

Dàkwània

MAY/JUNE 2012

N-t'qy N-Zhā - Leaves Month/
Dq N-zhā - Animals Get Poor Month

CAFN SIGNS HISTORIC AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY YUKON



Chief James Allen and Habitat for Humanity Yukon President Arthur Mitchell shake after signing a partnership agreement this April. Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Eric Morris (right) and Habitat for Humanity Canada Senior Vice-President Mark Rodgers (left) also took part in the event.

At a ceremony on April 19, 2012, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) and Habitat for Humanity Yukon (HFHY) made history by signing the first long-term partnership to collaborate on providing decent and affordable housing for Yukon First Nations people.

“The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations are pleased to partner with Habitat for Humanity Yukon to make

new affordable home ownership options available to CAFN Citizens. We are beginning by building a three-family home ownership project on CAFN Settlement Land at our Takhini River Subdivision starting this summer,” said Chief James Allen. “The CAFN Council unanimously approved this partnership because it promotes our vision for self-reliance through homeownership.

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A conceptual design for the CAFN/Habitat for Humanity tri-plex at Takhini. Construction begins this summer.

Home Ownership through CAFN's Market Based Housing Program

CAFN is also working closely with Citizens on another new option for home-ownership in conjunction with the First Nations Market Housing Fund: the Market Based Housing Program.

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The CAFN government is proud to be the first in the Yukon to build upon the recent aboriginal housing partnership between the Assembly of First Nations and Habitat for Humanity Canada."

Arthur Mitchell, President of HFHY, said, "HFHY is committed to providing affordable home ownership to low income Yukoners who are ineligible for a conventional mortgage and are in need of decent housing. Our partnership with CAFN allows us to assist families outside of Whitehorse and provide our service to the citizens of CAFN."

Chief Allen went on to say that he was especially glad of the agreement because it makes home-ownership possible for hard working lower-income families who deserve the opportunity to own their own homes. He also congratulated CAFN Housing Director Terry Rufiange-Holway on his hard work to bring this new housing option to CAFN people.

Also attending the ceremony were Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Eric Morris and Habitat for Humanity Canada Senior Vice-President Mark Rodgers.

Since the signing ceremony, CAFN has worked closely with HFHY to host meetings to provide information to CAFN families interested in applying for ownership of these first three homes. Meetings were held in Haines Junction, Takhini, and Whitehorse this May and June.

Applications will be reviewed based on the following Habitat for Humanity criteria:

- Need for adequate and affordable housing;
- Willingness to partner with Habitat, including investing up to 500 hours of sweat equity; and
- Ability to repay a Habitat mortgage (0% interest).

A special event to commemorate the start of construction on the new tri-plex in Takhini was held June 20 at Takhini River Subdivision.

The objective of this program is to provide Citizens access to affordable, competitive mortgages or loans in order to build, purchase or renovate homes on CAFN Settlement Land.

To apply, Citizens must:

1. Apply with CAFN Housing;
2. Qualify for a mortgage with a lender (participating lenders are the Bank of Montreal and Peace Hills Trust).

The CAFN Housing Department and First Nations Market Housing staff recently completed a series of community meetings in Whitehorse, Haines Junction, Takhini and Champagne. There is a high level of interest in this new program.

CAFN is working on a Home Ownership Policy to implement the program. The policy is scheduled for review by Chief and Council in June 2012.

For more information, please contact the CAFN Housing Department: (867) 634-4200

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CAFN Housing staff at a Haines Junction community meeting on home ownership this spring.



Message from the Chief

Dännch'e:

Happy N-t'ay N-zhā (leaves month) and Dq N-zhā (animals get poor month).

I recently spent 10 days of my personal time at my land-based men's healing camp at Christmas Bay. This personal time has been a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with the land, animals and environment and to remember our traditional Southern Tutchone values. At CAFN, we are always working on ways to incorporate more traditional values into our governance structure.

A few years ago, justice staff at CAFN received funding from the Walter & Gordon Duncan Foundation to research how Southern Tutchone people dealt with specific issues relating to justice. The young researcher hired reviewed files of transcripts collected over the years, reviewed collections of research, and interviewed Elders on customary law.

The research was to be incorporated into a CAFN justice system to ensure our justice system was a reflection of our Southern Tutchone past rather than the mainstream system. The researcher found core values such as caring, sharing, respect, and teachings were central to our traditional teachings. These values were taught throughout our ancestors lives, from infancy and through adulthood. The values were ingrained in our culture and language. My question to Citizens is, how can we bring back these values? How can we teach babies and little children about caring, sharing, respect and other traditional teachings? We can start in the home and schools.

Each one of us can teach our children and grandchildren to assist their Elders by stopping by for a visit, sharing time with an Elder to learn long ago stories, helping an Elder with their grocery bags, shovelling an Elder's driveway, catching fish for an Elder, and so on. We can learn to respect each other's differences and not be quick to judge others because of their differences. This is the way we learn respect for others.

Stop and put yourself in the other person's slippers or shoes for a few minutes, and consider things from their perspective.

Sharing can also be taught to everyone. Children can learn to give to others. Teach them to think, "How can I give to make the world a better place?" We can volunteer our time, give back to the community, and not always expect money in exchange for the work. Think of ways you can share with others who may not be your family members. What do you have to share? Your time, your salmon, your meat, your stories or your ear. Maybe a lonely Elder would like someone to share supper with or would love some flowers from your garden. The possibilities are limitless.

I encourage all of us as CAFN people to take time to practice respect and sharing this month, at the upcoming General Assembly this July, and for the remainder of the year. We will see a difference, and we will make our community stronger.

In Respect,

Chief James Allen - Jämëna



Chief Allen and Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous 2nd Princess Laurie Strand serve guests a special cake commemorating opening day celebrations at Da Kų Cultural Centre this Aboriginal Day (June 21).

COUNCIL DECISIONS

The following decisions were made during the April 19-20 and May 17-18, 2012 regular Chief and Council meetings.

First Nations Grad

Council agreed to contribute \$1,500.00 towards the Council of Yukon First Nations 2012 Graduation Ceremony.

Habitat for Humanity Partnership

Chief Allen and Arthur Mitchell, President of Habitat for Humanity Yukon, signed a Memorandum of Understanding committing to a long-term partnership between CAFN and Habitat for Humanity Yukon.

CMHC Mortgage Renewal

The First Nations Bank of Canada was approved as the lending institution for renewal of:

CMHC loan number 09-224-346 Phase 10, totalling \$91,291.20, for the remainder of the mortgage ending February 1, 2017; and CMHC loan number 09-224-34609-224-346 Phase 14, totalling \$120,608.44, for the remainder of the mortgage ending February 1, 2020.

Housing Committee

Chief and Council appointed Marie McLaren as a regular member, and Chief Ray Jackson as an alternate member, to the CAFN Housing Committee for terms of three years ending March 30, 2015.

Chief and Council Priorities

1. **Wellness** - by caring for people now and helping to empower them
2. **Economic Development** - create conditions for everyone to benefit
3. **Building on a vibrant Traditional Culture** - help people embrace and live their culture

Housing Vehicle

Council approved the purchase of a new vehicle for the Housing Department in the amount of \$16,000.

Champagne Aishihik Trust Board

Chief and Council re-appointed Shadelle Chambers and Cheryle Patterson, and appointed Nathan McCowan and Carol Buzzel, to the Champagne Aishihik Trust Board for terms of three years.

Da Kų Cultural Centre

Chief and Council approved a contract with Nexus Custom Manufacturing Inc. in the amount of \$479,076.00 for fabrication of displays for Da Kų Cultural Centre.

Copies of approved Chief and Council minutes are available with reception staff at the Haines Junction and Whitehorse administrative offices, or by contacting the Executive Council Office at (867) 634-4242 or drwilliams@cafn.ca.



Councillor Mary Jane Jim at the CAFN/Habitat for Humanity ground-breaking ceremony at Takhini River Subdivision this June.



CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK First Nations

Our Economy – Dádu shàw ule du

Thank you to all the participants of our early May visioning process. We want to understand your individual visions, dreams and goals. We need input from everyone to help find the best ways to approach community and economic development.

Champagne and Aishihik peoples have always been resilient and resourceful in all areas, including economic endeavours, and through this planning process we will assess where we want to be in the future.

CAFN in the 21st century needs to plan ahead, to anticipate potential development, and be prepared to respond to both the expected and the unexpected.

Economic Development is not just about money, and not just about selling resources, and not about a government creating government jobs for all of its citizens.

As Chief Louie (Osoyoos) declared: “The biggest employer shouldn’t be the band office” and “You’re going to lose your language and culture faster in poverty than you will in economic development.”

Economic development focuses on the big picture – all industries, businesses and citizens – for all citizens, in the Traditional Territory and beyond. The smaller picture, by comparison, would be business development – one business at a time.

We want to build communities that are good places to live, work, do business, invest, buy from and visit. We need development that:

- *is sustained and balanced,*
- *has more than just one simple activity,*
- *is a collection of initiatives designed around a comprehensive strategy that involves multiple stakeholders,*
- *addresses specific needs and opportunities of the community, and*
- *works and fits well with the unique assets of our Traditional Territory.*

To undertake successful economic development, we need to be able to assess (not just identify) the opportunities and challenges of local development prospects.

As a government, we need to examine and assess:

- *Policies, regulations and legislation that affect industries,*
- *Infrastructure in place to support industries,*
- *Access to funding capital for development,*
- *Capacity for innovation,*
- *Labour force – the capacity available for development, and*
- *Community development culture – how we treat businesses that want to work in our community.*

CAFN, through its Dakwakada Development Corporation, has invested in several businesses, and those investments are paying off financially. Now we need to invest in the bigger picture – economic development for all our citizens. To quote Chief Louie again, “business, not welfare, is the only way forward.”

But the first step begins with you. This will be your plan reflecting your visions and values. We look forward to engaging with you throughout the year, with the goal of a completed plan in the fall.

The winner of the \$500 door prize for attending the visioning sessions was Marlene Smith-Tutin. Congratulations, Marlene!

Kwānaschis.

Chief James Allen - Jāmena



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Community members at the economic development visioning session in Haines Junction this May.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS NEW PROGRAMMING UPDATE

By: Lynn Sparks, Health and Social Programs Director
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It's spring and there is lots of action happening in Health and Social Programs, including two new positions and a very special summer project. Job descriptions have been developed for the new positions and postings should be out soon.

Here is some information about the new initiatives. If you have questions about the services we offer or suggestions for improving them, please let me know or drop in for a chat.

Community Wellness Activity Program

A new permanent full-time position for a Community Wellness Activity Coordinator has been created which combines aspects of the previous Recreation and Employment Opportunities Programs.

The objective of this new initiative is to provide year round programming that will develop work projects for citizens who have difficulty obtaining employment and social/recreational activities that will bring all citizens together and build community spirit.

Employment Opportunities Program Note:

For citizens who have been wondering about this year's Employment Opportunities Program (EOP), there have been some delays in getting started while we are working to get the new Community Wellness Activity Coordinator in place. As the program evolves, we are making changes to improve it by working towards year-round work opportunities and increased emphasis on life skills and training. Citizens who are interested in participating can forward their names to the Case Manager in Haines Junction (Kathleen Johnson 634-4203).

Child Welfare Liaison Worker

Since the implementation of the New Child and Family Services Act in April 2010, the CAFN Social Team has been very actively involved in collaborative planning with Child and Family Services every time there is a concern regarding a CAFN member's ability to care for their children. Our interventions have been successful in ensuring that CAFN children are remaining with their parents or within their extended family networks.

This year, in response to the significant amount of time this important work takes, we were able to budget for a one year pilot project to have a full time worker dedicated to this. We want to increase the support we offer to parents, to prevent the need for the involvement of Child and Family Services and to ensure that any CAFN children in care (in Yukon and elsewhere) remain connected with their families and their First Nation.

Comprehensive Approach to Substance Abuse

Starting in April Laura Allen was hired on contract to work with the Department to help us develop a more Comprehensive Approach to Substance Abuse. Amongst other things, Laura will be paying particular attention to concerns around Intervention, Land Based Healing and Aftercare. Health and Social Staff are very excited to have her working with us and are confident that this project will help to improve the services available to citizens affected by substance abuse issues.

See photo and introduction to Laura Allen, at right.



Thank you to Donna Thibodeau for sharing this photo of a drum she made for her granddaughter: "I was shown how to put the drum together after stretching and drying the hide. I painted the wolf and feathers on freehand."

Donna Thibodeau
Williams Lake B.C.

NEW FACES



Hello! My name is Laura Allen and I am working on a contract with Health and Social Programs to help develop a Comprehensive Approach to Substance Abuse.

I bring many years of experience working in

the areas of Addictions and Mental Health and am enthusiastic about this project! I have already started to meet with several of you and look forward to more discussions as I listen to ideas about what is working, not working and how to address concerns and build on strengths in the Community, integrating cultural values and traditions. I am pleased that my time here includes having a presence at the GA and will be creating opportunities for community input. Watch for posters with more details about that!

I will be here until the end of August and welcome your ideas and thank all for the warm reception I have already received.

If you would like to contact me I can be reached at laura.allen@telus.net.

CAFN/BC Parks Tatshenshini-Elsek Park Rangers

CAFN/BC Parks hired Jason Jim as the Acting Senior Park Ranger and Eugene Johnson as the Park Ranger for the Tatshenshini-Elsek Park 2012 operational season. They are working out of the Haines Junction office from May to August. CAFN/BC Park Rangers take a lead role in outreach, conservation, recreation and public safety initiatives through regular consultation with CAFN, BC Parks, and the Tatshenshini-Elsek Park Management Board.

"Our main function is to assume an operations role, responsible for coordinating, monitoring and reporting on the delivery of our workplan's

conservation, recreation, outreach activities related to the Tatshenshini-Elsek Park... balancing conservation and recreation to manage and conserve the natural environment while providing a high quality and safe recreational opportunities for all Park visitors."

If you have a Tatshenshini-Elsek Park related question, please contact our rangers as noted below or stop by our office for a visit: (867) 634-4248

Jason Jim, Acting Senior Park Ranger
jjim@cafn.ca

Eugene Johnson, Park Ranger
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Marlene Smith-Tutin Youth Worker



Good day, my friends. My name is Marlene Smith-Tutin, my traditional name is *Aghajala*, and I am the new Youth Worker for the Sam Williams Youth Centre.

You may have seen me around over the years. I so look forward to working with the youth of our community. I bring with me a lot of ideas and am always open to suggestions.

With summer underway, excitement is in the air for the CAFN Youth Centre and all its people, big and little!

Gwänischis.

*In Unity,
Marlene Smith-Tutin
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YOUTH CENTRE ACTIVITIES



Summer Programming

Once again summer holidays are underway for children and youth. The Youth Centre staff is planning lots of fun contemporary and traditional summer activities. I am hoping to once again have a Youth Center Assistant this summer to accommodate the younger age group in the afternoon, pending funding approval.

*** Please watch for the summer schedule of activities for the Youth Center - available soon.**

General Assembly

For the July 27-29 General Assembly, the Youth Center staff will be hosting a wide selection of activities for the three days. Most activities will be based in and around the Youth Center for children ages six and older.

Please note, one activity will be a fun bike safety training workshop on July 28th for children in grades 2-5. If you live outside of Haines Junction, if possible please bring your child's bike and helmet. The group from Whitehorse will also be bringing some bikes and helmets.

A limited number of Gopher Buddies will be hired for the 2012 General Assembly. Please contact Charlene Hume at 634-4249 or chume@cafn.ca for more details.

Fundraising

The Youth Center staff and youth have been fundraising for several months now and have now made enough for our new pool table - it is a top-of-the-line Prestina pool table. We are also receiving \$5,000 from a proposal for other sports equipment and educational supplies needed at the centre, such as a new foosball table, so we are going to have new and exciting items for the summer.

Please send me an e-mail at smaloney@cafn.ca if you would like to be added to my e-mail list for Youth Programs announcements or send a friends request to CAFN Youth Programs - The Youth Junction on Facebook.

Shannon Maloney
Youth Programs Coordinator
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The Pauls' Family would like to say Shaw Nithän to the Youth Centre and its entire staff for all they do for youth! The Youth Centre provides a safe & nurturing environment with fun programming.

We are grateful!



Dunèna Kenàdàn Kekwänidli

Where children are Learning,
Being Active and Having Fun

CAFN Education Department is hosting
two summer camps in July!

The first camp will run from July 3-13 for youth in Haines
Junction and surrounding areas.

The second camp will be from July 16-27 for youth in
Whitehorse and surrounding areas.

These camps are open to CAFN youth ages 10-12.



If you are interested in signing up talk to Jennifer Chambers or
Luke Campbell and get registered today!

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Fax: 867-667-6202

E-mail: lcampbell@cafn.ca

E-mail: jlchambers@cafn.ca



Here are just a few of the
activities we will be
doing:

- Hiking
- Canoeing (safety training)
- Plant harvesting
- First Nation craft making
- Visits to local CAFN
camps
- Visiting with Elders
- Outdoor cooking
- Fishing

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2012



Photo courtesy of Sheila John

Several of CAFN's 2012 high school graduates at the SS Klondike in Whitehorse, Yukon just prior to the June 1 CYFN graduation ceremony. Left to right: Jesse Joe Hudson, Brandon Williams, Charles Hager, Cherie O'Brien and Caleb Smith.

2012 CAFN Graduates

Grade 12 - Secondary School

Brandon Williams
Cherie O'Brien
Caleb Smith
Geena Charlie
Jesse Joe Hudson
Alexis Hougén
Charles Hager
Cora Rissanen
Takaoa Reid

Grade 7 - Elementary school

Reanna McKenzie Hubbard
Dallen O'Brien
Lakeisha Quock
Jonah Papequash
Jaime Joe-Hudson
Mariah MacDonald

Post-Secondary

Lena Smith-Tutin

Yukon Native Language Certificate and Diploma

Megan McConnell

Juris Doctor, Law Degree

Cody Hougen

Bachelor of Business Commerce

Elizabeth Jim

Business Administration Diploma

Kathleen Brown

Business Administration Certificate

Jamie Capot-Blanc

Office Administration Certificate

Kim Chambers

Renewable Resources Certificate

Hailey Jager

Northern Justice & Criminology Certificate

Earl Darbyshire

Culinary Arts (Professional Cook)

Mathew Birckel

Heavy Equipment Mechanic Pre-Employment

Field Graham

Electrical Pre-Employment

2012 High School Awards

Shania Jackson

RCMP Award

Native Language Achievement Award

Brandon Williams

Native Language Achievement Award

Jessica Mazur

Tutulma (Kathy Kushniruk) Award

Kyra Chambers

Order of the Eagle



Jessica Mazur, Grade 11, was honored with the Tutulma (Kathy Kushniruk) Award for 2012.



Three of the 2011-12 elementary Southern Tutchone language award (Dän K'e Kwän-je) recipients at St. Elias Community School (from left to right): Mariah MacDonald, Azriel Allen and Douglas McKinnon



Brandon Williams, Mya Kinney and Shania Jackson were awarded the Language Achievement Award for 2012 at St. Elias Community School.

Shäw nithän to the elementary students who also received awards, and to all our CAFN students in the Yukon and beyond for their achievements during the 2011-12 school year.

Congratulations to our Language Teacher Program Graduates!

Big congratulations to Lena Smith-Tutin for graduating with her diploma from the Yukon Native Language Teacher program, and to Liza Jacobs for receiving her certificate in the same program.

Language Programs

Language classes have wrapped up for the summer. Thank you everyone for attending language classes during the winter and we look forward to resuming regular language classes in the cultural centre this fall.

We are now looking forward to hosting language programs at the Da Kų Cultural Centre this summer. We are looking for ideas for summer language programs. If you are interested in teaching a craft or have ideas for language activities you would like to be involved in, please be sure to let us know.



Liza Jacobs, with mother Sharon Jacobs, poses with her Yukon Native Language Teacher program certificate following her graduation this May.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Tutin



Lena Smith-Tutin receives her Yukon Native Language teacher program diploma at Yukon College this May.

The following is a prayer for your use at events this summer and in the future. This prayer can be said at meetings, potlatches, dinners, and other gatherings.

Prayer

Kwänischis, dátà yat'ay nännje

(Thank you father (god))

Ak'än dzēnu sòóthan dāk'anátà je

(keep us safe this day)

Sòthän dats'àn nänhdät jè

(think about us in a good way)

Dádū dak'anųta

(keep watch over us all)

Tl'akhų ch'e

(Amen)

Nänuch'i shi, dāk'änntà jè.

(I will see you again, take care).

Nàthätthįq - Millie Joe

Language Coordinator

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

THINKING OF STARTING, EXPANDING OR BUYING A BUSINESS?

ENTREPRENEURIAL EQUITY MATCHING FUND

The objective of the Entrepreneurial Equity Matching Fund is to assist beneficiaries of CAFN residing in the Yukon Territory to establish viable business initiatives or activities. The program may provide financial assistance in the form of a non-repayable equity contribution. This contribution will enhance the ability of business owners to leverage other government funding sources and ease their ability to obtain conventional debt financing for business start-ups, expansions and/or acquisitions.

BUSINESS SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Feasibility & Business Planning Assistance
- Loan Application Assistance
- One-on-one business Counseling & Coaching
- Mentoring
- Access to Resources
- Group Workshops & Training

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YUKON SELF-GOVERNMENT

mapping uncharted territory

The path to the Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction was created by the *Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Final Agreement*—one of eleven established in Yukon.

Explore how the agreements connect to you

mappingtheway.ca





CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK First Nations

Attention CAFN Citizens

**The 2012 General Assembly
will be held in Haines Junction
at Da Kų Cultural Centre
July 27th - 29th**

An opportunity for CAFN citizens to ask questions,
and discuss concerns and ideas that effect
our community and our future.

Questions or concerns about the
General Assembly
Contact Charlene Hume @
(867) 634-4249 or chume@cafn.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations, Cherie

CONGRATULATIONS on your graduation, Cherie. May you be successful in all that life has to offer you. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Sister Candace, your Grandma and Grandpa, along with the rest of the family.



Congratulations, Megan

Congratulations to Megan McConnell on graduating with her Juris Doctor, Law Degree from the University of British Columbia in 2012. Megan is articling at a Vancouver law firm.



Congratulations, Cole

Congratulations to Cole Pauls on his acceptance to Emily Carr University of Art & Design! Cole spent the last year in Dawson at Yukon College's School Of Visual Arts (SOVA) where he obtained his Visual Arts Certificate. Best of luck! Your family is super proud of you.



Congratulations, Mariah

Congratulations to Mariah MacDonald on receiving the First Nations Award at the Yukon Heritage Fair in Whitehorse this spring. Her project was on her great-great grandparents from the NWT.



Shāw nithān to CAFN Finance Manager Trish George and CAFN Education Director Shandell McCarthy on being selected as role models for the Yukon College Pathways to Success poster campaign.

The campaign is to encourage Yukon First Nations youth to consider their own governments when thinking about their career options. Each poster showcases an individual, their current job at a Yukon First Nation, and the educational path they took to get there.

We look forward to sharing Shandell's poster in the next issue of Dàkwānia.

Trish George

FINANCE MANAGER
FOR CHAMPAGNE AND
AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

Trish's Pathway to Success
Business Administration diploma
Summer position in Finance at
Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

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start here. go anywhere.

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Website: www.all-inexploration.com

All-in Exploration Solutions is an emerging Yukon-owned company focused on providing grassroots support to the mineral exploration industry within Yukon Territory.

They offer a range of services that help lay groundwork for mineral exploration projects, including claim staking, soil and silt sampling, line cutting, trenching and pad building as well as GIS and mapping support.

Co-owner: Edward Long, CAFN Member

Digital Engine Productions

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Phone: (867) 334-9499

Digital Engine Productions uses the latest high definition technology to provide video productions services from start to finish; including writing, filming and editing your final product.

Owner: Mike Rudyk, CAFN Member

Student Support Update

CAFN's Education Support Workers (ESW's) held two open house nights as part of Education week April. There was an open house night for Elementary students and their parents. It was a great success with more than 30 people in attendance! A few games were held for the youth and they got to draw pictures and display "education week" messages on the sidewalk of CAFN. A huge *shāw nithän* you goes out to Councilor Les Walker for bringing doughnuts for the participants! We also received great feedback from the youth about what they would like to have during CAFN's summer camp for youth.

CAFN Education sponsored a drum making workshop at Jack Hulland Elementary School this spring. The workshop was held over a period of 8 weeks. In the last two weeks Jack Hulland celebrated Culture week from May 7-11 and the students were

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able to paint beautiful pictures on to their drums. All of the students were very happy to be finished their drums and were busy practicing their drumming skills as soon as they were finished! We would also like to thank Fred Stick and Collin Termaura from Northern Cultural Expressions Society for teaching the workshop.

Education staff also hosted a special CAFN grad event on June 16 at Takhini Hot Springs. And we look forward to a month of learning with CAFN Youth ages 10-12 during our summer camps scheduled for July 3-27. See page 9 for more details.

Shāw nithän.

D. Luke S. Campbell (Agunday)

Elementary Education Support Worker

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SPECIAL GREETINGS

Kwidlj dzenù sòthän nch'j! Happy Birthday!

May 3 - Birthday greeting to my grandson Tyler Pye –
Hope you had a great day!
Love Grandma Lilly



Best Birthday WISHES to our son Chase Alexander Smith-Tutin for his 19th on May 12, from Mom and Dad. Have a great day and best wishes in your respectful ventures! LOVE U SON Forever and Always! HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday greetings for June 8 to grandson Ethan Smith and Jim 'Cisco' Smith - have a great day! Love from Lilly

Happy Birthday wishes on June 9 to Linda Stick and on June 20 to my nephew Brian Isaac
From Lilly

May 4 We wish Mackayla Williams(Joe) a very Happy Birthday and many more to come.

May 8 We wish Patricia John a very happy birthday and many more to come.
Love from Mom, sister Ashley & Landon

May 15 We wish Tyler Gladue a very Happy Birthday and many more to come.
Love from Auntie Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley & Landon

May 22 We wish Saige Germaine a very happy 3rd Birthday and many more to come.
Love from Auntie Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley & Landon

June 5 we wish Amy Germaine a very happy Birthday and many more to come.
Love from Auntie Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley & Landon

June 7 we wish Ashley John ("Baby Bones") a very happy Birthday and many more to come.
Love from Mom, sister Patricia & Landon

June 8 we would wish Ethan Smith a very Happy Birthday and many more to come.
Love from Auntie Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley & Landon

June 26 we wish Calvin a very happy Birthday and many more to come.
Love from Auntie Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley & Landon

June 29 we wish Cheryl Gladue a very happy Birthday and many more to come.
Love from Auntie Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley & Landon

Congratulations to Cherie O'Brien on her graduation and good luck in your future.
Love from Auntie Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley & Landon

On May 12 we wish Grandson Chase Smith-Tutin a happy 19th birthday.
From Grampa and Gramma Tutin

Happy belated birthday to Torra-Lee for April 14
Happy belated birthday to Miranda for April 9
Happy belated birthday to Bobbi-Rae for May 16
Happy Birthday to Shania Jackson for June 4
Happy Birthday to Fredrick Jackson for June 30
From Vera Williams, John Hume and family

Happy Birthday to:
Levi Graham for March 8
Field Graham for April 29
Tom Graham for December 25
From Darlene

Happy 70th Birthday Great Grandma Frog on July 6th!
Love your great grandkids - Kael, Brielle & Jayla - and your grandkids - Odessa (Jason), Tina, Rachele, Chris, Nate, Eddie, Skylar & Nick

Happy Birthday Mom!
Love your kids - Ruth (Tim), Elaine (Richard), Bonnie (Donnie), Donna (Curt) & Steve (Michele)



June Birthdays:
June 2 Isaac Malcom
June 7 Agnes MacDonald
June 10 Jenny Moose
June 12 Michele MacDonald
Happy Birthday to All!

Special greetings continued



To my sweet little girl ~
Happy 16th Birthday, Amy.
Love Mom

Happy 16th Birthday
"kid". Love, Uncle Mickey

Happy Birthday to Matthew
Brown - June 30.



A very Happy 1st Birthday to Ta-
Koda Bailey (June 26). From your
loving parents, Stephanie Brown
and Michael Bailey, and from all
your family.



A big Happy Birthday to my neph-
ew Takoda Bailey on his 1st birth-
day June 26th. From his loving
auntie Kathy Brown.

A birthday wish for Greg Eikland on July 11th. A big
Happy Birthday from your love.

And a Birthday greeting to my Grandma Audrey Brown,
with love from her granddaughter Kathy.

Happy Birthday to Scott Maloney, my sweet grandson,
on June 16th a whole 5 yrs.

Happy Birthday to my special Monique Martin on June
30th.

Happy Birthday to my grandson Brandon Maloney on
June 29th a big 21 yrs.

Happy 2nd Birthday to my great grandson Kadian Cote
Happy Birthday to My cousin Kluane Martin who is a
whole 17 days younger than I.

Love from Grandma, Cousin and Aunt

A very Happy Birthday Wish for:

May 3 - Willi

June 19 - Janadee

Denise & Amy D. & Brandon, congratulations on your
Grad!

From G. Kool

Congratulations Caleb!

Who am I not to be?
"Our deepest fear is not
that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful
beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness
that most frightens us....

We ask ourselves....

Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be?

You are a child of God.

Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so
that other people won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine,

we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear,

our presence automatically liberates others."

**We are so proud you and we know
you will pursue and follow your dreams,**

Love always, Mom, Dad, Cody and Kirsten



2012 HEADSTONE POTLATCHES

July 7 - Patt Delaney, Champagne, Yukon. Headstone
viewing at 1 p.m., potlatch to follow. All welcome.

July 28 - Stacy Marie Asp, Whitehorse, Yukon. Placing of
headstone at 1 p.m. at Grey Mt. Cemetery. Potlatch at 2
p.m. at Nakwataku Potlatch House.

August 4 - "Celebration of life" supper for Susan (nee
Chambers-Dickson) Van Bibber and Helen (nee Van Bib-
ber) Hassard. To be held at Shadha'la Ku in Champagne,
Yukon at 4:30 p.m.

August 11 - Wanda (*Shackoon*) Webb, 5 p.m. at Na-
kwataku Potlatch House, Whitehorse. Everyone welcome.

August 25 - Lester John (*Akhjiyis*), Champagne Hall, Yukon.
Visiting of spirit house at 1 p.m., dinner to follow.

September 15 - Moose Jackson, Champagne Hall, Yukon.
All day event, everyone welcome.

September 22 - Kris Evangeline Billy (*Hushra*), Carmacks,
Yukon, 2 p.m. at Carmacks Recreation Centre.

September 29 - Polly Fraser, Champagne Hall, Yukon. All
are welcome.

October 6 - Irene Smith (*Shahtlän*), Whitehorse, Yukon. 1
p.m. at Natwataku Potlatch House. Everyone welcome.

October 13 - William Atlin, Carcross, Yukon. Headstone
placing at gravesite at 2 p.m., potlatch to follow at Ghuch
Tla Community School.



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CAFN Communications

The Klukwan Dancers perform on Aboriginal Day at Da Kų Cultural Centre. Please watch for more details on the opening celebration and more in the upcoming Da Kų newsletter.

CALENDAR

July 1 - Canada Day

July 2 - Statutory holiday, CAFN offices closed.

July 3-13 – CAFN Youth Summer Camp, Haines Junction. Contact Luke or Jennifer at (867) 456-6892, lcampbell@cafn.ca or jchambers@cafn.ca for more details.

July 16-27 - CAFN Youth Summer Camp, Whitehorse. Contact Luke or Jennifer at (867) 456-6892, lcampbell@cafn.ca or jchambers@cafn.ca for more details.

July 14 - Haines Junction Community Yard Sale, Glacier View Inn, starts at 1 p.m. For more info, please call Michele at 634-5145.

July 19-20 - Chief and Council regular meeting, Klukshu Hall.

July 27-29 - CAFN General Assembly, Da Kų Cultural Centre, Haines Junction. For more information, contact Charlene Hume at (867) 634-4249 or chume@cafn.ca.

August 5-10 - 29-Mile/Aishihik Language Immersion Camp. Please contact Millie Joe or Barb Hume for more information at (867) 634-3301 or 3302, mjoe@cafn.ca or bhume@cafn.ca.

August 11-17 - Kusawa Camp, please watch for more details.

August 20 - Discovery Day statutory holiday, CAFN offices closed.

August 26-31 - Klukshu Camp, please watch for more details.

August 29 - First day of school, St. Elias Community School.



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Elder Agnes MacDonald displays her new poster for the Bicultural Program at St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction. Congratulations to Agnes and all the Elders who were presented with posters during a special ceremony this spring:

Stella Boss, Audrey Brown, Marge Jackson, Frances Joe, May Long, James Smith, and Rosalie Washington. The posters, which include each Elders' traditional name and personal history, will be used in the classroom and displayed at the school.

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