ray on August 22.
Happy Birthday to Tina Grant, Cheryl Chambers and Savannah Griffith, too!
And a big Happy Birthday to Rose Kushniruk on August 15!
From Denise and Amy*

*A big happy birthday to Mickey Beattie on August 17.
Lots of love from Michelle, Denise and Amy*

*Wishing a Happy Birthday to:
Dwayne Mazur - August 27,
Jaden Hume Berry - August 29,
Darrel Birckel - September 2,
Kevin Hume - September 4,
Cameryn Hume - September 7,
Charles Hume - October 1.
From the Hume/Mazur family*

Happy Birthday on August 21 to Venesa Lutz, with lots and lots of love from your mommy.

Happy Birthday to Mommy Venesa Lutz with lots of cuddles from your cubs, Harmony and Justus.



Happy Birthday on September 10 to Darius Patterson, with tons of love from your grandma Cheryl.



Happy Birthday on September 26 to Mommy Alicia! Forever love from all your kidlets: Jordan, Darius, Daniel, Angel & Patrick



*Happy Birthday to our daughter Tracy Kane on September 22.
Happy Birthday to friend Elwyn Griffith on September 19.
From Harold and Lilly*

*Happy Birthday on September 19 to Harold Kane!
From Lilly*

Happy 4th Birthday to Leslie Jackson on October 26 from your family!

*Happy Birthday to Breanna Smith on October 27.
Love from Mom, Dad and everyone at home*

Happy Birthday to Lilly Smith on November 3 from Richard, Trish and family

Happy 15th Birthday to Ashton Clooten on November 13! Love from Auntie Trish and Uncle Richard

*Happy Birthday to:
Kara Smith Sept. 4
Derrick Smith Sept. 12
Dallayce Smith Oct. 12
Ryan Gleason Oct. 13
Dayna Smith Nov. 19
Fred Smith Nov. 24
Coming from the Smith Family*



CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK First Nations

***Please send your greetings
for the Dàkwäni newsletter to:
Amy McKinnon, Communications Manager
almckinnon@cafn.ca
(867) 634-4237***

POTLATCHES

September 13 - Headstone Placing for the late Veronica Persad (Charlie). Potlatch to start at 3 p.m. at the Heritage Hall in Carmacks.

September 20 - Headstone Potlatch for brothers Gene and David Kushniruk hosted by the *Käjèt* (Crow) clan, 1 p.m. at *Shadhäla* (Champagne) Hall. Everyone Welcome.

October 4 - Headstone Potlatch for the late Larry Joe. Everyone welcome. Unveiling at 2 p.m. at the Joe family homestead at Marsh Lake. Potlatch to follow at Nakwata Ku Potlatch House in Whitehorse.

Thank You from the Van Bibber Family

Alex, Kathy, Keith and Danny Van Bibber, Richard Van Bibber Jr., David Dillabough, David Silas and family would like to thank all the people who assisted with the celebration of life for Richard Van Bibber Sr.

Special thank you to Rose Kushniriuk, Charlene Burns, Bob Edzerza and many others too numerous to name.



Photos above and below: Award-winning Canadian First Nation singer, songwriter, rapper and hip hop artist Joey Stylez performed in Haines Junction at Da Kų Cultural Centre on August 6, 2014. Thank you to CAFN Community Wellness for hosting the free concert and to the Dakwakada Dancers for their excellent opening performance to welcome Joey Stylez.



Da Kų Cultural Centre is open to the public through September 30.

Fall hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information:
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Destination Address:

CAFN CALENDAR

September 23 - Public Hearing, Select Committee on the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing, 5 p.m. at the St. Elias Convention Centre, Haines Junction. www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/rbhf.html for more information.

September 24 - Terry Fox Run, St. Elias Community School, Haines Junction.

September 25 - Public Hearing, Select Committee on the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing, 5 p.m. at Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, Whitehorse.

September 27 - Public Hearing, Select Committee on the Risks and Benefits of Hydraulic Fracturing, 1 p.m. at Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, Whitehorse.

October 2 - Advance Poll, CAFN 2014 election. Please visit www.cafn.ca/election.html for more information or contact Chief Returning Officer Georgina Leslie at CAFNelection2014@gmail.com or (867) 332-0501.

October 13 - Thanksgiving Day, CAFN offices closed.

October 16 - The Great Yukon Shakeout earthquake preparedness exercise, all CAFN administration buildings at 10:16 a.m.

October 16 - Polling Day, CAFN 2014 election. Please visit www.cafn.ca/election.html for more information or contact Chief Returning Officer Georgina Leslie at CAFNelection2014@gmail.com or (867) 332-0501.

November 11 - Remembrance Day, CAFN offices closed.

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