

Dàkwānia

MAY/JUNE 2011

N-t'ay N-zhā (May - Leaves Month)
Dą N-Zhā (June - Animals Get Poor Month)

ON THE PATH TO SELF-RELIANCE: 2011 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Many Citizens attended the Economic Development Conference hosted by Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) in Haines Junction and Whitehorse this April 19 and 20.

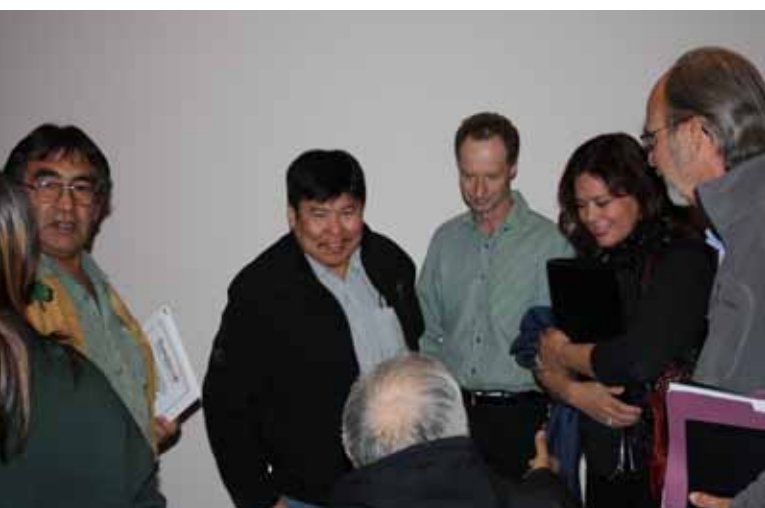
The event is a step toward realizing CAFN's Vision for healthy, self-reliant Citizens and communities, says Chief James Allen.

"We wanted to get people to start thinking about economic development," Chief Allen said to Citizens at the Conference. "We don't have to reinvent the wheel, but we need to ensure we have



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More than 100 people filled the Haines Junction convention centre during the first day of the Economic Development Conference - April 19, 2011



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Chief Allen, James Ross, Ian Robinson and Brenda Chambers visit with participants following the Haines Junction session

good governance, and work together as a whole to create success."

About 100 people (more than 80 CAFN Citizens) attended the Conference on day one in Haines Junction, and as many filled the Yukon Inn Fireside Room the second day of the event in Whitehorse.

The Conference featured speakers with a wealth of experience and knowledge on how to build financially independent First Nations through good business practices.

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It was a full room at the Yukon Inn the afternoon of the April 20 Economic Development Conference session in Whitehorse

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The presenters were:

- James Ross, an aboriginal business leader and four-term Chief of the Tetlit Gwitchin in Fort MacPherson, NWT;
- Raf De Guevera, who negotiates business opportunities and land leases for Westbank First Nation in B.C.'s Okanagan Valley;
- Dr. Stephen Cornell, a professor of sociology at the University of Arizona who led the establishment of the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management and Policy;
- Brenda Chambers, a CAFN Citizen and successful entrepreneur who owns Brenco Media Inc, her own television and video production company in Vancouver, B.C.; and
- Chris Scott, who has helped the Osoyoos Indian Band of Oliver, B.C. become financially independent and profitable through business developments including golf courses, construction companies, vineyards, the Nk'Mip destination resort, and cultural centre.

The speakers identified critical items for successful economic development including:

- A solid, stable governance structure and accountable, transparent government;
- Marketing that invites investment in and partnerships with the First Nations;
- A sound economic development strategy;
- Good land use planning with provisions for property tax and land leases;
- Investment in Citizen entrepreneurs and small businesses;

- Benefits to the community through employment; and
- Support for Citizens to heal in to prepare for the changes and opportunities that come with new development.

CAFN looks forward to continuing to work on economic development with a focus on benefits to CAFN communities. Next steps will include working with the Champagne and Aishihik Community Corp, Dakwakada Development Corp, and the Champagne Aishihik Trust to develop CAFN's economic vision. Council also looks forward to meeting in the communities to plan for development with Citizens.

Chief and Council thank our guest speakers for sharing their valuable insight and especially thank the Citizens and community members who participated.

CAFN and Trust Sign Agreement



DDC's Murray Arsenault, Trustee Fran Asp, DDC Board Chair Richard Jamieson, Trust Chair Shadelle Chambers, and Chief Allen at the signing of the 2011 Trust/CAFN MOU (left to right)

Chief Allen signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Champagne Aishihik Trust this March to renew their commitment to work together on economic initiatives under CAFN's Vision Statement, Strategic Plan and Economic Development Strategy. The 2011 agreement replaces the 2003 MOU between CAFN and the Trust, and spells out details on the partnership and responsibilities of CAFN, the Trust, Dakwakada Development Corp (DDC) and the Champagne Aishihik Community Corp (CACC).



Message from the Chief

Dänñch'è Citizens:

This is my second report to citizens since the election, so first I would like to thank people for your support. In March, Chief and Council decided to hire an interim Executive Director to help us in the transition to a more responsive and

community oriented Council. We hired Florian Lemphers who has more than 37 years of senior experience in Yukon and GNWT government and the private sector. Florian has worked closely with many First Nations throughout the Yukon. His last role in government was Senior Cabinet Advisor, First Nations Capacity Development.

We are also happy to welcome Barb Joe, Collette Catto and Brenda Asp to the CAFN Executive Council Office.

Barb has a degree in law and most recently worked as Governance Director for the Kwanlin Dun First Nation. Barb is the new Executive Assistant; she can be reached at (867) 634-4234 or by e-mail bajoe@cafn.ca.

Collette has Bachelor degrees in Commerce and Marketing Management and an MBA from the University of Calgary. She also has several years of experience in the private sector working for Clarica Financial Group, Rogers Communication and Bell Canada. Collette is the new Executive Council Office Administrator; she can be reached at (867) 634-4201 or by e-mail ccatto@cafn.ca.

Brenda has degrees in Business Administration and Fashion Design, and certificates in Computer Media Design and Environmental Officer training. She also has several years experience coordinating events and meetings through her personal business and many years working with CYFN and other First Nation governments. Brenda is the new Council Meeting Coordinator; she can be reached at (867) 634-4242 or by e-mail basp@cafn.ca.

Some departmental and organizational updates:

- The budget for the 2011/2012 fiscal year has been approved by Chief and Council.*
- Management Committee is now chaired by the Chief, Deputy Chief or the Executive Director and the meeting schedule has been pared back over the summer months.*



Executive Council Office (left to right): Brenda Asp, Collette Catto, Chief Allen, Florian Lemphers and Barb Joe

- In early April CAFN signed a Protocol with Yukon Energy Corporation and the Dakwakada Development Corporation. This protocol establishes shared principles with the objectives of:

 - Working together to develop a renewable energy development strategy for the CAFN TT that respects and reflects the economic, environment and communities interests;*
 - Promoting an equal relationship that fosters dialogue to assess energy project potential and identification of priorities; and*
 - Enhancing economic opportunities for CAFN in our traditional territory.**

Arrangements for the CAFN Economic Development Conference were completed and we hosted the event on April 19 and 20. The conference was a rousing success.

The Council and I look forward to visiting our communities for your input and to hear your ideas for CAFN. We have regularly scheduled Chief and Council meeting in each community for the rest of the year. We look forward to scheduling community visit dates in the near future.

I have an open-door policy and your input is welcome, so please come visit my office or contact me by phone (867) 634-4201.

Däk'änntà jè,

Chief James Allen

CAFN WATER STRATEGY

Developing a CAFN Water Strategy

In 2009, a need was recognized to develop a water strategy for our Traditional Territory. Many CAFN staff have a role in the protection and management of water, but to date, there has not been a coordinated approach. Other governments have roles and responsibilities too, and it will take a coordinated and strategic approach to make sure our water rights and interests are addressed. This strategy is meant to ensure that we have the direction and vision to do the best job possible.

On March 31, 2011, we hosted a workshop to get feedback from Citizens on our draft CAFN Water Strategy. The workshop was well attended with good representation of our CAFN communities. We will be making changes to the draft strategy and making it available for further review this spring. Printed copies will be available at both CAFN offices and on the CAFN website. Thank you to all participants who came out to the workshop.

For further information, please contact:

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Roger Brown, CAFN

Three way handshake (left to right): Yukon Energy Board Chair Piers MacDonald, Chief James Allen, and Dakwakada Development Corp Board Chair Richard Jamieson shake hands after signing the Protocol Agreement on April 1st.

YUKON ENERGY PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

Chief James Allen, Dakwakada Development Corporation Board Chair Richard Jamieson, and Yukon Energy Board Chair Piers McDonald signed an agreement on energy development in the CAFN Traditional Territory on April 1, 2011.

"Our community wants to have a change in the relationship so that CAFN people will have a more active role in energy development in our Traditional Territory. This agreement is an outcome that addresses part of that need," said Chief James Allen. "The timing is right. We want to be able to close the drawstrings on the past and move forward in a more respectful relationship that is based on our mutual interests."

The objectives of the agreement are to:

- Work together on a renewable energy development strategy for the CAFN Traditional Territory;
- Promoting an equal relationship to identify potential projects and priorities; and
- Enhance economic opportunities for CAFN in our Traditional Territory.

CAFN staff are working closely with Dakwakada Development Corp through the newly created "Renewable Energy Committee" to prepare for potential energy projects, such as hydroelectric and biomass. Regular updates on the work of the Renewable Energy Committee will be reported to Citizens via the CAFN newsletter and website.



Roger Brown, CAFN

Participants at the April 2011 Water Strategy Workshop

MINING CLAIMS IN CAFN TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

CAFN is developing a strategy on mineral activity in our Traditional Territory.

CAFN is monitoring the high volume of mineral claim staking occurring in CAFN's Traditional Territory. There has been significant new activity, especially in the past 10 months. **The number of quartz claims have grown from 2,055 in July 2010 to 5,396 in April 2011** (see maps at left).

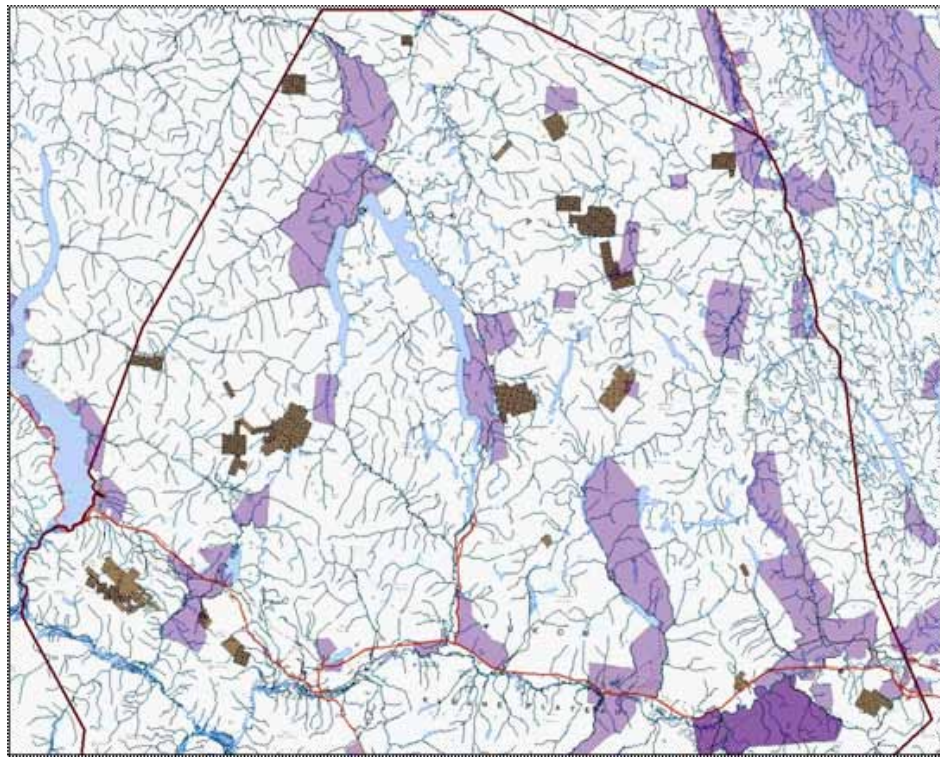
Most of the staking is in the northern part of the Traditional Territory. Council wants to ensure that CAFN takes a pro-active approach to ensure that CAFN government and Citizens are aware of the mining activity on our lands. CAFN is developing a strategy to help maximize economic opportunities for our government and people, and to make sure that issues associated with treaty rights, land use and the environment are addressed.

The strategy on mineral activity will include:

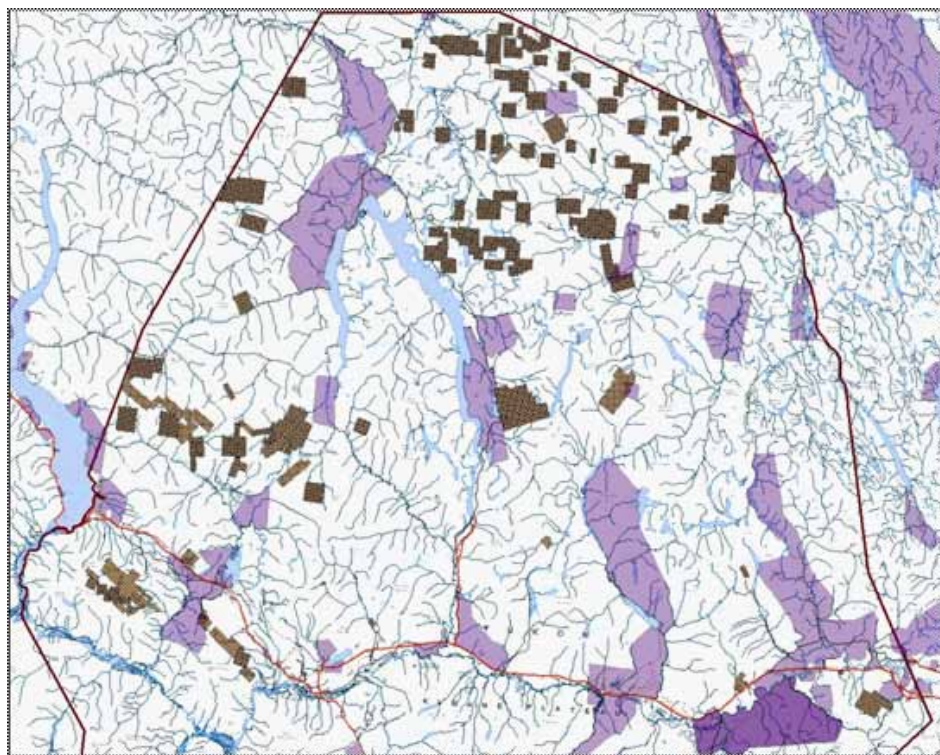
- Communications;
- Coordinating CAFN government;
- Studying resources on Settlement Lands; and
- Exploring economic opportunities, including employment and training for citizens.

Please watch for more details.

CAFN Traditional Territory Mineral Claims - July 2010



CAFN Traditional Territory Mineral Claims - April 2011



Purple areas = Settlement Land

Clusters of small brown squares = Mineral Claims



Richard Smith, CAFN

Elder Paddy Jim works on a piece of moose skin for the sleigh

Paddy strongly expressed the importance of hands on teachings, saying, "To learn how to do something you have to put your hands on it. You can't learn by just watching, you have to do it!" He encouraged everyone to pick up a needle and sinew to help sew the sleigh together.

The sleigh is nearly complete. Paddy has taken it home to dry and put the lacing on. Once finished, it will be part of the CAFN Heritage Permanent Collection for future display.

We would like to thank Elder Paddy Jim for sharing his traditional knowledge and skills, St. Elias Community School students and teachers who participated at various intervals throughout the four day workshop, and to all who participated.

CAFN Heritage Department

MAKING A TRADITIONAL MOOSE SKIN SLEIGH

The CAFN Heritage Moose Skin Toboggan workshop held this March in Haines Junction at Dä Kų went great!

We had numerous participants who dropped by during the duration of the workshop to check it out and help sew the sleigh together.

Elder Paddy Jim instructed, and his wonderful teaching, sharing of knowledge, and recollection of how the sleigh was made was truly remarkable.



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Paddy Jim displays the finished toboggan and describes how it was used.

DÄ KŪ CULTURAL CENTRE

The first phase of the CAFN Dä Kų Cultural Centre construction is complete!

The structure currently visible from the Alaska Highway represents about one-third of the completed facility. Construction of the main wing, the CAFN portion of the building, will begin this summer. The smaller portion will house visitor information services for CAFN's tenants, Parks Canada and Yukon Government.

CAFN looks forward to holding a private ceremony for Citizens when we move into our new building this winter. A larger public grand opening ceremony is also planned for the spring of 2012.

Exhibit Design

The Dä Kų Exhibit Design Advisory Committee continues to meet with staff and the exhibit design firm to review exhibit design concepts and images. Members of the Advisory Committee are Fred Stick Jr., Melina Hougén, Monica Primozic, Ron Chambers, and Sharon Shadow.

VISION:

Our Cultural Centre is a gathering place that recognizes and celebrates the cultural contributions and way of life of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations peoples - the places we come from, the traditions and languages we carry, and the arts we practice and perform. It is an environment creating lasting memories, where young people will learn the wisdom of our Elders, know our stories and legends, and assume responsibility to carry our values.



The first section of the Dä Kų Cultural Centre photographed this April. Construction of the main wing of the building will begin summer 2011.

Rolland Girouard, CAFN

Employment

Over the course of construction, 14 CAFN citizens have been employed by the contractor, Dominion Construction, and by subcontractors. Nine CAFN Citizens or spouses are currently working on the construction. For a complete list of all the companies involved, the project directory is available online at www.cafn.ca/centre.html.

Work Opportunities:

CAFN continues working to connect Citizens with job opportunities during the cultural centre construction.

Current opportunities include:

- Carpenters
- Labourers
- Heavy Equipment Operators
- Plumbers
- Electricians

For more information and to submit your resume, please contact:

**Vera Owlchild, CAFN Post Secondary,
Employment and Training Officer
(867) 456-6884 or vowlchild@cafn**

DÄ KŲ CULTURAL CENTRE IS:

- A cultural and heritage resource centre for citizens with an assembly hall, classroom space, kitchen, meeting room, language lab, and workshop;
- A community cultural centre with displays and exhibits, and space for learning and training opportunities;
- A display venue and repository for artifacts, archeological materials, archives and contemporary art;
- A visitor facility with CAFN orientation exhibits, changing exhibition space, and a retail store;
- Yukon and Parks Canada visitor information centres.
- The governments of CAFN, Yukon and Canada are funding the project, with each contributing to the \$16 million in project costs. Funding arrangements are through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) and through tenant lease agreements with Parks Canada and Yukon.

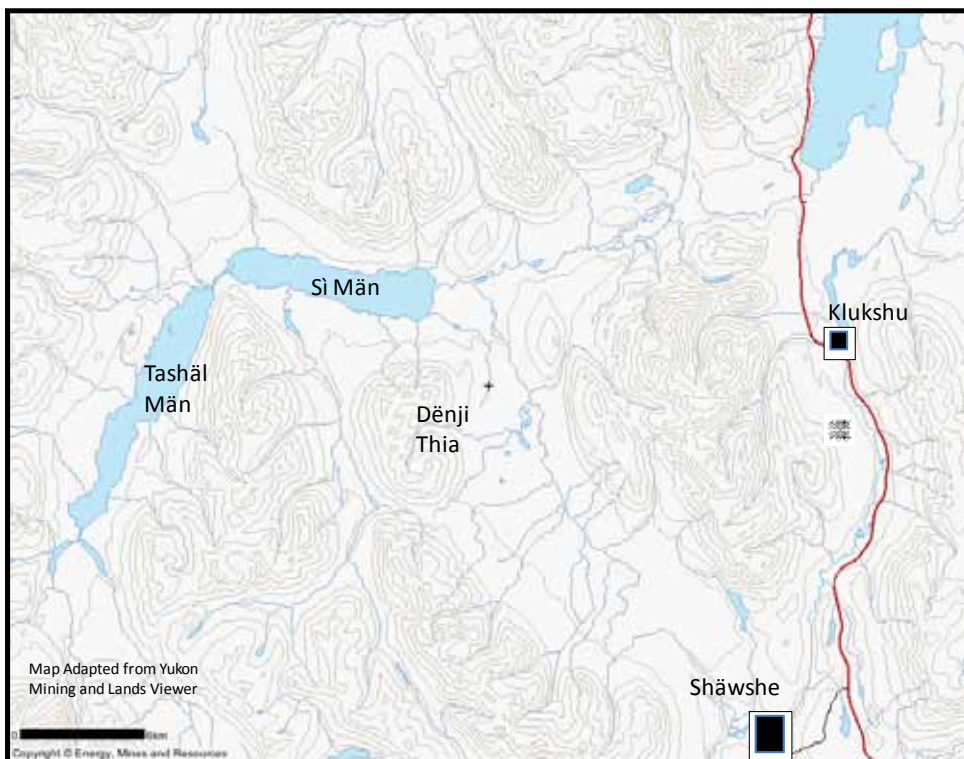


S. Greer, CAFN

View south to Dënji Thia (ground hog head mountain), from the east end of Sî Män (Mush Lake).

TRADITIONAL PLACE NAMES

The *Dän ke* (Southern Tutchone) name for Mush Lake is *Sî Män*, meaning "paint lake", just as the major traditional trail that ran north-south through this area of Kluane National Park was known as *Sî Tun* or "paint trail". *Sî Tun* connected the traditional village of *Shäwshe*, located on the Tatshenshini River, with places to the northwest such as *K'üa Män* (Kloo Lake) and *Lù'àn Män* (Kluane Lake).



The names *Sî Män* and *Sî Tun* indicate that a source for *sî* (ochre or hematite, often called Indian paint) is located in this area. The source is reported to be somewhere on the mountain to the north of *Sî Män*. In its natural state, *sî* is a yellow gold in colour; it turns the distinctive red colour after it is burned. *Sî* is put on such things as *gàw* (drums), *'a* (snowshoes), *ür* (skin clothing) and in the past, *k'à* (hunting arrows).

The traditional name for the mountain (photo) to the south of *Sî Män* is *Dënji Thia* - meaning "groundhog head". Old time stories indicate that people based at *Shäwshe* hunted on *Dënji Thia*.

The *Dän ke* name for Bates Lake, the lake to the west of *Sî Män*, is *Tashäl Män*, meaning deep lake. In the early 20th century, families living at Klukshu would trap in the Mush-Bates valley, travelling to west from Klukshu to *Tashäl Män* and beyond.

Assembled by CAFN Heritage and Language Program offices based on information in program files, as well as information on the *Dákeyi* CD (available on Yukon Native Language Centre website - www.ynlc.ca/culture/dakeyi/index.html).



Photo courtesy of Denise Beattie

Handmade drum by Amy Hannon-Beattie, Grade 9

UKWÄNJĒ

Yäw ädjläät – snow is melting!

The Shawkwunlee Daycare Language Nest and our Southern Tutchone language classes had a wonderful and successful season of language learning. Our great appreciation to all of our language teachers, elders and fluent speakers for helping us on our language learning path. We would like to acknowledge them with a heartfelt *Shäw Nithän!* All language classes will take a summer break starting mid-May and resume in September.

Language Nest

Shawkwunlee Daycare

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily

Shäw Nithän Auntie Agnes and Heather Jim!

Haines Junction Language Classes

Language lunch Tuesdays from 12 to 1 p.m.

Evening class Thursdays 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Dä Kų Classroom

Shäw Nithän, Vivian and Martha Smith!

Haines Junction Youth Center Language Interaction

Twice a week per Youth Centre scheduling

Shäw Nithän, Natanie Primozic!

Takhini Language

Mondays and Wednesdays

6 to 8 p.m. at Takhini Hall

Shäw Nithän, James Smith and Amanda Workman!



Photo courtesy of Martha Smith

Language instructor Vivian Smith with little Megan Martin at Kluane Fun Days in Burwash this April

Millie Joe, CAFN



A language lunch session in Haines Junction this spring

Whitehorse Language/Sewing Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m.

CAFN Whitehorse office

Shäw Nithän, Lorraine Allen and Dorothy Bellrose!

Here is a list of our spring *tsūq* (birds) to practice:

<i>chùtsay</i>	common loon
<i>jēl</i>	sandhill crane
<i>dägay</i>	trumpeter swan
<i>kha</i>	canada goose
<i>chàt</i>	duck
<i>thay</i>	golden eagle
<i>chùnday</i>	bald eagle
<i>mädhdj</i>	great horned owl
<i>ji</i>	spruce grouse
<i>k'àmba</i>	willow ptarmigan
<i>dalela</i>	humming bird
<i>ts'ùk'ay</i>	grey jay
<i>chùtsi</i>	robin
<i>tsúr khèla</i>	lesser spotted woodpecker

We are always looking for and welcome interested elders, fluent speakers and resource people for our language programming. Please call if you are interested or if you have any ideas or suggestions to share. Watch for posters for Summer Language Activities. We wish everyone a wonderful summer!

Nänuchi'shj, dak'anúta jè.

Nàthätth'ia - Millie Joe

Language Coordinator

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*Delegates at the 2011 Mid-Year Gathering
this April at Champagne*

2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Delegates Mid-Year Gathering – April 2011

For the second year in a row, General Assembly Delegates gathered in the CAFN Traditional Territory “mid-year” to share knowledge, and increase their capacity and involvement in the governance process.

Based on recommendations from Delegates in March 2010, a Draft Terms of Reference was created; if adopted, this TOR will provide a structure for how Delegates are “selected” in the future. However, due to potential changes to the delegate system that may arise from the Constitutional Review process, the proposed process outlined in the TOR is not yet in place. Delegates from 2010 remain as representatives for their communities for the 2011 year GA. A small number of vacancies have been filled on a “first come, first served basis.”

At the gathering, Delegates reviewed the Draft TOR and made several recommendations. Most notably, the Delegates supported the idea of having better representation of CAFN citizens who reside in Alaska.

It is interesting to note that the origin of Delegates stemmed from the need to have “quorum” at the General Assembly. Since then, the delegate system has continued to evolve to better serve the people of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

New this year! Delegates now have an e-mail Citizens can use to ask questions, express concerns and contemplate resolutions for this year’s GA - Please send your thoughts or comments to delegates at G.A.Delegates@cafn.ca.

Stay tuned for your opportunity to attend a Community Meeting hosted by Delegates, before the General Assembly!

2011 General Assembly Delegates:

Aishihik / Canyon

Margaret Workman, Elder - *Äyedindaya*
 Chuck Hume - *Ko Klux*
 Debbie Workman - *Nänk'atla'üa*
 Fred Stick Jr. - *Shachintà*
 Chase Smith-Tutin, Youth - *Táya*

Champagne / Hutchi

Yvonne Joe-Francoeur, Elder
 Gary Darbyshire - *Tschunathsut Ta*
 Wilmonica VanBibber
 Luke Campbell
 Kim Chambers

Haines Junction / Kloo Lake

Phyllis Smith, Elder
 Mundy Joe - *Katsalata*
 Sheila Kushniruk
 Levi Graham
 Ashley John, Youth

Klukshu / Shawshe / Haines

Paul Birckel, Elder
 Carol Buzzel - *Kun Kee*
 Sue Folletti - *Shaak Saw nee Keek*
 Jessie Grant
 Annika Joe, Youth

Takhini

Betty Darbyshire, Elder
 James Smith - *Stut-ghoo*
 Sheila Smith
 Winnie Smith - *Desi jah*
 Larry Fraser, Youth

Whitehorse

Kathy Birckel, Elder
 Ray Jackson - *Connail*
 Donna Smith - *Don'na*
 Larry Joe
 One vacancy



Mike Jim, CAFN

These Aishihik bull wood bison were undisturbed by our presence



Mike Jim, CAFN

Deep snow was a challenge, but the sunny days were our reward for being out on the land!

AISHIHIK COMMUNITY BISON HUNT

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Renewable Resources hosted its 7th annual Aishihik Community Bison Hunt on March 17 - 21, 2011. These hunts provide direct benefits and opportunities for citizens to:

- participate in land based activities and subsistence hunting,
- enhance their skills and knowledge,
- access a healthy alternate meat source and
- enjoy time on the land while helping keep the Aishihik's Wood Bison herd at a sustainable level.

We look forward to seeing more CAFN citizens at the 2012 hunt!

Our hunt started the morning of March 18th with a hunting party of six people. We began by heading to one of the favorite hunting spots south of *Āshèyi Shākat Kū* facility, locally known as Borthwick Lake/Lister Creek area. As we snow machined along, up and down steep snow covered slopes, I recalled the past six seasons in pursuit of these now-elusive Aishihik Wood Bison. Each memorable trip has averaged three very long days and nights, sometimes in exceptionally cold conditions, and always short on sleep. Sometimes the hunt was successful, but other times it was not.

As we rode the hill tops, stopping to glass here and there, we spotted our prey; a small group of seven bison moving slowing up a hill across the valley. This cow and calf group was within a steeply-hilled valley, which made our approach tricky. We moved down into the valley breaking

trail through deep snow and spruce trees, which made our crossing frustrating and sluggish as we pushed and pulled our stuck snow machines out of holes. With all the commotion, the bison moved down into the valley and eluded us that day.

The next day, we followed our now hard-packed trail from the previous day. As we neared the lookout, we spotted four bison way across the valley on a hill top in an unreachable location. We then spotted two groups of bison. We elected to take a large bison in the more accessible location, rather than going home empty handed. We moved down into the valley, using the hills and ravines for cover and to muffle the noise of the snow machines. We left the snow machines and proceeded on foot as we climbed a hill top. The bison remained unaware and never caught our scent. Our two hunters stayed down wind as they proceeded to stalk the bison on skis and snowshoes. After a while, the bison noticed their movements or noise and began to slowly walk away. The final push by the hunters resulted in a nice cow bison being harvested, the only bison harvested on this hunt. Our last day's excursion took us deep into Thatchell and Albert Creek country, but that is another story.

I would like to thank all the members of our hunting party for participating and contributing their time to this community hunt. Thanks to Devon Kinney for donating a portion of his bison to our community. Sharing is an important cultural element of First Nations harvesting. Meat is provided not only within your immediate family, but also to members of community. During this hunt, we chose not to take any large bulls, and instead harvested a cow. CAFN encourages Citizens to harvest cow bison, which is one way we can contribute to controlling and slowing down the Wood Bison herd's growth.

In closing, thanks to all for the great company, great experience and fantastic meals!

Michael Jim, Renewable Resources Officer
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 mjim@cafn.ca



Mike Jim, CAFN

The successful hunting party

Youth Update

March and April have been busy months for CAFN Youth Programs. The Youth Center has been hopping during the week with our afterschool activities and scheduled programming.

Spring Break Fun

Fun Days were held in March in Takhini and Haines Junction and were a huge success! Thanks to Monica Primozic and Lisa Jacobs for coordinating and supervising the activities. We took advantage of some of the warm and sunny days and spent a couple of afternoons sliding at Tomlin Hill, which included a weiner roast and marshmallows. We also spent an afternoon at Kathleen Lake frolicking in the snow and got enough wind to fly our kite.

Easter Fun

Easter activities at the Youth Center included a coloring contest, basket decorating, and an egg hunt. The event was well attended and the kids went home happy with their Easter treats.

Upcoming Youth Events

- **May 28 - Speed Control "Rock Camp"** for youth and adults: A one-day intense workshop on how to play in a band for players with at least 1 year experience. Performance 7:30 p.m.
- **May - Girls Night Out**, youth 13 and up, date TBA
- **June 2-5 - Faro Empowering Girls Music Camp**
- **June 8 - Youth Council Meeting** 5-7 p.m.



Kelly Boyd, CAFN

Justin and Fisher brave a deep puddle in search of eggs during the 2011 Youth Centre Easter hunt

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Amber Kirk and Dylan Jim take a break during an exciting scavenger hunt at Fun Days this March.

- **June - Youth Junction Grad/Family Barbeque**, date TBA
- **June - Yukon Minor Soccer Camp**, dates TBA
- **June 28-29 - Play Ball Camp**
- **June 30 - Bike Awareness**
- **June Beach Days** - dates TBA
- **July 4-8 - Youth Hikes** - Hutchi hike (walking the trail of our ancestors), Chuck Creek Trail to the Samuel Glacier, and GPS and map training.
- **July 22-24 - CAFN GA Youth Gopher Buddies**, please e-mail if interested.
- **July 29 - 31 - Whitehorse Youth Symposium**
- **August 1-5 - Outdoor Adventure Day Camps**
- **August 15 to 19 - Klukshu Camp**
- **Much more to come!!**

All dates are subject to change. For the most current events information, please check Facebook (CAFN youth programs-The Youth Junction), e-mail us, or check out our weekly activities schedule. We welcome your suggestions and ideas. Please contact us:

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*Kelly Boyd, Youth Center Supervisor
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Spring Hours 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.



CAFN GOV'11 PARTICIPANTS: NATANE PRIMOZIC, SHEA-MALONEY-GARRETT, KARRIE BROWN, TYREL GREEN, MADISON ALLEN, CHASE SMITH-TUTIN, BRADLEY JOE, ANDREW PAULS.

EIGHT CAFN YOUTH WERE FORTUNATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2011 GATHERING OUR VOICES CONFERENCE HELD IN PRINCE RUPERT, BC, MARCH, 21-24TH, 2011. THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED OVER 40 WORKSHOPS, A HYPNOTIST SHOW, MUCH MUSIC DANCE PARTY, AND A YOUTH TALENT SHOWCASE. THE CONFERENCE WAS FANTASTIC AND THE LAUGHS, MEMORIES, AND EXPERIENCES HAD ON THE TRIP WILL LAST A LIFETIME!



CAFN YOUTH TEACHING OTHERS HAND GAMES



WELL, I HAD AN AWESOME TIME! DESPITE THE LONG DRIVE... I HAD THE TIME OF MY LIFE-I ATTENDED 4 WORKSHOPS IN TOTAL, RANGING FROM PUBLIC SPEAKING TO YOUTH DRIVEN EVENT PLANNING-MY FAVORITE WORKSHOP WAS DEFINATELY THE 'WHEEL OF FEAR' WHICH WAS PUT ON BY PETER LEECH AND GINO ODJICK! THE WORKSHOP REALLY OPENED MY EYES ON HOW TO DEAL WITH AND EVENTUALLY OVERCOME MY FEARS. I ALSO SPENT MY 20TH BIRTHDAY DRIVING BACK TO HAINES JUNCTION-WE GOT TO GO TO DAIRY QUEEN IN TERRACE SO I WAS HAPPY-ALL IN ALL I HAD A GREAT TIME AND CAN'T WAIT TO DO IT AGAIN! -BRADLEY JOE, GOV' 11 PARTICIPANT

GATHERING OUR VOICES ABORIGINAL CONFERENCE 2011



TYREL GREEN POSING IN FRONT OF THE MURAL HE HELPED CONTRIBUTE TO IN HIS 'YOUNG ARTIST WARRIOR' WORKSHOP.



HOOP DANCER AT TALENT SHOW



MADISON ALLEN GOT TO SEE FIRSTHAND SOME OF THE LESS GLAMOUROUS EFFECTS OF TOBACCO USE IN ONE OF HER WORKSHOPS.



MADDY, TYREL AND ANDY GETTING HYPNOTIZED BY KIITOKII AT THE HYPNOTIST SHOW



BRAD JOE STILL IN GOOD SPIRITS AFTER 1500 KM+ TO PRINCE RUPERT. SHEA & CHASE DECIDED TO REST UP FOR THE CONFERENCE.



THANK YOU!

CAFN YOUTH PROGRAMS AND THE 2011 GOV PARTICIPANTS WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR MAKING THE TRIP POSSIBLE:

DENALI PIPELINE LTD.
CHAMPAGNE & AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

WE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL THOSE WHO HELPED SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES AND THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED WITH OUR CONCESSIONS:

BARB ALLEN, JOCELYN KINNEY, KELLY BEAULIEU, PEGGY GODSON, LISA PAULS, BONNIE ROBINSON, LARRY JOE, SHEALEE MAZUR, MONICA PRIMOZIC, AMY MACDONALD, SARINA PRIMOZIC, KELSEY GREEN, ANTHONY PRIMOZIC, AND MATTHEW BROWN

TO OUR DRIVERS: KELLY BOYD & BRADLEY JOE AND CHAPERONES: KELLY BOYD, ANDY PAULS & KARRIE BROWN

Shãw nĩhãn



WE WERE ALL PRETTY GRATEFUL TO HAVE A HOME-COOKED MEAL THANKS TO ANDY'S AUNT SUE IN TERRACE, BC.

Services We Offer

- Family Health and Wellness Programming
- Information
- Nutrition Information Sessions
- Prenatal Support and Supplements
- Postnatal Supports and Supplements
- Parental Support and Referrals
- Weekly Healthy Cooking Classes

May is "Bicycle Safety Month"

Bike riding is a great way to get exercise and fresh air, and spend time as a family. But before you and the kids rush out and start pedaling, there's an important factor you need to consider; safety. Bicycle helmets should be for everyone in your family, no matter where you are or how short the ride is. Accidents do happen, so to protect against brain injury, make sure you and your kids wear a correctly fitting helmet on every ride.

June is "National Men's Health Week" to raise awareness of men's health issues, with an emphasis on prevention and early



detection. The greatest risks to men's health are heart disease, prostate cancer, testicular cancer, and colon cancer. All of these health conditions are highly treatable with early detection, and may be preventable with proper diet, exercise and by quitting smoking. Studies have shown that men are much less informed about their health needs and are more reluctant to see a physician. They often do not seek treatment until the condition is advanced. Spring is the perfect time to do a health check-up to get you in top shape for the summer months. So to all the fathers out there, make an appointment so you can be sure to stay healthy, stay fit and stay safe.



May 8th

Healthy Cooking Classes:

Whitehorse/Takhini Group

2 to 4 p.m. every Thursday
@ #2 Hospital Rd.

Upcoming dates: May 5, 12, 19,
26 and June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Haines Junction Group

5 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday
@ Mun Ky

Upcoming dates: May 17, 24, 31
and June 7, 14, 28

Reminder: please inform Jocelyn if you will not be attending classes so supplies will not be wasted. If you need a ride to and from classes please call Jocelyn the day before to arrange transportation... If class is being canceled that day, I will call ahead and let you know.

For more info contact:

Jocelyn Kinney

Family Health Promotion

(867) 634-4223 or 332-5221

jkinney@cafn.ca



June 19th

Disclaimer: Health articles are provided as a courtesy for your reference, and are not intended to replace the advice of your doctor or health care professional.

Healthy Muffins

- 1 cup cereal (porridge oats are great, fibre cereals work well too)
- 1 cup chopped fruit (try dried apricots or cranberries)
- 1 cup flour (ideally use a brown flour for added fibre)
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 cup skimmed milk
- 1 cup fruit puree

Directions

Heat the oven to 180° C and line 10 muffin cups. Mix the dry ingredients together in one large bowl and combine the wet ingredients in a separate container. Add the wet ingredients to the dry and mix briefly – don't over mix or the muffins will not rise. Fill the muffin cups about 2/3 full. Bake for 12 – 15 minutes and cool.

Something to keep in mind

"Bad" carbs are generally white in color; think sugar, white flour, white bread. If you avoid bad carbs, you may reduce your risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease and weight gain.

'Good' carbs come from fruit, vegetables and whole grains. Eat "good" carbs to keep your cholesterol level healthy and your blood pressure and blood sugar stable. It's as simple as that.



Have a Safe, Healthy Summer

HEALTH & SOCIAL PROGRAMS UPDATE

Employment Opportunities Program

The 2011 Employment Opportunities Program (EOP) is tentatively scheduled to start on May 30th and run until the end of August.

This program provides a supportive work environment with the opportunity to gain work experience and learn life skills. Participants will be employed full-time in projects benefiting CAFN communities.

This program is open to CAFN citizens who are not currently employed and have difficulty finding/retaining employment.

If you think this program might be a good fit for you, please submit your name for consideration to:

*Kathleen Johnson, Haines Junction Case Manager
(867) 634-4203
kjohnson@cafn.ca*

or

*Marie Eshleman, Whitehorse Case Manager
(867) 456-6875
msterriah@cafn.ca*

The deadline to apply is May 20th



Klukshu Men's Camp participants proudly display their handcrafted knives

Photo courtesy of Phil Gatensby



Knives made by participants during the Men's Camp at Klukshu this April

Men's Camp and Knife Making Workshop

Health and Social program staff had positive feedback from the camp. We were pleased to hear from participants that it affected their lives positively.

Women's Camp

A Women's Camp is scheduled for May 15-18 at Klukshu. Please contact Mary Jane Smith to register.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission began its northern tour earlier this spring and will be in Whitehorse for hearings May 26-27 at *Nakwataku* Potlatch House. The northern hearings are leading up to the Northern National Event in Inuvik June 28-July 1, 2011. Please visit www.trc.ca for more details.

Deadlines

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

Thank you!

A great big *Shäw Nithän* to our hard-working Finance staff; to the Elders, members, youth and workers who were at our recent workshops; to Phil Gatensby for assisting with our programming; to reception staff Sheila John and Sharol Smith; and to all the other staff and members who support us throughout the year. I felt the need to say this as it helps us a great deal. Have a great spring and summer.

*Mary Jane, Counsellor/Acting Social Manager
(867) 634-4225 or (867) 634-5244 cell
mjsmith@cafn.ca*

Photo courtesy of Phil Gatensby

Community Dinners

In March, community dinners were held in Takhini and Champagne which promoted healthy activity and nutrition. Marion also illustrated the fat and sugar content of many fast food favourites - a real eye-opener! Watch for flyers announcing our next community dinners. Bring your potlatch kits and comfortable shoes for a healthy walk prior to dinner.

Diabetes Calendar 2011-12

This year Health and Social has produced a Diabetes Calendar for 2011-12, which includes healthy recipes and nutrition and fitness tips. With recipes such as Healthy Bannock, it is sure to be a valuable resource in meal planning. Please contact Health and Social Programs staff in Whitehorse or Haines Junction to get a copy.

Diabetes Capacity Building Workshop

Staff attended a Diabetes Capacity Building Workshop in Whitehorse this March, presented by the Council of Yukon First Nations. It provided community diabetes workers with tools to better assist members living with Diabetes. The workshop was very interactive and provided hands on skills and tools to promote healthy, active living.



Lia Fox, CAFN

Community members at the Champagne health promotion dinner this March

6th National Aboriginal Diabetes Awareness (NADA) Conference

Our diabetes program workers – Tracy Kane, Marion Primozic and Lia Fox - attended the Conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba under the sponsorship of NADA. Four CAFN members living with diabetes were also funded to attend through monies from the Federal Diabetes Initiative. Carol Buzzell was the Yukon Representative on the Elders Panel. Topics included:

- First Nations as custodians of natural law in restoring health,
- Sustainable communities,
- Trends in diabetes,
- On the move – creating positive programs for aboriginal girls and young women,
- Promoting healthy lifestyle for aboriginal children and families,
- Mental wellness and social support,
- Diabetes and pregnancy,
- Aboriginal women in leadership – supporting physical activity and healthy living, and
- Healthy food preparation - *minojingewin* (healthy eating).

The Conference was very informative, and staff brought back lots of great information, handouts and books to share with our communities.



Lia Fox, CAFN

This creative display by CAFN health program staff illustrates the fat and sugar content of popular fast food meals using lard and sugar cubes

SPECIAL GREETINGS

Kwìnlì dzenū sāk wāthān!

Happy Birthday to Aunty Elizabeth for April 10th.

Love from Nevada Joe

A very Happy Birthday to Tora-lee Williams on April 14th. And a very Happy B-day to Bobbi-Rae Patchett on May 16th.

From ShyAnn, Alex, Brandon and Aunty Deb

Happy 18th Birthday on May 20 to our lovely, handsome son Chase. Have a special day!

Love You Lots, Mom and Dad

Very special Happy Birthday greetings to:

Marie McLaren on May 5

Florence Griffith on May 7

Kimberly Chambers on May 18th

My daughter Amy on June 8

From Denise Beattie

Birthday Greetings:

Devon Kinney on May 14th

Mya Kinney on May 25th

Wes Kinney on June 7th

From your loving family

CAFN 2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Friday, July 22nd - Sunday, July 24

Friday 10 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. (tentatively)

At *Shadhāla* – Champagne, Yukon

General Assembly business will include:

Reports on the activities of CAFN Government
& Review of Proposed Constitutional Changes

PLEASE BRING YOUR POTLATCH DISHES!

For more details, please contact:
mfaulkner@cafn.ca or 634-4249



Happy Birthday wishes to cousin Nellie Pettit on her 65th birthday this May.

Love from Carol & Tom Buzzell

Happy Birthday to Koltun Jim on May 9th, 2011.

From Aunty Julie and Grandma Mary Jane Smith

Happy Sweet 16th Birthday to Shania Jackson on June 4.

From Mom, Dad, Shelby and family

More Happy Birthday Greetings:

May 16 – Happy Birthday to Bobbi-Rae Patchett

May 16 – Happy Birthday to Josh and Jorga Jackson

From Shelby, Shania and family

Happy birthday Tsyaa Skye!

Love your Alaskan family

May 20th, Happy Birthday Katherine Albert (Thomas and Rita's granddaughter) from Northway, Alaska.

Happy Birthday to Chase Smith-Tutin on May 12.

Love from, Grandma and Grandpa

*A Big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to my little man Koltun John Carl Jim who's turning 4 years old on May 9th, 2011
Love, Mom (Sharol Smith)*

Belated birthday greetings to:

My daughter Colleen on April 2

My great grandson Jordan for April 2

My daughter-in-law Lesa on April 3

My granddaughter Taryn on April 6

Happy birthday to:

My granddaughter Melissa on May 1

My grandson Jarrett on May 5

My brother Steve on May 8

My god daughter Denise on May 14

My sister-in-law Kayla on May 16

From Phyllis Smith

Happy Birthday to Shania Jackson on June 4.

Love from Grandma and Grandpa

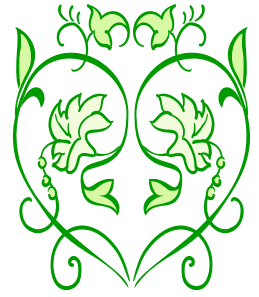
CONGRATULATIONS!

It's a BOY!



Welcome to the newest addition
to Thomas and Rita Joe's family,
Great-grandson
Cashis Hunter Demit-Albert
Born February 27, 2011

*Congratulations
to Shelby Jackson
on your graduation.
Love from,
Grandma and Grandpa*



***Congratulations
to Collin (CJ) Long
for graduating
& receiving the
Secondary School
Apprenticeship Scholarship!
We couldn't be
more proud of you!***

*Love, Mom, Dad,
Brandon & Ryan
(Collin Long Sr. &
Michelle MacElheren)*

**Congratulations to Sandra Jackson
on your retirement!**

*From Mary Jane Smith
and Greg Smith*



Congratulations on your graduation.
We are so proud and honoured
to have you as our son. May your future bring
grand and wonderful things.
LOVE YOU LOTS! Mom and Dad



Congratulations to our grandson, Chase Smith-Tutin.

*Shāw Nithān, nghā táshānidhī
Kwādach'ī tth'ay
Natān datù dūye jè.*

All our love,
Grampa and Gramma Kevin and Lena Tutin

Send your special greetings care of:

CAFN Communications

(867) 634-4237

almckinnon@cafn.ca

Fax (867) 634-2760

or deliver to reception staff

in Whitehorse or Haines Junction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come Join us at Mun Ku for Sewing Circle

Thursday evenings
Time: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Bring your sewing or
want to start sewing,
come to Mun Ku.

Refreshments will be served.

See you there.

For more info contact Lia Fox 634-4212 or
Mary Jane Smith 634-4225



Upcoming JAM Events

May 19 - Café Daughter

Play by Aboriginal playwright
Kenneth T. Williams presented by
Gwandaak Theatre, **co-sponsored
by CAFN**, 7 p.m. at the St. Elias
Convention Centre, \$10 adults, \$5 youth/elders. Please
come early. Latecomers will not be seated as it disrupts
the play.



May 28 - Speed Control Rock Camp And Concert

WORKSHOPS: Open to youth and adults with one or
more years on their instrument. Participants must pro-
vide their own instruments. Existing bands welcome!
Pre-registration required.

EVENING CONCERT: With opening acts by workshop par-
ticipants. Main act: Speed Control
7:30pm at the St. Elias Convention Centre.

All tickets: \$10 at the door. Children 12 & under must be
supervised by an adult.

For more information or to register, please contact
hjarts@northwestel.net or (867) 634-2366

Thank you from St. Elias School

St. Elias Community School would like to thank all the
Elders and CAFN staff who assisted with our projects
throughout the 2010/2011 school year: Paddy Jim,
Lorraine Allen, Martha Smith, Luke Williams, Audrey
Brown, Fred Brown, Daisy O'Brien, Richard Smith
and all the parents who volunteered their time.

- **St. Elias last day of school - June 14, 2011**
- **First day back - August 29, 2011**

School supply funding applications will be available
at the Haines Junction and Whitehorse Offices dur-
ing the month of August.

Thanks.

Diane Benjamin

CAFN Education Support Worker, Haines Junction

Thank You

We would like to take this op-
portunity to express our sin-
cere appreciation to Lorraine
Joe, Mike Telep, Kelly and
Heather Hougen, the Hume
family, CA Government (es-
pecially the staff of the Social
and Housing departments),
and all of the many other
people who donated food, their time and/or support.

It really helps to get through the hard times when
you know your family and friends are there for you.

Thank you from Alex Van Bibber, Kathy & family



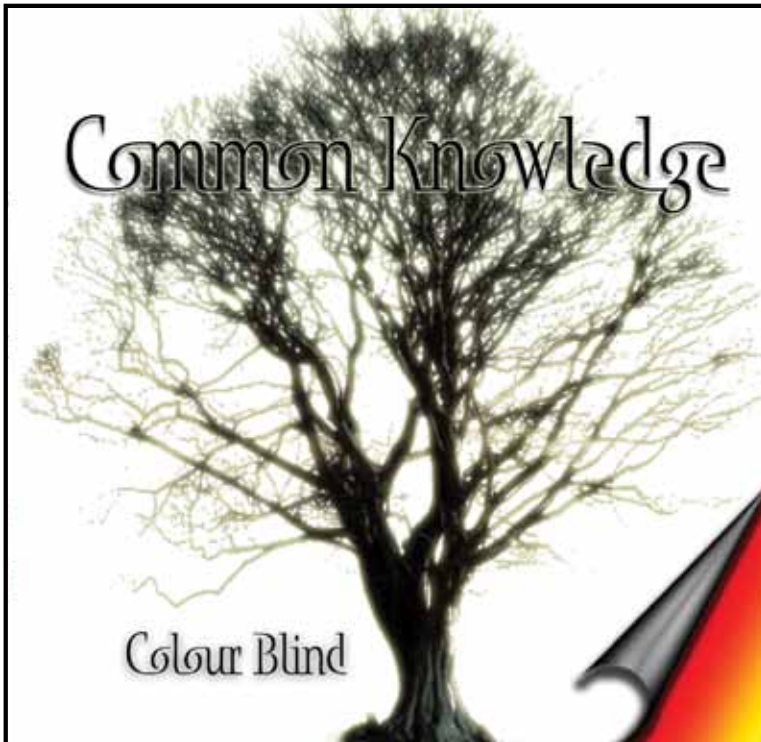
Youth Center Job Opportunities

The Youth Center is currently accepting
applications for summer employment for:

- **Youth Leader,**
- **Post-Secondary student,**
- **Youth Workers**

Please drop off your resume at the Youth Center
or email to smaloney@cafn.ca or kbrown@cafn.ca

Common Knowledge CD on Sale Now!



Congratulations to Les Walker and his band Common Knowledge on their debut release, "Colour Blind". Get your copy at Triple J Music in Whitehorse or contact Les at (867) 334-4187 or les.walker.yt@gmail.com. Watch for more details on CD release concerts near you!

Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program



Applications for CMHC's RRAP Program are now being accepted at the Housing Department in Haines Junction.

If you are a Home Owner with disabilities or a low income family making less than \$35,000 yearly, living on First Nations Land, you may be eligible for a forgivable loan up to the amount of \$24,000.

For more information on how to qualify or to fill out an application please contact:

*Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Housing, Properties & Municipal Services
(867) 634-4215 or 4217*

2011 Summer Student Job Opportunities!

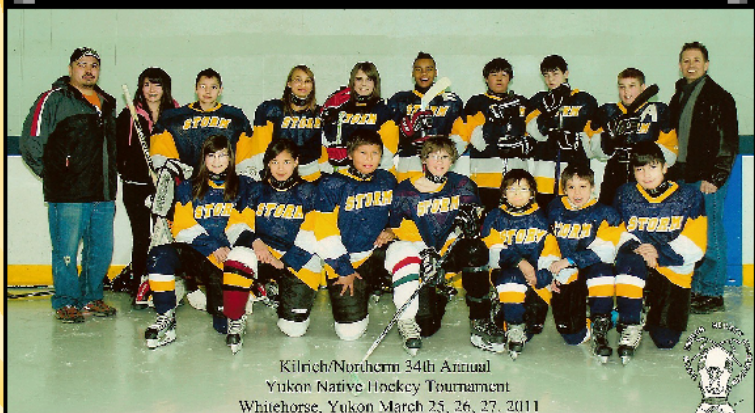


Exciting CAFN summer student job opportunities becoming available soon!

For more details, please contact:

*Kathy Brown
Human Resource Assistant
kbrown@cafn.ca
(867) 634-4244*

**CONGRATULATIONS!!
JR STORM
2ND PLACE FINISH!!**



Kilrich/Northern 34th Annual
Yukon Native Hockey Tournament
Whitehorse, Yukon March 25, 26, 27, 2011

**THANK YOU,
CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS!**

The Champagne Aishihik Hockey Teams would like to thank the following for their support for the 34th Annual Native Hockey Tournament:

- CAFN Chief & Council for sponsoring all 5 teams
- CAFN Recreation for providing travel for the out-of-towners
- Lenette Graham & Florence Kushniruk for managing the "A, B & OT" teams
- Scott Hume, Tim McIntosh & Matt Horsey, OT & B team coaches
- Kenny Burns, coach CAFN Storm "A" team
- Richard Smith & Tim Cant, Coaches CAFN Jamboree Storm
- Trish George & Rose Kushniruk, team managers CAFN Jamboree Storm
- Wes Kinney, Coach CAFN Jr. Storm
- Marsha Sparvier, team manager CAFN Jr. Storm
- Jessica Mazur, JR Coach CAFN Jr. Storm
- And to all the parents of the Jamboree and youth teams
- And to all of our fans for supporting our teams throughout the years

C/A Storm "A" Team

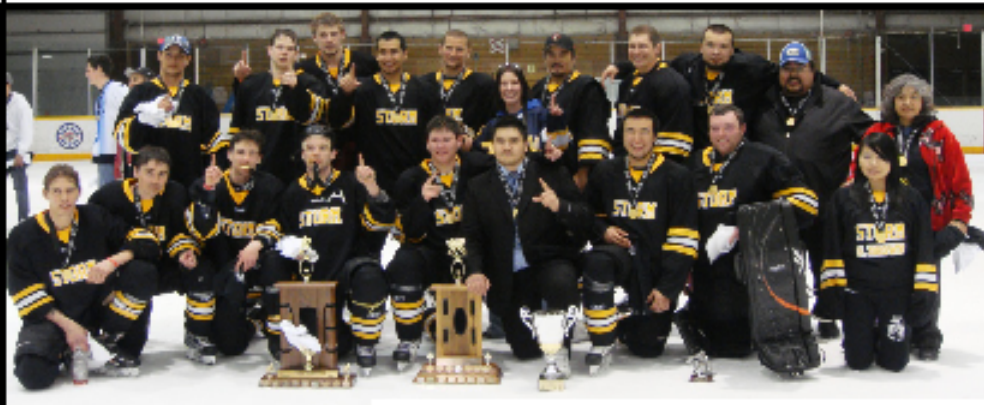
- Scott Hume
- Tim MacIntosh
- Cody Joe
- Ryan Gleason
- Eddie Long
- Kirk Gail
- Chris Gleason
- TJ Cunningham
- Jared Tuton
- Clayton Thomas
- Matt Horsey
- Scott Horsey
- Ryan Kinney
- Matt King

Champagne and Aishihik Jr. Storm

- Monica Johnson
- Marcus Kinney
- Skylar Gee
- Nicholas Williams
- Matthew Brown
- Tomas Jirousek
- Chris Ritchie
- Shyenne Kinney
- Delean McCuaig
- Jaden Hume
- Tora-Lee Williams
- Sierra Oakley
- Ryan Long
- Brandon Smith

C/A Jamboree Storm Team

- Johnnie-Lynn Kushniruk
- Breanna Smith
- Tyler Gladue
- Anthony Primoizic
- Brandon Long
- Taylor Sembsmoen
- Caleb Smith
- Riley Jonathan
- Brittany Brown
- Jordana Jim
- Paddy Jim
- Giles Jim
- Teneesha Merkel
- Dylan Henkel
- TJ Henkel



Champagne and Aishihik Bruins

- Clint McCuaig
- Sean Sheardown
- John Williams
- Nathan Wilson
- Stewart Williams
- Dave Joe
- Rick Martin
- Lawrence Ignace
- Wayne Vallevand
- Dave Morin
- Guy Maynes
- Dan Beaudoin
- Ted James
- Pat Johnson

STORM

Southern Tutchone Storm "B" Team

- | | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Greg Eikland | CJ Long |
| Tavis Sturko | Willy Sheldon |
| Roland Sidney | Tyson Wirth |
| Ryan Kolak | Jocelyn Boutillier |
| Ben Wondga | Dalton Edzerza |
| Frank Sidney | Matt Dixon |
| Marcus Fugeta | Joseph Bunn |



2011 POTLATCH CALENDAR

May 22 - NEW DATE - Headstone Potlatch for the late Richard Roy Hume - *Dakän thäwa*, at Klukshu.

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

June 25 - Headstone Potlatch for the late Joe Johnson - *Mats'an nats'ats'ulia*, in Burwash.

June 25 - Finishing Potlatch for the late Howard Chappie Charlie in Carmacks, Heritage Hall.

June 26 - Headstone Potlatch for Howard and Reg Dawson at 1 p.m. at *Nà kwä T'à ky* (Potlatch House) in Whitehorse. Everyone welcome.

July 13 - Headstone Potlatch for the late Sarai Faith Michelle at the Carmacks rec centre.

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

August 13 - Headstone Potlatch for the late Daisy Jackson - *Äma Kwänjia*, in Champagne at 1 p.m. Everyone welcome.

August 27 - Headstone Potlatch for the late Lester John - *Äkhjyis*, at Champagne, headstone viewing at 3 p.m., dinner to follow at 4 p.m.

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

October 8 - Headstone Potlatch for the late Johnnie Smith - *Kâshgek*, in Whitehorse at *Nà kwä T'à ky* (Potlatch House) at 1:00 pm. Everyone welcome.

Fun sewing class at Champagne: Amy Hannon-Beattie learns some techniques from Florence Griffith during a recent sewing get-together.



Photo courtesy of Denise Beattie



Sandra Charlie, CAFN

CAFN's Class of 2012 at the May 6 CAFN Graduation Dinner in Whitehorse.

CONGRATULATIONS

To our 2011 Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Graduates!

Yukon

Curtis Allen
Chase Smith-Tutin
Asia Bradasch
Brendon Au
Cole Pauls
Shelby Jackson

Fort Nelson - B.C

Collin Long



2011 Grad Events

CAFN Grad Dinner was May 6, 2011
at the Mount McIntyre Rec Center, Whitehorse

St. Elias Community School Graduation & Dinner
June 9, 2011, St. Elias Convention Center

CYFN Graduation Celebration
June 10, 2011, Yukon Convention Center,
Whitehorse

CALENDAR

Upcoming events at-a-glance.

Please look inside for more dates and details.

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) 634-4018 or dblair@cafn.ca.

Thursdays - Sewing Circle at Mun Kų, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Please contact Lia Fox at (867) 634-4212 or Mary Jane Smith at (867) 634-4225 for more details.

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) 634-4018 or dblair@cafn.ca.

May 18-19 - Regular Chief and Council Meeting at Haines Junction, Council Chambers.

May 19 - Café Daughter by award-winning Aboriginal playwright Kenneth T. Williams, 7 p.m. at the St. Elias Convention Centre. *Cosponsored by CAFN and JAM* (Junction Arts & Music).

May 23 - Victoria Day Holiday, CAFN offices closed.

May 26-27 - Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Whitehorse at Nakwataku Potlatch House.

Michelle Faulkner, CAFN



Nätthè Youth Council members in Haines Junction this spring.

June 9 - Graduation Ceremony for St. Elias Community School, at the St. Elias Convention Centre in Haines Junction.

June 10 - CYFN Graduation Celebration, at the Yukon Convention Centre in Whitehorse.

June 16-17 - Regular Chief and Council Meeting at Champagne at *Kwäday Dän Kenji* (Long Ago Peoples' Place).

June 21 - National Aboriginal Day

June 27-29 - 2011 Athabaskan Languages Conference at the High Country Inn, Whitehorse. Hosted by CYFN and the Yukon First Nations Self-Government Secretariat.

July 1-9 - Adäka Cultural Festival showcasing performing and visual artists from Yukon First Nation communities on the Whitehorse waterfront. For more information visit www.yfn2010.org.

August 14-18 - Strengthening Families Camp at Klukshu. Please contact Tracy Kane at (867) 634-4222 or tkane@cafn.ca or Jocelyn Kinney at (867) 634-4223 or jkinney@cafn.ca for more details.

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