

Dàkwània

MARCH/APRIL 2011

Thay N-zhā (March - Eagle Month)

Tsäl N-Zhā (April - Gopher Month)

CITIZENS SPEAK ON GLADSTONE PROJECT

Thank you to the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) citizens who attended the Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) Gladstone Diversion concept consultation meeting at Dä Kų in Haines Junction this February.

The meeting room was packed with close to 50 people in attendance. We heard many citizens express strong concerns and many people in opposition to the concept. Staff, Chief and Council hear these concerns loud and clear and will continue to work on addressing these concerns with Yukon Energy and with Government.

The proposed Gladstone Diversion project would divert water from Gladstone Lake into the Aishihik Lake and Canyon Lake systems to produce increased electricity using the turbines at the Aishihik hydroelectric facility (see www.yukonenergy.ca/about/projects/gladstone).



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Kluane First Nation members and staff also participated at the February meeting

CAFN will carry out more research (traditional and current land use studies, oral history), and carefully examine the results of the studies being done by Yukon Energy in order to understand the issues in greater detail, and to make a strong case. This will be done over the duration of this spring, summer and fall. We will continue to host community meetings for interested CAFN citizens. We will also be coordinating with Kluane First Nations as needed.

Thank you to Roger Brown, CAFN Forestry and Environmental Manager, for this update. You can contact Roger for more information at (867) 456-6883 or rbrown@cafn.ca.



CAFN Communications

CAFN community members at the February 8 consultation session on the proposed YEC Gladstone Diversion project





Message from the Chief

Dear Citizens:

This is my first report to citizens since the election, so first I would like to thank people for your support during the election.

One of our first tasks as a new Council was to

spend three days in a retreat December 8 to 10 to develop a four-year plan and identify priorities for our tenure in office. One of our priority areas is economic development. We want to work toward economic development that creates benefits for the community in terms of employment, training, and encouraging entrepreneurs. We also support home ownership and creating more housing options for our members, in keeping with moving our people forward toward self-reliance and empowerment. Council strongly supports language and cultural initiatives, because retaining them is critical to retaining our identity. Health and social issues are also a priority. If possible, we would like to continue with 10-day healing camps at Silver City and similar community camps. Our retreat also included assigning portfolios to each Councillor. One change is that some portfolios are now assigned to more than one Councillor (see portfolio assignments at right).

In January, Council sat in on strategic planning with the Champagne Aishihik Community Corp (CACC). Council supports resourcing the Community Corp to allow it to become more interactive with our members and community.

We also met with Housing department staff in January to review home ownership and outstanding housing issues and to talk about solutions.

On January 18, I enjoyed attending a Youth Council meeting along with our Youth Councillor Bradley Joe. The Youth are busy fundraising for future activities.

Dr. Bruce Beaton and I presented Health Minister Glenn Hart with the final report by the Task Force on Acutely Intoxicated Persons at Risk early this January.

The report includes recommendations for humane treatment and safe care of acutely intoxicated people when they are apprehended.

In late January, Elder Councillor Albert Hume, Councillor Harold Johnson and I attended the 2011 Cordilleron (Mineral Exploration) Roundup in Vancouver. We also held a number of side meetings with mining companies interested in staking in our traditional territory, and met with a firm about possible biomass energy production. When traveling outside the Yukon, Council makes every effort to "piggyback" meetings on other issues to make the best use of our time and save CAFN dollars.

On February 1-2, Chief and Council reviewed and added some of our priorities to the CAFN Strategic Plan. We anticipate formal approval of the updated Strategic Plan at our March meeting.

Yukon Energy Corporation (YEC) met with community members and Council in early February to discuss the proposed Gladstone hydro project. The majority of community members in attendance spoke against the Gladstone project. Council also met with YEC Board Chair Piers MacDonald in March to discuss potential partnership on alternative power generation, such as biomass, thermal and wind energy.

Council and I attended the "Sharing Our Knowledge" conference in Whitehorse February 15-16, which shared best practices for First Nations governance.

I was also pleased to meet with His Excellency David Johnson, Governor General, at the Council of Yukon First Nations during his February visit to the Yukon. My presentation to the Governor General raised concerns about the federal government not living up to the spirit of our land claims agreements.

In February I am pleased to announce we signed the renewal of our Financial Transfer Agreement with Canada. This provides certainty of funding for CAFN to March 31, 2015.

Council is currently working with the Finance Director on our budget for the coming 2011-12 fiscal year. A focus of this new budget includes planning for justice, as we anticipate our Framework for Administration of Justice will be approved for negotiations this year.

Early this March, Council and I met with the Alaska Highway Aboriginal Pipeline Coalition (AHAPC) to

discuss partnerships, impact benefits, regulatory procedures, and other planning we should engage in to prepare for the pipeline.

Council is also gearing up for a CAFN economic development conference this April. We are hosting sessions in Haines Junction and Whitehorse over two days to offer citizens an educational opportunity on economic development and how it can benefit our people. We are inviting prominent speakers from First Nations who have become self-reliant through economic development, including Osoyoos and West Bank, as well as experts on successful First Nations models of economic development. Please watch for more details!

On a sadder note, over the past year we have lost some influential community members and Elders. I would like to pay tribute to Gerald Brown ("Bones"), Patt Delaney, Moose Jackson and Sue VanBibber, and to their families.

The Council and I look forward to visiting our communities for your input and to hear your ideas for CAFN. We look forward to scheduling community visit dates in the near future. I also have an open-door policy. Your input is welcome, so please come visit my office or give me a call.

Our Executive Council Office is in the process of staffing for several positions. We are working to have a council meeting coordinator, administrative assistant, and my executive assistant in place as soon as possible, and look forward to more stable, efficient executive functions with a full staff.

In closing, we are thankful to membership for your patience during this transition period while our brand new councillors learn the ropes and while we get our office fully staffed. We have a good team in place and look forward to the support of the people and the growth of the First Nations during our tenure.

Sincerely,

Chief James Allen

Alexia McKinnon, CAFN



Chief and Council tour the Dä Kų Cultural Centre in February

Chief and Council Portfolio Assignments

Chief James Allen

- Secretariat
- Finance

Deputy Chief Mary Jane Jim

- Finance [Deputy Chief Responsibility]
- Education
- Heritage, Lands and Resources

Elder Councilor Albert Hume

- Municipal
- Elders Senate

Councilor Harold Johnson

- Heritage, Lands and Resources
- Housing

Councilor Les Walker

- Health and Social
- Housing

Councilor Dayle MacDonald

- Health & Social
- Education

Youth Councilor Bradley Joe

- Secretariat
- Youth

CORRECTION: Please note, Councilor Dayle MacDonald and Youth Councilor Bradley Joe's portfolios were mistakenly left out of the January/February 2011 issue. The list above is corrected.



Sandra Charlie, CAFN

CAFN artist Fred Stick Jr. assists students at Vanier Secondary School during a recent drum making workshop

DRUM MAKING WORKSHOP

The Grade 9 art class at Vanier Catholic Secondary School recently completed a drum making class coordinated by CAFN Education staff.

Master drum maker Andre Paul was invited to instruct the class. Andre is a member of the Oglala Sioux Nation from Standing Rock, South Dakota. He has been making drums for approximately 30 years. During this journey he has made about 2500 drums.

CAFN member Fred Stick Jr. was hired through the CAFN Heritage program to assist. He was involved through the whole process and helped students with gluing, sanding and applying the rawhide to their drums. He taught the students about art designs and how to apply them to their drums. It was a pleasure to work with Fred.

Seventeen students participated in the class funded by CAFN, Vanier School and the Youth Investment Fund.

Principal Ed Frison said of the project, "... Andre was not only a master drum maker, but was

great at engaging the kids. After patiently helping the kids put their drums together and then repairing many, we ended up with a class set of wonderful drums. Mr. Paul enthralled the students with his stories and explanations ... All in all, we couldn't have had a better project to show the value of cross-cultural experiences. Thank you to Sandra for organizing this event, to the CAFN for their sponsorship and generosity, and Andre for his work with the students. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Hale and his Grade 9 students for working together on this project and showing us once again how cultural harmony is only a common experience away. I can hardly wait to see what we will do together next."

Art teacher Mr. Hale made a drum and supervised the class, and said of the workshop, "The experience has been incredibly fun, culturally enlightening, and ultimately rewarding for all of the students and staff who had participated. The knowledge, traditions, values and beliefs that were revealed through the skilled art of building a drum were astounding..."

During the process of making the drums, both Andre and Fred told stories of how to care for their drums, how drums were used in First Nation culture and tradition, and how they came to learn the art of drum making.

Students were excited and enthusiastic in each class. Students showed up on time for class and were eager to get working with their drums.

Visitor Wayne Price came into the classroom for a day. He is of Tlingit ancestry from Haines, Alaska. He is currently the master carver at Northern Cultural Expressions Society studio. He sang some songs using the drum and told the stories of how he came to know the songs.

Sandra Charlie, Education Support Worker, made a drum, which was presented as gift from CAFN to the Grade 1 class at St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction.

On February 14, an 'Awakening the Drum' ceremony was held to bless the drums before they could be played.

This project is a great example of bringing together students of all backgrounds and cultures and teaching them the importance of working together and learning about the beauty of other cultures, traditions and people.

Textiles students at Vanier also learned recently how to design and sew their own beaded pins over three weeks with Education Support Worker Sandra Charlie.

Sandra Charlie

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Sandra Charlie, CAFN

CAFN Grade 9 student Amy Hannon-Beattie works on her drum

UKWÄNJĒ

Ädjläät (it is spring time)!

The Shawkwunlee Daycare Language Nest Program is running great and the children are learning their Southern Tutchone language and culture daily. The program takes place at MÜN KŪ and in the daycare from 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m. with Auntie Agnes and Heather Jim. Parents and younger children are more than welcome to participate and we encourage all, as the language starts and strengthens at home.

The Haines Junction Language Lunch is every Tuesday from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the DÄ KŪ classroom. At Language Lunch we practice Southern Tutchone literacy and some translations upon request with Martha and Vivian. During the week the Haines Junction Evening Language Class is held in the DÄ KŪ classroom, every Thursday from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. We are learning new words and literacy. Feel free to bring your sewing project or start a new one.

Our new language programming at the Youth Junction Youth Center is running great. Natane Primozic is doing a wonderful job of applying Southern Tutchone at the Youth Center through interactive games and fun activities. We are proud of Natane's dedication and the pride she takes with her in language revitalization. It's nice to see a young person taking on this role! Weekly language is incorporated into the Youth Center activity schedule.

Takhini Language sessions take place at the Takhini Hall every Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. with Amanda Workman and Cisco Smith. These evenings are family oriented and everyone is welcome to learn the Southern Tutchone language and feel free to start a sewing project.

We have a successful Whitehorse Language Class running weekly, every Tuesday and Thursday in the CAFN Whitehorse office boardroom from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. We are so appreciative of the dedication of our teachers, Lorraine Allen and Dorothy Bellrose, and your wonderful teaching skills and guidance

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Native language instructors Martha, Vivian and Lena Smith and Language Coordinator Millie Joe at St. Elias Community School

with the beautiful sewing projects completed by your students! Everyone is welcome to attend any class. Bring a friend to learn together!

We are always looking for and welcome all interested Elders, fluent speakers and resource people for our language programs. Please call if you are interested in sharing your valuable knowledge and passing on our language and traditions. *Shäw Nithän!*

Here are some spring time conversations you can practice with your family and friends:

Ädjläät. It is springtime.

Yäw äjäädäläda? Is the snow melting?

Àghāy, yäw äjäädälät. Yes, the snow is melting.

Kwäjäädàdhèla? Is it getting warm?

Àghāy, kwäjäädàdhèl. Yes, it is getting warm.

Äjù, shàk'a kwàk'ù. No, it is still cold.

For more information or to share your suggestions for language programming, please feel free to call or stop in for some warm tea and conversation.

Nänuchi'shi, dak'annta jè.

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FIRE SMART

CAFN Haines Junction Community Fuel Abatement (Fire Smart) Project

This winter's fuel abatement season in Haines Junction is finally wrapping up. It has been a long haul for the CAFN Fire Smart crews this year, especially with a fair bit of cold weather and no shortage of snow! Areas treated include spruce forest behind the CAFN administration building and the Willow Acres Sub-division (CAFN C6B), and on the west side of the village (near the Burton's place - CAFN C-2B). This project has helped continue to address the long-term goal of reducing the threat to the community from forest fire. In total, 14 people were employed in this project, with 11 people staying on for 17 weeks and others helping fill in some gaps. Thank you all for your hard work. Funding for this project was provided by the Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency under the one-time Community Adjustment Fund.

Haines Junction Fuel Abatement Plan Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held sometime in the first half of April as a follow up to the forestry consultation meeting held in November 2010. An inter-agency working group has considered all the feedback and has come up with further proposed fuel abatement work for the Haines Junction area. There will be work and contract opportunities from these projects over the next two years, as part of the Northern Strategy Trust Spruce Bark Beetle mitigation program. Notices will be posted in the offices and around the community. Hope to see you there. For further information, please contact:

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Richard Smith, CAFN



Lester Gladue, Chris Smith, Larry Fraser and Dwayne Smith take a lunch break at 37 Mile Lake during the hunt for the February Uses of Mooses camp at Takhini.

AISHIHIK ROAD CLOSURE

ATTENTION: Aishihik Road Closure Summer 2011. Dates to be determined of 10-day closure for bridge replacement between July 1 and July 15.

I have been in touch with staff of Yukon Government Department of Highways and Public Works. They are planning to go ahead with the bridge replacement at Giltana Creek, which is just before you reach the Aishihik Lake campground (south end of the lake) as well as some repair work to the Big Mountain Creek bridge deck. The road will be closed beyond this point for up to 10 days until they replace the bridge. Due to regulations for the protection of fish and fish habitat in Giltana Creek, the work cannot be done before July 1st. They are aiming at a time between July 1st and July 15th. I have indicated the importance of keeping closures to a minimum, as there are many CAFN people interested in accessing further up the road during summer months.

Please let me know if you have any events planned in this area that would be impacted by such a closure. Dates are very important. I will do what I can to work with Yukon Government on the scheduling of any closure and see if we can get a delay, if that is preferred.

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TRADITIONAL PLACE NAMES

South Aishihik Lake Area

By Sheila Greer

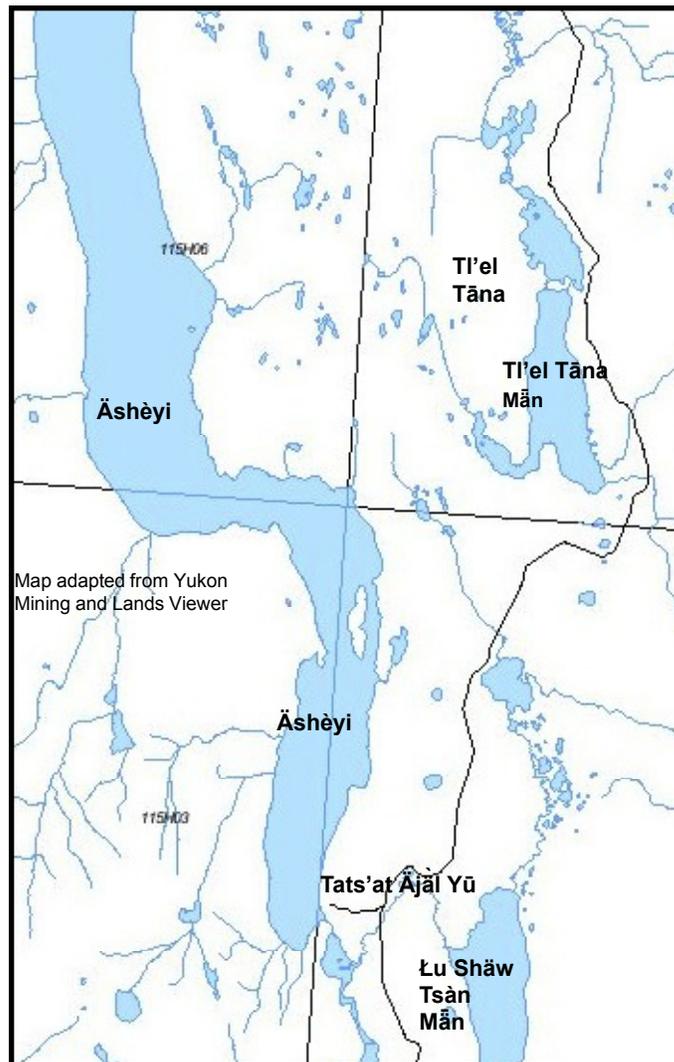
At the March 2010 meeting of the Yukon Geographical Names Board, traditional Dän (Southern Tutchone) names for five landscape features in our traditional territory were formally approved as either “official” or as “alternate” place names. In this edition of Dàkwänía we highlight the names for features located around the south end of Aishihik Lake.

1 - Äshèyi – meaning “head of the lake” is now an official alternate name for Aishihik Lake; the name applies both to the village at the head of the lake and the lake itself. The Dän name Mǎn Shǎw meaning “big lake” was also noted as a recognized designation for the lake itself.

2 - Tl’el Tāna Mǎn is now the official name for Hopkins Lake. As you drive north on the Aishihik Road, Tl’el Tāna Mǎn is the first good size lake you pass on your left after you have passed the road that leads into the 27 Mile Campground and the south end of Äshèyi. Tl’el Tāna means “flint beside it”. The lake takes its name from the hill lying just to the west, which was a place where our ancestors obtained flint, the rock that they chipped into stone tools.

3 - Tl’el Tāna was accepted as the official name for the hill to the west of Tl’el Tāna Mǎn.

4 - Łu Shǎw Tsàn Mǎn is now the official name for the waterbody presently referred to on maps as Giltana Lake. When you are driving north on the Aishihik Road, the extreme south end of this lake is visible to the east before you see the north end of Canyon Lake. Just past the turn-off into 27 Mile, there is a road trail on the left which



goes into Łu Shǎw Tsàn Mǎn, which means “big fish droppings lake” (Łu meaning fish, Shǎw meaning big, Tsàn meaning droppings, and Mǎn meaning lake). The Giltana name will be rescinded; it was an attempted spelling of Tl’el Tāna Mǎn, and shows how the names for the two lakes had been confused.

5 - Tats’at Äjäl Yū is now the official name for the creek draining Łu Shǎw Tsàn Mǎn. The previous name, Giltana Creek, has been rescinded. When driving north on Aishihik Road, you cross Tats’at Äjäl Yū just before the turn-off in the 27 Mile Campground and the south end of Äshèyi. Tats’at Äjäl Yū means “place where suckerfish run”, with Tats’at meaning “suckerfish”, Äjäl meaning “(fish) running”, and Yū meaning “at that place”.

Our thanks to Elders Margaret Workman and Lorraine Allen who attended the March Board meeting to speak about these place names, and to Paul Birckel, who sits as a regular member of the Yukon Geographical Place Names Board. Watch for other place names news in future editions of the newsletter.



Ingredients for a traditional “moose stomach pot roast” from the recent Uses of Mooses camp at Takhini. Tender brisket and kidney meat are cooked in the stomach over an open camp fire. You can eat the meat and the pot too.

Richard Smith, CAFN



Connie Wilson, CAFN

Citizens at the 2010 General Assembly at Kusawa

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The Constitution Review Committee provided an overview of its work in the November/December CAFN Newsletter.

Since then, we are very pleased to welcome Charlene Hume and Denise Beattie to the Committee, who were appointed by the CAFN Council this January. A special thanks to Councillor Les Walker who has actively encouraged people put their names forward for the Constitutional Review Committee. This support is much appreciated!

We have a lot of work to do. Our general plan over the next six months leading to this summer's General Assembly is as follows:

- March and April: One-on-one discussions with Elders to gain insight into the Traditional Governance ways of the CAFN People.
- February and March: draft "Our Constitution: Framing the Conversation" which talks about all the things we have heard and ideas on where changes may be considered. Please see this document attached.
- April: CRC to meet frequently to develop its Report and recommended changes to the Constitution.

Community Meetings:

- **March 29: Evening Citizens' meeting in Whitehorse** to discuss the Constitution, Yukon Inn, dinner at 5:30 p.m., meeting to follow.
- **April 4: Evening Citizens' meeting in Takhini River Subdivision**, Takhini Hall, dinner at 5:30 p.m., meeting to follow..
- **April 5: Evening Citizens' meeting in Haines Junction**, at Dä Ky, dinner at 5:30 p.m., meeting to follow.
- **Tentative - April 9 Citizens' meeting in Haines, Alaska.** Please watch for more details.

- April: Additional discussions with Citizens through the Elders Senate, Delegates meetings and Youth Council.
- May: Work with Legal Counsel to draft Constitutional amendments. CRC to do final work on the Report.
- May: Information sessions on what CRC will be recommending for Constitutional reform
- May 20: Deadline for notification of Constitutional amendments at 2011 GA.
- July 22-24: General Assembly
- August: Finalize Report with the outcome of the GA on Constitutional amendments.

Please put the date of your March/April community meetings in your calendar. We need your input!! Also, the document "Our Constitution: Framing the Conversation" is available to Citizens now. This should give everyone time to think about what we have heard, and consider views you would like us to hear in our continued work during our community meetings later in the month.

We look forward to meeting with you soon.

Kirk Cameron, Chair

Constitution Review Committee Members:

Elder Phyllis Smith Elder Paul Birckel
Elder Cisco Smith Charlene Hume
Denise Beattie

COMMUNITY BISON HUNT

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Renewable Resources hosted its 3rd Champagne Community Bison Hunt on February 17-20, 2011. We had a few community hunters who combined efforts with other CAFN permit holders. These community hunts continue to be a great opportunity for citizens to participate in land based and traditional use activities, while helping to keep the Aishihik wood bison herd at an acceptable and sustainable level. We encourage a cow bison harvest, which is one way CAFN can contribute to controlling and eventually slowing down the bison herds' growth.

This hunt was based out of Champagne and accommodations were made available at *Shadhäla Kū* (Champagne Hall). Nine people participated in this hunt and harvested one bison. We concentrated our efforts in and around Taye and Sceptre lake corridors. Thanks to all who participated and to Glen Kane for donating a good portion of his bison to our community freezer.

The Aishihik Community Hunt is planned for March 17-21. The hunt will be based out of Aishihik with accommodations at *Äsheyi Shäkat Kū*, located near the south end of the airport and treatment center cabins. If you are interested in being a community bison hunter or looking for more information on the community hunts, please contact our Renewable Resources Office in Haines Junction at (867) 634-4211 or 634-4235. Remember to pick up a bison permit from your local Environment Office. See you out there!



Mike Jim, CAFN

A warm fire during cold temperatures is a welcome relief for Champagne community bison hunters

Tracking the elusive bison during the 2011 Champagne community bison hunt

Mike Jim, CAFN



ATTENTION HUNTERS: GET YOUR HIDES IN HERE!

It is very important for us to know if any other animals have winter ticks. CAFN Renewable Resources is asking everyone who harvests a moose, deer or caribou during the late winter and spring to please bring the hides home so we can look for ticks in the hair. All you have to do is roll the hide up with the hair on the inside so that any ticks do not fall off of the hide. The hide can freeze. Please call us. It will be very important for us to know where you hunted so that we can figure out if the ticks have spread to other areas.

- **Please bring in your hides to CAFN Renewable Resources.**
- **Roll the hide up with the hair on the inside.**
- **The hides can freeze.**

For more information or to drop off your hides, please contact:

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SHARING LANGUAGE & CULTURE THROUGH MUSIC & DANCE

The Däkwäkada Dancers represented Haines Junction and the Champagne and Aishihik culture at the 38th Annual Festival of Native Arts in Fairbanks, Alaska this March.

A group of 21 dancers of all ages made the 800-kilometer trip after weeks of hard work practicing and fundraising. They were rewarded with a profound and rich experience. This is the first time the Dancers have performed at the Festival of Native Arts, but coordinator Lisa Pauls says it is an event the group would gladly take part in again.

The Festival of Native Arts is hosted by Alaska Native students at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and brings together aboriginal dancers and craftspeople from all over Alaska, as well as performers from the continental U.S. and countries including Japan, Russia and Canada.

"People of all cultures are welcome here, regardless of whether they're Native or non-Native, as all cultures have something valuable to learn from each other. Therefore, we go forth together, constantly learning from and appreciating each other with the respect and consideration that all people, as human beings, are due," (www.uaf.edu/festival/history).

The Däkwäkada Dancers thank the community and Festival coordinators for this incredible opportunity and for their generous support.



Amy McKinnon

The Däkwäkada Dancers in Fairbanks this March

Gastineau Tlingit dancers infuse education and culture

Sunday, March 06, 2011

By Sarah Day | JUNEAU EMPIRE

Editor's note: This story and photo are reprinted by permission from the Juneau Empire. Our thanks for their generosity in allowing us to share this story featuring Tlingit language instructor Mary Folletti, a CAFN member originally from Haines, Alaska.

Children with Tlingit headpieces, paddles and raising voices danced their way through the halls of Gastineau Elementary Friday evening.

The Gastineau Tlingit Dancers held a celebration in honor of Elizabeth Peratrovich, along with the Alaska Native Sisterhood and Alaska Native Brotherhood.

"Without the work of those activists and organizations, we wouldn't be able to do this together," said Mary Folletti, Tlingit language instructor.

Folletti leads the dance group, which has about 30 participants, every Tuesday after school. This is the second year of the program.

"What's really exciting about this to me is the young dance group," said Anni Stokes, special education teacher. "Many of the families are coming in to share that pride. We're very excited about this dance group. The children here know what moiety they're in, what house they're in."

Both Stokes and Folletti said they have noticed students have been standing taller since they started dancing.



Amy McKinnon

The Däkwäkada Dancers on stage at the Festival

Folletti, working with music teacher Patrick Murphy and others, has been teaching the students Alaska Native songs. She hopes by the end of the year the students will be able to introduce the songs and composers.

“The songs I use are almost all newly-composed songs except the two Athabascan songs,” she said. “The reason we have to use songs that are newly composed is our older songs are owned by clans. You have to be careful using clan songs that you’re not stepping on anyone’s toes.”

Students danced to about 10 songs, including a healing song and a Ptarmigan song. In that song, the boys acted as birds and would fall down at a distinctive drum beat by Folletti, then the girls would tap the boys to bring them back to life.

“It was traded to the Chilkat people from the Athabascan people, displays some of our ways of life,” Folletti said. “There’s lots of opportunity for laughter.”

Another song they performed was Haa Yatx’I Yis, a song Folletti wrote.

“It’s really keeping the children in mind,” she said. “That the language and culture is already within them.”

David Katzeek’s Woch.een was another song danced to.

“The fun part of the song, what I do in the classroom, is tell the kids it’s fall time and we’re gonna have a long, hard winter ahead of us,” Folletti said.

So the students dance out collecting fish and other foods — dry it, smoke it, preserve it in oil. Through that song they learn that each one of them needs to work together to make winter less harsh. They also learn the different kinds of animals, plants and foods in Southeast Alaska and what time of year different items are collected.

Before the dancing began Friday, ANS Camp 70 prepared dinner for a packed gymnasium at Gastineau. The program, including Folletti’s position, is sponsored by Gold-belt Heritage Foundation.

Barbara Cadiante-Nelson, GHF liaison and a district employee, said the grant that funds Alaska Native immersion is called Woch.een, which means “working together.” It infuses \$4 million in grants to the district and funds about six positions.

Cadiante-Nelson said in order for cultural education to be effective, the student, teacher and Native communities need to work together.

“We’re not teaching culture, we’re teaching through culture and that honors the indigenous heritage of our students,” she said.



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Mary works with students prior to a recent performance.

Cadiante-Nelson said she looked forward to the dancing because the school promotes unity and saw the engagement of staff and students.

She lauded principal Angie Lund for her efforts in cultural immersion and the enthusiasm of the staff.

Patty McNeil, Indian Studies Program instructor and ANS Camp 70 member, said the dance group is very diverse and appreciates the school model is all-inclusive. Folletti teaches Tlingit language to every class in the building, McNeil said. “It’s a big team effort with everybody, and staff who care and support the activities.”

McNeil said she felt people really enjoyed the evening and she was glad to see the collaboration between the district and ANS.



Millie Joe

Haines Junction Minor Hockey's 2010-11 Novice team took 4th place at the Novice Tournament in Teslin this February



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Grade 1 students from St. Elias Community School play pond hockey with the CBC's Ron McLean at Kathleen Lake for a segment aired on Hockey Day in Canada



CAFN LOVES HOCKEY!



The Yukon has had an amazing 2010-11 hockey season. Here are some fun photos and highlights from a few of our CAFN hockey families, friends and fans this winter!

- CAFN hockey players of all ages practiced and competed in Yukon tournaments throughout the winter. Congratulations to all our players and coaches for your hard work and dedication.
- Hockey Day in Canada, February 12, was hosted in Whitehorse and saw more than a week full of exciting events leading up to the big Day. CAFN members met celebrities, watched and played in special games and training camps, and took part in many other special activities. For more details visit www.cbc.ca/sports/hockey/hockeydayincanada and www.hockeyday2011.ca.
- Yukon hockey history exhibit at MacBride Museum

opens, featuring CAFN celebrities like Ken Kane, Mundy Joe and Fred Jim, Ken McKinnon, Terry Delaney, Tristin Primozic and more! This exhibit opened during the events leading up to Hockey Day in Canada and is currently on display.

- The CAFN Storm takes first place in the Watson Lake Kiki Carnival Hockey Tournament in February.
- Yukon girls hockey team competes at to the Canada Winter Games in Halifax, Nova Scotia (February 11-27). The team, with some of the youngest players in the competition, has five girls from Haines Junction including our own Britney Brown!
- CAFN members are registered to play at all age levels in the upcoming 34th Annual Kilrich/Northern Yukon Native Hockey Tournament, March 25-27, 2011 in Whitehorse.



Photo courtesy of Marion Primozic

Seven year-old Tristin Primozic plays goal. This photo is part of the Yukon hockey history exhibit on display at MacBride Museum in Whitehorse.



Millie Joe

Young fans enjoy watching a game during Hockey Day in Canada events in Whitehorse.



Ron McLean arrives by helicopter at Kathleen Lake this February during filming for Hockey Day in Canada



Retired NHL player Reggie Leach visits the school in Haines Junction as part of Hockey Day in Canada festivities (sponsored by Dakwakada Development Corp). Leach holds the NHL record for the most goals in the playoffs (19).



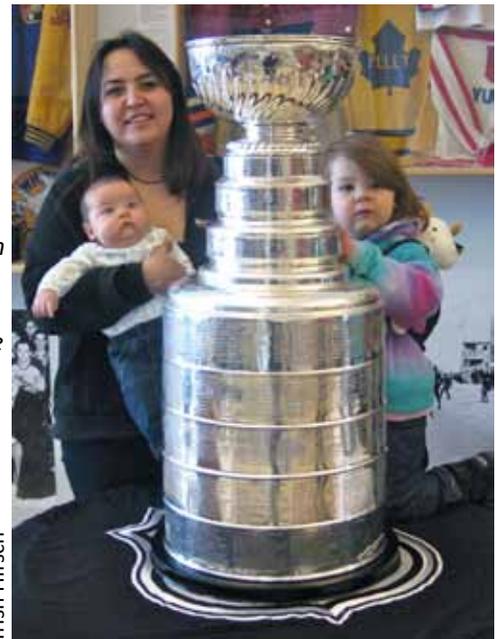
Baby Leslie Jackson gets up-close with the Stanley Cup. This photo made the front page of the Yukon News during coverage of Hockey Day in Canada events.



Fred Jim, the late Ken Kane, and Mundy Joe during their early years in hockey. This photo is part of the hockey history exhibit at MacBride Museum in Whitehorse.



Haines Junction members of the Canada Winter Games Yukon girls hockey team. Left to right: Britney Brown, Savannah vanVliet, Maya Oakley, Dana vanVliet and Sierra Oakley.



Aunt Monica Primozic, Cody and Katelyn Hirsch enjoy a moment with the Stanley Cup in Whitehorse this February



Photo courtesy of Barb Allen

Congratulations to all our Youth who competed in the Dene Games Trials this February!

Nätthè Youth Council

March 9th the Nätthè Youth Council held a dinner meeting in the CAFN Council Chambers. The Youth Council is getting more active and meeting monthly. Youth Council is for all CAFN Youth aged 12 to 23. There are many great opportunities for Youth to get involved AND win great prizes, so watch for more details! The next Youth Council meeting is planned for April 13. *For more info on Youth Council activities, please contact Michelle Faulkner, Governance Coordinator, at (867) 634-4249, cell (867) 634-5105, or mfaulkner@cafn.ca.*

Youth Update

Dene Games

Congratulations to the following Haines Junction Youth who competed in the Dene Games Yukon Championships on February 20, 2011: Madison Allen received 4 gold medals, Anthony Primozic (1 gold medal), Sarina Primozic (2 bronze medals), Natane Primozic (1 gold medal), Mathew Brown (1 gold medal), and Tyler Gladue (1 bronze medal). Dene Games includes the stick pull, finger pull and snow snake. These participants will go to the 2012 Artic Winter Games!



Blast from the Past FUN DAYS

Open to all ages come and join the FUN full days of activities.

- Takhini - March 14
- Haines Junction - March 17 & 18

Breakfast, lunch and dinner available. Schedule TBA.

Youth Spring Break Activities

The hours of the Youth Center will be adjusted during Spring Break to allow us to do more daytime activities like Fun Days, Youth workshops, lunch and skating at Kathleen Lake, sliding, pool tournaments, Mount Sima, or the Canada Games Center. Please watch for more details!



CAFN Communications

Youth busy with an activity at the February 2011 Nätthè Youth Council meeting in Haines Junction



Upcoming Youth Workshops

Stay tuned for your opportunity to attend one of the very fun, intriguing workshops presented by b.y.t.e. this spring ... exact date(s) to be determined!



Kelly Boyd, CAFN

Natane Primozic leads a Southern Tutchone version of the game *Fire in the Forest*.



Kelly Boyd, CAFN

A few of our smaller Youth have fun decorating cookies during Valentine's Day activities at the Youth Center.

**Winter Hours & Activities
at the Youth Junction:**

Hours of Operation

Ages 6 to 12 Monday to Friday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Closed Monday Nights.
Friday and Saturday 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Ages 12 & up Tuesday to Thursday 7 to 10 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Please e-mail smaloney@cafn.ca to receive the weekly Youth Junction activities schedule.

GATHERING OUR VOICES 2011

Aboriginal Youth Conference – Youth are all looking forward to the date of their departure. There will be 10 participants attending the conference in Prince Rupert, BC. The group will be traveling March 19th through 26th, 2011, and may add an extra day if they fundraise enough to go to Smither's B.C to enjoy a day of skiing at the Smither's Ski Resort.

Youth are fundraising at the Yukon Native Bonspiel Concession and through recycling bottle-drives. If you can help with their fundraising, please email smaloney@cafn.ca.

*Shannon Maloney, Youth Coordinator
(867) 634-2012 or smaloney@cafn.ca*

*Kelly Boyd, Youth Centre Supervisor
(867) 634-2012 or youthcenter@cafn.ca*



Tiara Kinney-John's winning poster in the Youth Center's Drop the Pop poster contest. The campaign raised awareness of unhealthy eating habits and encouraged healthy eating and beverage choices. Great work Tiara!



Photo courtesy of Dorothy John

Some of the CAFN group that traveled to Hawaii for the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide conference last September.

Assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn Atleo said at the conference, "Hang on to what we have here at the conference....listen to Elders and possible try to get the spirit here back to the communities." And he said, "Care for each other....support and heal."

Other meaningful comments from the conference: "Go and get medicines, don't just think or talk about it... use what is out there. Pray at all times, not just in crisis; train and discipline talent and one's spirit. What does freedom mean to you? = Choices to be aware of; to develop discipline and training = more choices," (Gerry, a doctor who mentored with an Elder for 7 years).

Residential School Update:

CAFN held an Indian Residential School Workshop in Takhini this March with the help of Chuck Hume and Elders Paddy Jim, Audrey Brown, James Smith and Paul Birckel. Everyone was welcomed to practice and participate in many activities, which included: facilitated discussions with Bea Shawanda on residential school awareness, ice fishing, story telling, sewing with an Elder, knife-making, moose hunting, moose hide tanning and basic winter survival techniques.

Deadlines: Common Experience is September 19, 2011 and the Independent Assessment Process is September 19, 2012. Please, continue call me if you need assistance.

***Here at Social we do our best
to help our members and their families.
We are working hard for you.***

Mary Jane Smith
Acting Social Manager/Counsellor
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mjsmith@cafn.ca

SOCIAL PROGRAMS UPDATE

**Healing Our Spirit Worldwide
September 2010 - Hawaii:**

The trip was really fun, with long flights, and hot weather. It was nice to see familiar faces from our CAFN group and other parts of Canada. The spirit was calming and all the speakers and performers did so from their hearts. We toured and met in some of the most sacred places of the Hawaiian traditional territory. I went to the beach once for a few minutes and tried to catch the sunset.



Photo courtesy of Dorothy John

Lorraine Allen and Bertha Moose in Hawaii

CAFN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2009 - 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

The following scholarships were awarded by the CAFN Education Department in December 2010. Congratulations to these hard-working students. Keep up the great work!



Name	Program of Study	Scholarship Award
Brendon Boyko-Bridges	Bachelor of Engineering	Highest GPA in Degree Program - Sciences CAFN Priority Fields of Study Scholarship
Devon Kinney	Welding Pre-Employment Welding	Highest GPA in a Vocational/Trades
Mathew Trotter	Bachelor of Science - Psychology	Field of Study Achievement - Social Science CAFN Priority Fields of Study
Jessica Trotter	Bachelor of Arts - Physical Education	Field of Study Achievement - Health CAFN Priority Fields of Study
Cody Hougen	Bachelor of Commerce	Field of Study Achievement - Management CAFN Priority Fields of Study

SECONDARY STUDENTS	Grade	Name of School	Scholarship Award
Amy Hannon-Beattie	8	Vanier Catholic School	Grade 8 Academic Achievement
Brandon Long	9	Fort Nielson Secondary School	Grade 9 Academic Achievement
Brandon Williams	10	Haines Junction Secondary School	Grade 10 Academic Achievement
Alexis Hougen	10	Vanier Catholic Secondary School	Grade 10 Academic Achievement
Shelby Jackson	11	Haines Junction Secondary School	Grade 11 Academic Achievement
Collin Long	11	Fort Nelson Secondary School	Grade 11 Academic Achievement
Nicole Holway	12	Grande Prairie Secondary School	Grade 12 Academic Achievement
Venessa Lutz	12	Medicine Hat College	Grade 12 Academic Achievement "CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Social Science"

For more information on CAFN education programs and scholarship awards, please visit:

www.cafn.ca/education

SPECIAL GREETINGS

Happy belated birthday to Junior Moose for February 18.

Happy belated birthday to Sharmane Jones for February 19.

Happy belated birthday to Grady Jackson for February 22.

Happy Birthday to Mundy Joe on March 1.

Happy Birthday to Gary MacDonald on March 4.

Happy Birthday to Angeline Joe on March 7.

Love from, Agnes MacDonald

Happy 75th Birthday to Grandpa Ken McKinnon on April 20!

Happy 2nd Birthday to Madelyn Mock on May 4.

Happy belated birthday to Kelly Mock on February 29.

With love from your family

Happy 7th Birthday to Alea Griffith March 27.

Happy Birthday to Victor Green on April 17th.

From Tyrel, Denise, Damien and Jaccob

Happy belated birthday to Damien and Uncle Alvin for February 21st.

From Denise and Jaccob



ATTENTION CAFN CITIZENS:

CAFN needs current mailing addresses and contact information for many CAFN members. Please ensure CAFN has your address so you can receive the Dàkwänía newsletter and other important CAFN information. Please provide your contact information to:

Lilly Smith

*Law Registry Clerk and Support Services
(867) 634-4204 or lsmith@cafn.ca*

Gwänaschis

Happy belated 9th birthday to Erin and Anya Jim for February 15!

From Lauren and Douglas

Belated Birthday Greetings to: CJ Long - February 6th

Happy Birthday to Collin Long - March 9th

Happy 13th Birthday to Ryan Long - March 15th

From Michele, Delmer, Amy and Mariah MacDonald

Very Happy Belated Birthday Greetings to:

Doreen Williams for January 20,

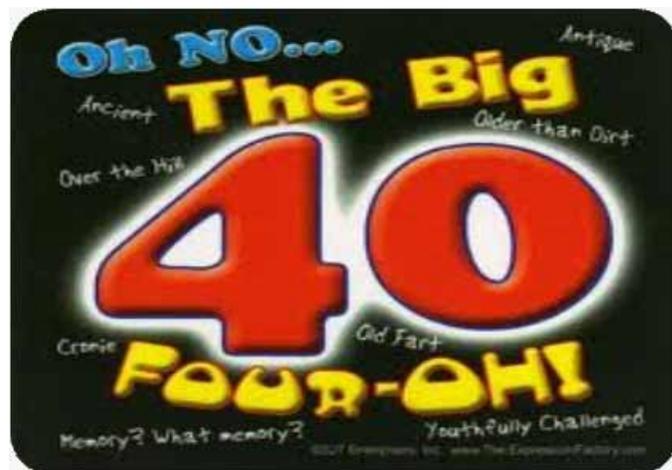
Alex & Nicholas Williams for January 15th,

Brandon Williams for February 12th,

Vera Williams for February 20th, and

Doris Hume for February 26th.

From Debbie and Family



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY TWO
OLDER BROTHERS FROM
DIFFERENT MOTHERS!!**

MARCH 6TH - DALE BROWN

**APRIL 21ST - CHARLES JOHN
(A.K.A. CHARLIE BROWN)**

**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL,
EVEN IF IT IS OVER THE HILL!!!**

**LOTS OF LOVE
FROM YOUR SISTER MIRANDA
AND JOHN-JOHN**

A Big Happy Birthday to Monty Lupin on March 8.
from Elly, Josh and Jorja

March 15 we wish Elizabeth Gladue a very happy birthday.

March 21 we wish Judy George a very happy birthday.

April 7 we wish David Germaine a very happy birthday.

April 8 we wish Trish George a very happy birthday.

April 21 we to wish Charles John a very happy birthday.

April 29 we wish Simon O'Brien a happy birthday.
Coming from Dorothy, Patricia & Ashley

Birthday greetings to our daughter Jasmine Nicole Ann Burns-Loblaw! She turned 4 years old on February 17th, 2011.

Coming from Mommy, Daddy, Big sister Emma-Lee, Auntie Rita and Uncle Harry, and the rest of your loving family

Birthday greetings to Derek Loblaw for March 2nd 2011.

From Emma-Lee, Jasmine, Jennifer and the rest of your loving family

And a belated b-day wish for Uncle Muskrat Burns for January 2011.

From Roxanne and Jennifer

A Big Happy Birthday to Monty Lupin on March 8.
from Elly, Josh and Jorja

Happy Sweet 16 to Tsyaa Jackson on April 23rd from your family!

Send your special greetings care of:

CAFN Communications

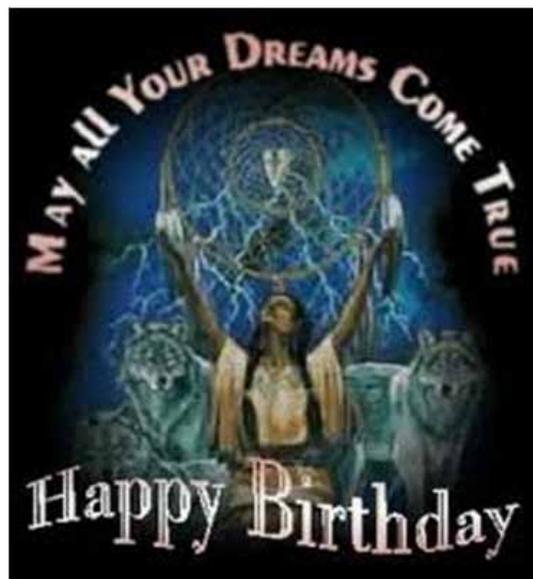
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or deliver to reception staff

in Whitehorse or Haines Junction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- March 3rd – Cecil Jackson
- March 21st – Bradley Jim
- March 31st – Charlie Jackson
- April 1st – Fred Stick Sr.
- April 7th – David Germain
- April 7th – Lenette Graham
- April 8th – Trish George
- April 9th – Miranda Williams
- April 9th – Ricky Martin
- April 14th – Tora - Lee Williams

CONGRATULATIONS!

Landon Drew Gladue
Born March 12, 2010
Edmonton, Alberta
Weight 4 pounds 14 ounces



Congratulations to proud parents
Elizabeth Gladue & Billy Redden.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Message for Tenants of CAFN Housing

The Housing, Properties and Municipal Services Department would like to pass on the following information to community members residing in CAFN Housing.

- **Furnace servicing** – Housing staff will be visiting CAFN homes in the communities to carry out routine furnace servicing this winter.
- **RESPECT Your Neighbors - Loose dogs** – Please respect your neighbours and community by making sure your dogs are tied up or contained.



TOP 10

Tips for Wood Stoves!

Burn the Right Wood the Right Way

1. Preheat your chimney before starting a full fire by using a small kindling fire. This allows for better air circulation and therefore better combustion.
2. Burn only seasoned, dry, split wood. To properly season wood, it should be cut, split and stacked in a covered area for about six months (including the summer months) before burning.
3. Never burn green, wet, treated or painted wood, garbage, plastic, cardboard or glossy or bleached paper. Doing so releases poisons.
4. Remember that fire needs oxygen. A clean and efficient burn requires ample air flow, so don't overload your stove and don't damp it down too much. Smoldering fires produce more pollutants because the wood is not being combusted completely.
5. Running a high fire for 10 to 15 minutes after each refueling will help the wood burn better and will produce more heat for the amount of wood you use.
6. Gradually reduce the air supply after starting or feeding a fire. A sudden reduction can make the fire smolder (resulting in a lot of pollution) until it recovers.
7. Check the chimney for creosote build-up. A build-up of creosote might mean that your fires are not as efficient as they should be. While you're up there, clean the chimney to prevent a chimney fire.

Install an Efficient Wood Stove

8. The single most important thing you can do to reduce pollution from your woodstove is to install an efficient woodstove. Check that it meets current standards set by the Canadian Standards Association or the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
9. EPA approved woodstoves employ some simple technologies that allow smoke to be combusted prior to leaving through the chimney, resulting in a reduction of up to 98% of the pollutants that come from your stove and an increase in efficiency of up to 38%. That's up to 38% less cutting, bucking, hauling, stacking and splitting or 38% less that you pay for wood!
10. Replace your existing woodstove with either a new EPA approved woodstove or a clean burning ULC approved pellet stove and you'll qualify for a \$300 grant from the Energy Solutions Centre's Good Energy rebate program. For more information, see the Energy Solutions Centre Website, www.energy.gov.yk.ca.

For more information, please contact:
*Champagne and Aishihik First Nations
Housing, Properties and Municipal Services
(867) 634-4215 or 4217*

Gwänaschis!

Upcoming JAM Events

Radim Zenkel

Saturday, March 26th
Performance by multi-instrumentalist, 8 p.m. at St. Christopher's Anglican Church.



Jorge Miguel Flamenco Ensemble,

Friday, April 1st, Haines Junction, 8 p.m. at the St. Elias Convention Centre.

Jamberries with Steve Slade

Friday, April 29, at the Haines Junction Public Library. Free! For preschool and young children.

Writers' Festival

Saturday, April 30th, St. Elias Convention Centre.

For more information on JAM events,
please contact hjarts@northwestel.net
or (867) 634-2366.

Heritage Workshops Coming Soon!

Heritage staff are planning the following workshops:

- **Traditional Moose Skin Sleigh Workshop:** learn how to make a moose skin toboggan from leg skins
- **Canvas High Topped Moccasin Workshop:** create a pair of traditional canvas top moccasins.
- **Moose Hoof Bone Sewing Kit Workshop:** come learn to make and use traditional tools.

Please watch for dates and details!

For more information please contact:

Richard Smith
(867) 634-4016 or rsmith@cafn.ca

Elders Fuel Program Reminder

Please turn in all reimbursement slips for the Elders Fuel program before March 31, 2011. Thank you!
Jacquie Chambers, Community Care Coordinator,
(867) 634-4012,
Fax (867) 634-3832
jchambers@cafn.ca

2011 Indian Act Amendment: Bill C-3

The Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, announced that the Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act (Bill C-3) comes into force on January 31, 2011, and that applications for registration will be accepted and processed as of that date.

"By passing this legislation to amend the Indian Act, the government has eliminated specific barriers of discrimination for particular individuals," said the Minister. "Bill C-3 ensures that eligible grandchildren of women who lost status as a result of marrying non-Indian men are entitled to registration."

Individuals who want to register will have to submit an application on or after January 31, 2011 and must meet all three criteria:

- Their grandmother lost her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian;
- One of their parents was registered, or were entitled to be registered, under sub-section 6(2) of the Indian Act;
- They or their siblings were born on or after September 4, 1951.

Individuals may seek legal advice on their own situation.

Once registered, applicants will have access to federal benefits and services for registered Indians.

Information on the registration process as well as general information on the Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act can be found on INAC's website.

This legislation amends provisions of the Indian Act that the Court of Appeal for British Columbia found to be unconstitutional in the case of *Mclvor v. Canada*.

For more information:

- Visit www.inac.gc.ca
- Phone 1 (800) 567-9604
- Or visit any INAC Regional Office or Service Canada Centre



Join the census team!

CENSUS RECENSEMENT

The 2011 Census is staffing 35,000 jobs across Canada

What?

Crew leaders: As a crew leader you will train, lead and supervise a team of enumerators. You may also be involved in the recruitment of staff.

Enumerators: As an enumerator you will distribute questionnaires, conduct personal interviews and follow-ups by phone.

When?

Applications are being accepted now. The work period is between March and the end of July 2011.

Where?

These non-office jobs require you to work in neighbourhoods and communities in all urban, rural and remote areas in Canada.

Who?

18 years or older

a Canadian citizen or eligible to work in Canada

able to commit to at least 20 hours per week including days, evenings, weekends and holidays as required.

Notes:

A driver's license and access to a vehicle is required in many geographic areas. Candidates should be computer-literate and have access to a home computer with Internet. Candidates must pass a written test, interview, reference check, and RCMP security clearance.

Apply January 2011 / Tell a friend

www.census2011.gc.ca

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2011 CHIEF AND COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 17-18	<i>Whitehorse</i>
April 27-28	<i>Haines Junction</i>
May 19-20	<i>Klukshu</i>
June 16-17	<i>Champagne</i> <i>Long Ago Peoples' Place</i>
July 14-15	<i>Takhini</i>
July 22-24	<i>Annual General Assembly</i> <i>Champagne</i>
August	<i>No Scheduled Meeting</i>
September 15-16	<i>Haines Junction</i>
October 20-21	<i>Whitehorse</i>
November 17-18	<i>Haines Junction</i>
December 15-16	<i>Whitehorse</i>

Regular Chief and Council meetings are open to the public, with the exception of In Camera portions of the agenda. Members of the community are welcome. For more information please contact: Council Meeting Coordinator, (867) 634-4242 or executive@cafn.ca.

2011 POTLATCH CALENDAR

Headstone Potlatch for the late Richard Roy Hume, Dakän thäwa, May 21 at Klukshu.

Headstone Potlatch for the late Edward Charles Stick - Gats'ada, May 28 at Champagne. Welcome at 1 p.m., dinner at 2 p.m.

Headstone Potlatch for the late Joe Johnson, June 25, in Burwash.

Headstone Potlatch for the late Edward Borden Smith, September 24, at Carcross.

Head Stone Potlatch for the late Gerald "Bones" Brown - Kutsia Tà, Saturday, July 30, 2011, Haines Junction Convention Center, 3:00 p.m. All are welcome. Bring your Potlatch Bags.



Photo courtesy of Joy O'Brien

Keish Elder's Award recipients Audrey and Fred Brown at the 2011 Skookum Jim Friendship Centre Folklore Show

KEISH ELDERS' AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to CAFN Elders Fred and Audrey Brown on receiving the Keish Elder's Award.

Fred Sr. and Audrey were presented with the award this February at the 2011 Skookum Jim Friendship Centre Folklore Show.

The Keish Elders' Recognition Awards honour and recognize Yukon First Nation Elders who have made significant contribution to life within their communities.

"Elders Fred Sr. and Audrey Brown have enhanced their community with knowledge, compassion and kindness. Fred and Audrey are passionate about the preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge and culture and include all those around them in their teachings..." (2011 Skookum Jim Friendship Centre Folklore Show).



Photo courtesy of Wendy Molnar

A beautiful view of the sunrise from Dä Kų this February. Käm̄ba dij̄ä'l (red sky in morning at daybreak) or Sha Kja (the sun is rising). Thank you to Richard Smith for sharing this photo and the Southern Tutchone translations.

Thursdays - Haines Junction Evening Language Class, 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Dä Kų classroom.

Thursdays - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch - Haines Junction, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dä Kų. Please contact Darlene Blair for more details at (867) 634-4212 or dblair@cafn.ca.

First Friday of Every Month - Elders Lunch - Whitehorse, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CAFN Whitehorse office boardroom. Please contact Darlene Blair for more details at (867) 634-4212 or dblair@cafn.ca.

March 14-25 - Spring Break, Yukon.

March 17-18 - Chief and Council Meeting, Whitehorse, CAFN boardroom.

March 17-21 - Aishihik Community Bison Hunt, please contact (867) 634-4235 or 634-4211 for more details.

March 19 - Parks Canada Family Fest Day at Kathleen Lake, includes poker run, pond hockey, music, crafts, dogsledding, skiing and much more. Phone (867) 634-7207 for more details.

March 25-27 - 34th Annual Kilrich/Northern Yukon Native Hockey Tournament, Whitehorse. More info available at (867) 456-7294 or info@yiha.ca.

April 16-17 - Spring opening of Tachäl Dhäl (Sheep Mountain) Visitor Centre, special invitation to CAFN and KFN members.

April 27-28 - Chief and Council Meeting, Haines Junction, Council Chambers.

CALENDAR

Upcoming events at-a-glance.
Please look inside for more dates and details.

Monday and Wednesday - Takhini Language Sessions, Takhini hall from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday - Whitehorse Language Class, CAFN Whitehorse office boardroom, 4 to 6 p.m.

Tuesdays - Haines Junction Language Lunch from 12– 1 p.m. in the Dä Kų classroom.

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

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