

Dàkwänia

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010

Nena Dädàkyù N-zhā (November - Animals Moving Around Month)

Shà Shakwathat N-Zhā (December - Sun Turns Around Month)

2010 CHIEF AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations citizens elected James Allen to serve as Chief during the 2010 election.

Allen served previously as Chief from 2002 to 2006 and replaces incumbent Chief Diane Strand, who served from 2006 to 2010.

Also elected were Elder Councillor Albert Hume, Youth Councillor Bradley Joe-Malagena, and Councillors Mary Jane Jim (incumbent), Harold Johnson, Dayle MacDonald, and Leslie Walker.

Eighteen citizens in total campaigned for the seven council seats during the 2010 CAFN election.

The CAFN Chief and Council serves a four-year term through 2014.

A total of 498 voters participated in the 2010 CAFN election. That is an increase from about 400 who voted in 2006 and more than 340 who participated in 2002. The number of eligible CAFN voters has increased from 931 in 2002 to 1,015 in 2010.

A ceremony to honour the outgoing Council and to perform the Oath of Office for the new Chief and Council is planned. Please watch for more details.

For more details on the election visit www.cafn.ca.



CAFN Communications

Chief Strand updates Chief Allen on current issues at CAFN



CAFN Communications

Some of the candidates at the October 13 Candidate Forum in Haines Junction





Millie Joe, CAFN

About 40 Elders attended the October 13, 2010 Elders Senate meeting in Haines Junction

ELDERS SENATE UPDATE

On October 13, 2010, the Elders of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations gathered together in Haines Junction for the fall sitting of the Elders Senate.

It was an informative day with presentations about the Bicultural Program, Constitutional Review process and Geographical Places Names Board. In addition, members of the Committee for the Review of Yukon's Police Force attended the meeting and invited Elders questions, comments and concerns about the topic.



Millie Joe, CAFN

Elders enjoyed an afternoon BINGO break from the busy meeting agenda.

After a brief Bingo break, the afternoon was rounded out with a session on wildlife (bison, caribou, elk, moose and salmon) in CAFN traditional territory with Renewable Resources Manager Linaya Workman.

Thank you to all department representatives who were able to attend the meeting and answer questions. Also, a tip of the hat to the local businesses that sponsored prizes for the Bingo Break – Kluane Reflections, Fas Gas and Madley's; and to Superstore for donating reusable grocery bags to all the Elders who attended the meeting.

Stay posted for the date of the next Elders Senate meeting which will be early in the New Year.

Shäw Nithän!

For more information or to provide suggestions for our next Elders Senate Meeting, please contact:

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UKWÄNJĒ

Ut'äkwädjch'e Dzēnu!
Merry Christmas!

There are many Language Programs currently underway:

Language Nest

Shawkwunlee Daycare
Daily 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Haines Junction Language Lunch

Tuesdays 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Dä Kų classroom

Haines Junction Language Class

Thursdays 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Dä Kų classroom

Takhini Language Class

Monday and Wednesdays
Starting: November 16th and 18th
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. - Takhini Hall

Whitehorse Language Class

Tuesday and Thursdays

4:00 – 6:00 pm

CAFN Whitehorse Administration Building

CAFN Staff Language

Starting: middle November

Day and time to be announced

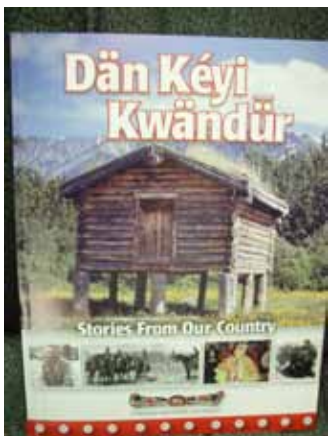
Dä Kų and via video conference with Whitehorse

If you or someone you know would like to teach evening language classes in Champagne, please let me know. Everyone is welcome to attend the Language classes. It has been great to have Chief James Allen and Councilor Harold Johnson participate in classes.

The Language Student Recognition Day events were greatly appreciated by all students. We had a small celebration and all appreciated the incentive gift, a language program shoulder bag. The bags were an idea that stemmed from our teaching team last winter, Lena Smith-Tutin and the late Gerald Brown. Their students were moved and inspired by their gift of a shoulder language bag. *Shăw Nithän.*

We are pleased and excited to announce that the booklet *Dän Kėyi Kwändūr – Stories From Our Country* has been printed and distributed to most CAFN households. If you have not received a copy, please contact me and I will ensure you receive one. The booklet was developed by a project team, with assistance from researchers, interviewers, writers, technicians, and language specialists. A special thank you to all contributors, especially to our Elders. The booklet provides information about the history and traditional lands of all CAFN people and includes a CD of traditional stories told in Southern

Tutchone and English. The booklets will soon be introduced in Yukon Schools as a text for elementary students! Financial support for this book has been provided by: Yukon Gov't Education; Aboriginal Language Services (YG); Aboriginal Language Initiatives (CYFN) and CAFN.



Millie Joe, CAFN

*Haines Junction Language Student Recognition Day.
Students pose with their new language bags.*

We would also like to extend a special congratulations to Colleen Joe-Titus and Sharon Shadow, recent graduates of the Simon Fraser University – Yukon First Nation Language Proficiency Certificate and Post Baccalaureate Program! *Shăwa!*

For more information please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Ut'ăkwădjch'e Dzėnu (Merry Christmas) and *Năn Ayu Năkwănth'at* (Happy New Year)!

Millie Joe
Language Coordinator
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Millie Joe, CAFN

Language Program graduates Colleen Joe-Titus and Sharon Shadow with mentor Lorraine Allen and Chief Allen

AISHIHIK LAKE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

CAFN COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING
Tuesday, December 7th
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Dä Kų Building, Haines Junction
CAFN Whitehorse office by videoconference

Dessert and refreshments from 6:30 -7:00; presentation and discussion to follow.

We want to hear from you. Your voice is important. Staff from the CAFN Heritage, Lands and Resources department will be hosting a community meeting with citizens to talk about several important topics related to Yukon Energy Corporation and water management of Aishihik Lake.

We need to get a better understanding of your interests and concerns related to:

- The Gladstone Lake diversion studies,
- Proposed changes to the Fisheries Act Authorization, and,
- Yukon Energy's interest of developing a cooperative management relationship with CAFN.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Brown, CAFN Forestry and Environmental Manager, (867) 456-6883 or at rbrown@cafn.ca



Skookum Smith and Thomas Joe enjoy fall blueberries near Isaac Creek during a heritage trip in September 2010

S. Greer



Roger Brown, CAFN

Simon O'Brien works during the 2009 Canyon Fire Smart project

FIRE SMART & FUEL ABATEMENT WORK

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations continues to gain more support for FireSmart and fuel abatement work.

The CAFN government is hiring up to 16 people this winter for two projects. There will be a regular FireSmart crew of four or five CAFN people working out of Champagne this season. In addition to regular fire Smart funding received from Yukon Community Services, we have also gained considerable one-time only funding to support a larger program to hire an additional 10-11 CAFN people from mid-November through mid-March. This funding is through the Community Adjustment Fund, administered through the new Government of Canada Northern Economic Development Agency office in Whitehorse. All of these projects are aimed at increasing employment during a time of the year when jobs are scarce for many of our citizens, and to reduce the threat of fire to our communities.

If you have any questions on Fire Smart and fuel abatement work in CAFN communities, please contact:

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or

*Graham Boyd, CAFN Lands Manager
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HAINES JUNCTION FORESTRY CONSULTATION

HAINES JUNCTION COMMUNITY FORESTRY CONSULTATION MEETING

November 17th, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

St. Elias Convention Centre, Grand Hall

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, in partnership with the Yukon Government Forest Management Branch, the Alsek Renewable Resource Council and the Village of Haines Junction, are hosting a forestry workshop on November 17. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure community members' views, interests and concerns are considered and used for the next steps in Timber Harvest Planning in the Bear Creek area, and for the operational plans of fuel abatement activities in and around Haines Junction.

Please come out and make your voice heard or to simply find out what is going on in the woods.

Refreshments will be served (desserts, tea, coffee, juice). The workshop will include presentations for the first hour followed by round table workshop activities.

For more information, contact:

Roger Brown

*CAFN Forestry and Environmental Manager
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Roger Brown, CAFN



CAFN Elder Fred Brown helped identify this old foot trail on the east shore of Dezadeash Lake (August 2010).

TRAP ASSISTANCE POLICY

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Strategic Plan mandates development of a Harvest Support Program. This future program will provide support for hunting, fishing and trapping activities of CAFN citizens as a way of life. In the interim, CAFN Chief and Council approved a policy in 2009 to provide assistance with purchasing traps to all CAFN citizens who hold Registered Trapping Concession (RTC) within our Traditional Territory or are assistant trappers on CAFN Category One traplines. CAFN recognizes that most traplines are underutilized due to low fur prices, expensive equipment, and new trapping standards making most trappers' equipment obsolete and illegal.

CAFN is offering two options for RTC holders or assistant trappers to have access to appropriate traps. Option one, CAFN provides a \$500.00 Purchase Order (enough to purchase up to 20 traps) to the trapper to purchase appropriate traps. Option two, CAFN purchases an inventory of traps. Applicants will sign an agreement to return the traps at the end of the trapping season or agree to pay the subsidized rate for unreturned traps.

For further information, please contact Micheal Jim, Renewable Resources Officer, at (867) 634-4248 or drop by the office for a visit.

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.

Tom Millsputagh, CAFN



The Dä Kų Cultural Centre construction site this October

DÄ KŲ CULTURAL CENTRE

Building

Construction of the Dä Kų (Our House) Cultural Centre in Haines Junction continues this winter.

Exhibit Design

Five citizens were recently appointed to the Dä Kų Exhibit Design Advisory Committee: Frederick Stick Jr., Melina Hougen, Monica Primozic, Ron Chambers, and Sharon Shadow. This Committee will advise the CAFN Heritage Program on the development of the exhibits for the Cultural Centre.

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 kiosk; and
- Yukon and Parks Canada visitor information centres.
- The governments of Yukon and Canada are assisting in funding the project, with CAFN, Yukon and Canada each contributing one third of the \$12 million project costs. Funding arrangements are through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF). Additional funds are provided through tenant lease agreements with Parks Canada and Yukon.

The exhibit design team from Hilderman Thomas Frank Cram visited the CAFN Traditional Territory this October for an orientation session. During the trip, they learned from Elders and local experts while touring CAFN communities and traditional gathering places.

Community meetings on exhibit design will continue soon. Please watch for more details.

Employment Opportunities

A job fair was hosted by Dominion and subcontractors in September and was attended by more than 40 community members. Some citizens have been hired to work on the project, and other positions will be staffed as more subcontractors begin their work on-site. The two-year CAFN building engineer training position sponsored by the Yukon government is also currently being staffed.

Citizens seeking work opportunities with the cultural centre construction should contact Vera Owlchild, CAFN Post Secondary, Employment and Training Officer, at (867) 456-6884 or vowlchild@cafn.ca.

The contractor and sub-contractor directory is also available at: www.cafn.ca/centre

Contractor: Dominion Construction Company Inc.

Sub-Trades:

Castle Rock Enterprises	Northern Windows
Skookum	LMS Reinforcing Steel Groups
Dynamic Systems	CP Distributors
Mobile Maintenance Services	Gracom Masonry
Summit Waterproofing	Territorial Concrete Supply
DanCin Timber Works	Summit Roofing
Snow Valley Framing	Beaver Contracting
RL7 Mechanical Ltd	Bud's Industrial
Maxwell Floors Ltd	Giusty Group/Tuscany Drywall
Kilrich	Nelson Drywall
Towne Millworks	

CONSTITUTION REVIEW

The Constitutional Review Committee (CRC) is moving into its second and final year of work.

At the 2010 Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) General Assembly, considerable time was spent discussing a number of recommendations brought forward by Citizens largely centred on the changes to support the fall 2010 CAFN general election. A general “clean up” of the Constitution was also proposed, but postponed until 2011 so that proper procedures for amending the Constitution are observed.

The most significant outcome of the Constitutional discussion at the GA was direction given for the CRC to research and consider closely the traditional governance structure of the CAFN. Subsequently, the First Nations Council amended the Terms of Reference for the CRC to capture this direction.

The CRC met with the Elders Senate on October 13 to discuss how to capture the elements of the “traditional governance structure” in the CAFN Constitution. An active discussion ensued, and it was decided that the CRC is to meet individually with Elders who are the keepers of this knowledge (the Elders Senate Executive is to provide the CRC with the names of these knowledge-keepers). Following these discussions, the CRC is to return to the Elders Senate with its findings for a thorough discussion on how to capture appropriate elements of the traditional structure in today’s Constitution.

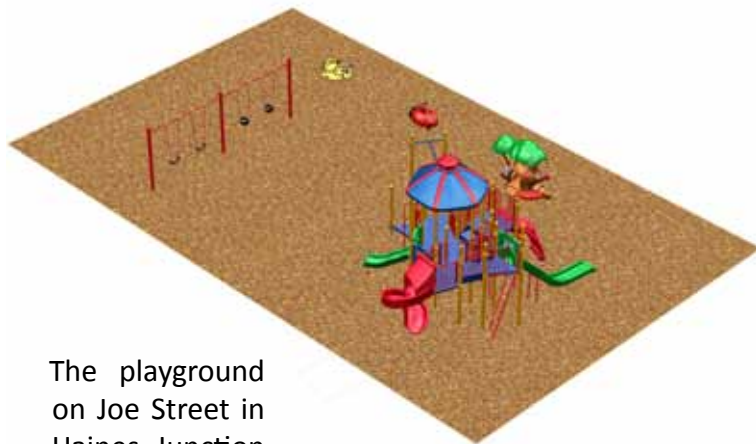
We need help!!!! The CRC has had a vacancy since last spring when one of our members stepped down due to work load. On October 21 we suffered another loss when CAFN Citizens “gave the nod” to Les Walker to sit on the First Nations Council. This great gain for Council is a big loss for us. Les was a strong contributor to our work. We have put forward a request to Chief and Council to provide us with two new people to join the team! If you are interested, please contact Doreen Williams to submit your application (see notice on page 21).

Looking ahead, the CRC will be conducting Citizens meetings in Whitehorse, Takhini and Haines Junc-

tion over the winter months. We will develop a draft report to bring back to Citizens for comment in February or March 2011. Ultimately our recommendations will be brought to the 2011 General Assembly for discussion, and in some cases for Constitutional amendment.

Thank you to Constitutional Review Committee Chair Kirk Cameron for providing this update.

JOE STREET PLAYGROUND RENEWAL



The playground on Joe Street in Haines Junction

is undergoing a complete makeover. In June of this year, the Housing, Properties and Municipal Services Department received confirmation from the Yukon Government’s Community Development Fund office that funding had been approved for new playground equipment. The older playground was identified as being too small for the growing population of little people in the area.

The playground equipment removed from Joe Street was relocated to the Takhini River Subdivision to provide additional play structures at the existing park. Both playgrounds will be fenced to increase the children’s safety.

Champagne and Aishihik’s contribution to the project was in-kind (heavy equipment and labor).

Thank you to the many volunteers who came out to lend a hand, the Village of Haines Junction for the use of their “man bucket”, and to all those who provided letters of support for this initiative when the project was in the planning stages.

Shāw Nithān!

NEW FACES

Sandra Charlie
Secondary Education Support Worker



Hi! My name is Sandra Charlie; I am the new Secondary Education Support Worker for Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and will be working with the secondary students in the Whitehorse High schools and the Individualized Learning Centre.

I was born and raised in Old Crow, Yukon. And I am proud of my First Nation culture, heritage, and tradition. My parents are Ben and Effie Charlie and her grandparents are Fanny Charlie and the late Charlie Peter Charlie Sr. C.M. and also the late Christine and Jimmy Thompson.

I am looking forward to meeting our students and learning more about the Champagne & Aishihik history and culture!

Sandra Charlie
Secondary Education Education Support Worker
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Chantelle Bode
Elementary Education Support Worker



My name is Chantelle Bode; I am the new Elementary School Support Worker with CAFN here in Whitehorse. I have post secondary education toward a Bachelor in Education and course work in First Nation Studies. I have worked with youth in aquatics, outreach, residential care, and as a child and youth caseworker. I look forward to meeting and working with students and their families through out the remainder of the school year.

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Miranda Williams
Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council

Please welcome Miranda Williams as the Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council. Miranda worked previously in CAFN's Finance Department and is now busy providing day-to-day support to the new Council.



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Administrative Assistant to Chief and Council
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Maisie Smith
Social Support Worker, Whitehorse



Hi, my name is Maisie Smith. I am the new CAFN Social Support Worker in Whitehorse. I can be reached at 456-6890. I am a CAFN member and I belong to the Wolf Clan, Daklaweidi. I have a degree in Psychology with a minor in Anthropology and a Liberal Arts Certificate from Simon Fraser University. My work experience is in the social field, for which I have approximately 10 years experience. I look forward to meeting and getting to know other members of CAFN.

Maisie Smith
Social Support Worker, Whitehorse
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Dixie Smeeton
Pipeline Liaison Coordinator

Hello, my name is Dixie Smeeton. I am a CAFN citizen born and raised in Southern BC in the Ashcroft/Kamloops area. I spent several summers as a youth with my Grandma Marge Jackson in Klukshu and Haines Junction. I am very honoured and proud to have recently accepted the position of the Pipeline Liaison Officer for our First Nations Government.



I plan to use my experience and knowledge of the oil and gas industry to build relationships among industry, First Nations and other governments involved in the pipeline project; and to communicate information about the progression of the pipeline project to Chief and Council and our CAFN communities.

Prior to joining CAFN, I worked with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) as a Habitat Biologist in the Yukon and as an Aboriginal Liaison Officer in north-eastern Alberta. With DFO, I gained experience in working with Aboriginal groups (First Nations and Métis), various levels of governments and industry on consultation regarding natural resources.

I completed an Associates of Applied Technology Degree in Environmental Sciences from Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood, Washington. I also studied at the University of Alaska Southeast in Juneau. I received my Bachelors of Natural Resource Sciences from Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops in 2007.

On a more personal note, I am a friendly, social person and look forward to getting to know people and develop new friendships in the community. I like to spend my time enjoying outdoor activities, the arts scene, travel, working with my hands (vehicles, crafting, and woodworking) and have joined the women's hockey team here in Haines Junction.

I strongly believe that a positive outlook on life brings great things and I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to work for my First Nations people regarding our natural resources and to live in a community where much of family lives. To me that is a great thing!

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Pipeline Liason Officer
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PRENATAL NUTRITION AND FAMILY WELLNESS

November is **Diabetes Awareness Month**. What is diabetes? Diabetes is a disease that prevents your body from producing insulin OR inhibits your body's ability to properly use the insulin it produces. Diabetes is preventable and can be controlled by diet, nutrition and living a healthy life style.

Diabetes warning signs:

- Dehydration
- Frequent urination
- Blurred vision
- Fatigue
- Sensations of tingling and numbness in the hands and feet
- Slowed or delayed healing of infections

If you show any of these signs be sure to make an appointment with your family doctor and get tested. IF LEFT UNTREATED DIABETES CAN LEAD TO SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEMS.

CAFN has a Diabetes Program with a variety of monthly diabetes-related activities. Please watch for postings in your community. For more info contact Marianne Joe (Diabetes Coordinator) @ (867) 634-4212.

December is **Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month**. Protect yourself, your family and friends. Take the keys. Do not let a friend drive if they are impaired. During the holiday season, and year-round, make sure that you and everyone you celebrate with avoids driving under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. Plan ahead. Always designate a non-drinking driver before any holiday party or celebration begins. It only takes ONE time, so please be responsible and don't drink and drive.

Services We Offer

- Family Health & Wellness Program
- Nutritional Information Sessions
- Prenatal Support & Supplements
- Postnatal Support & Supplements
- Parental Support & Referral Services
- Weekly Healthy Cooking Classes

Please Note: Prenatal Healthy Cooking Classes have resumed. I hope you all had a wonderful, healthy summer!

Haines Junction Group meets every Tuesday from 5 to 7p.m. @ Mun Ku.

Whitehorse/ Takhini Group meets every Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. We will take turns alternating classes between Whitehorse and Takhini.

I will call a day ahead and let you know what location we will be at.

Whitehorse/Takhini Classes may be cancelled due to winter road conditions. I will let you know if I am not able to make it to class that day.

Please Note: There will be no classes over the Holidays.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are not going to be attending classes so materials and supplies are not being wasted. If you need a ride to and from classes let me know a day ahead so arrangements can be made.

*Jocelyn Kinney
Family Health Promotion Worker
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Recipe of the Month

Chunky Turkey Rice Soup

2 tsp olive oil
1 large onion, finely chopped
1 large stalk celery, halved lengthwise, then sliced
2 medium carrots, sliced
2 tsp salt-free poultry seasoning
4 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth
1 can crushed tomatoes
1/2 cup uncooked long grain rice
2 cups cooked white turkey meat, torn into chunks

Heat oil on medium heat in a Dutch oven or soup pot. Add onions, celery, and carrots and sauté until onions are softened. Stir in seasoning and cook for 1 minute until fragrant. Add broth and crushed tomatoes, followed by rice. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to low and simmer for 20-25 minutes, or until rice is tender. Stir in turkey and cook for 2 minutes more, until turkey is hot.

ENJOY!!

Be sure to do some family fun activities over the holidays!

- Go sledding with your kids
- Bake some holiday treats
- Play some board games
- Make a snowman family
- Go for a family walk



**Have a Great
Family Christmas
and a Safe
Holiday Season**



*May the Holiday Season bring happiness and joy
to you and your loved ones.*

*This holiday season we remember and honor
those who are no longer with us and cherish those who are.*

**Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Chief and Council
and Executive Council Office staff**



SEASON'S GREETINGS!
from the Shawkwunlee Daycare kids and staff



Shāwinlà k'e nān nghq shāduth'èt jè.
If you want the world to change, make it happen.
Best Wishes for a Warm and Wonderful Holiday Season!
- Secretariat Staff -





**Ut'ákwádich'e
Nàkwitth'át N-yè
Säkùúthj Jè**

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

From
the CAFN Education
Department staff



Ut'ákwádich'e Dzenu Nàkwánitth'át N-yè Sàkuuthi Jè
(Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year)

From The Heritage, Lands & Resources Dept.





*The staff and Board of Directors
of Dakwakada Development Corporation
wish you a happy and safe holiday season!*



**Wishing you a wonderful
Holiday Season
and a New Year of peace
and happiness.**

**Champagne and Aishihik First Nations
Health and Social Programs
Finance
Housing, Properties and Municipal Services**



Dänñch'j, Kluane?

KNPR Management Plan 2010

The new Kluane National Park & Reserve Management Plan was tabled in the House of Commons on June 15th. A big thank you to the many CAFN staff and Chief and Council involved in reviewing drafts and providing recommendations. Many thanks as well to all the community members who completed a survey helping to guide the direction of future Park management. If you're interested in learning more or would like to review a copy of the new Plan, please call Nadia Joe at (867) 634.2329 ext 241.

Aboriginal Cultural Tourism

Since August 2009, KNPR has been working in collaboration with CAFN Economic Development department to explore opportunities to support local businesses offering authentic Aboriginal Cultural Tourism (ACT) products and services in Kluane. A recent survey for Yukon Tourism indicated that visitors to Yukon are very interested in participating in Aboriginal cultural tourism experiences but have limited opportunities to do so. Significant potential exists for CAFN individuals and business to develop ACT products and services for visitors to Kluane. Do you have an ACT business idea you'd like to explore?



What's up, Kluane?

Parks Canada Exhibit Design

Thank you very much to everyone who came out for the Sneak Preview of the exhibits for the new Kluane National Park & Reserve Visitor Centre, that will be housed inside the new Champagne & Aishihik First Nations Cultural Centre, Dä Kų. Community meetings were held here in Haines Junction,



in Burwash Landing and in Whitehorse – with 52 people in all coming out to share their thoughts about how our plans are coming along. Overall, the exhibit plan was well-received, and we got some excellent feedback on fine-tuning specific exhibits, ensuring the new centre stays relevant to both visitors and local residents, and how to make the entire space welcoming and engaging. Now we can't wait to get back to work, so that next time, we can show you a finished product! We hope to be welcoming the general public to new visitor centre space, complete with a new theatre and film, by spring of 2012.



For more information, please call Anne Chilibeck at (867) 634.2329 ext 214 .

Please call Nadia Joe at (867) 634.2329 ext 241 to learn more.





*Haines Junction
Community Justice
Program*

**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK
PROCLAIMED BY THE VILLAGE OF
HAINES JUNCTION**



It seems to be kind of pushing it to be

thinking about Christmas already, but I guess as soon as the frost and snow hit, we all start getting ready for that long dark and cold season. The community justice program had a good summer this year, with an increase in people accessing services. You might think that's a bad thing, but really, people have been struggling with legal issues all along. It's in the past year that they felt more comfortable about coming to talk to me about these struggles. I'm happy to help and want to encourage everyone to just make that first call to ask for advice or help. It can't hurt, and it will certainly help.

National Restorative Justice week is November 14th to 20th this year. Following the example set last year, the Haines Junction Mayor and Council have once again proclaimed that week as a time to recognize restorative justice in our community. There is a lot of information on the practices, principles and activities that the Haines Junction Community Justice Committee upholds. We invite you to come in to talk about what we all can do as citizens to promote justice in our lives, in our families, and in our town.

**NEXT COURT DATE:
NOVEMBER
18th
10:00 a.m.**

**Shawn Allen, Haines Junction
Community Justice Coordinator
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Yukon Review of the RCMP

An update from the website:
www.policereview2010.gov.yk.ca
CHECK IT OUT!

The Yukon Government and the RCMP announced they would conduct a review of the RCMP's police services in the Yukon aimed at maintaining and enhancing the public's confidence in the RCMP in the Yukon Territory. The "Review of Yukon's Police Force" (the Review) was initiated in the wake of expressions of concern regarding the manner in which some members of the RCMP were interacting with the communities they serve. One of the priorities of the Review is to "review how public complaints relating to the RCMP in the Yukon are currently dealt with and to make recommendations on any required improvements." On April 19, 2010, the Yukon Government and the RCMP invited the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (the Commission), to participate in the Review based upon the Commission's expertise in regard to public complaints.

Are RCMP members prepared for the unique challenges of policing in Canada's North and should they be provided with a detailed orientation to the Yukon prior to commencing their duties in the territory?

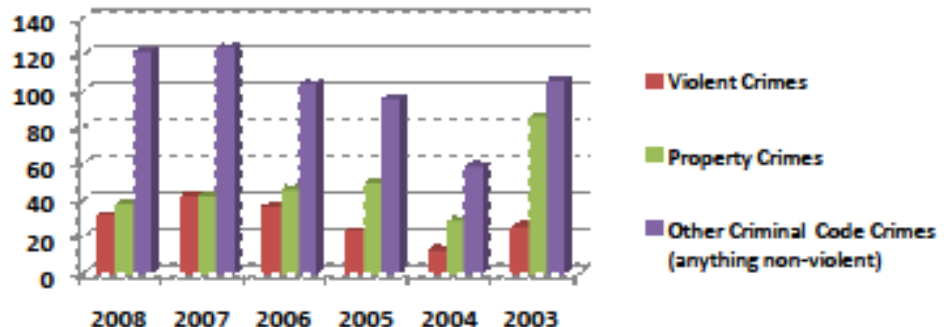
Yukon RCMP members were largely described as being disconnected from the communities in which they serve. Moreover, the RCMP members being sent to the Yukon are seen as too young and too inexperienced, with a very limited understanding of the environment in which they will have to work. There were complaints about the constant turnover of RCMP members which, in the opinion of many participants, leads to inconsistency in levels of engagement with communities. The quality of policing services, it is felt, is determined more by an individual member's personality than actual RCMP policies and procedures.

All of the organizations that were engaged recommended that training specific to the Yukon be undertaken before any member ventures out into the community. The high levels of social problems related to alcohol consumption and mental health issues are seen as presenting any police officer with huge challenges for which most Yukon RCMP members are perceived as being ill-equipped to deal with. Most organizations are very willing to participate in training for new members arriving in the Yukon.

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Haines Junction Crime Statistics



SPECIAL GREETINGS

*Belated Birthday Greetings for October 10
to Keneesha M. M. Joe with love from your family.*

*Happy belated birthday to Jocelyn Kinney
for October 21 from your family and friends.*

*Happy Belated Birthday to Paul Birckel
for October 25th with love from your family.*

*Happy belated birthday to Troy Johns on October 28.
Love Jocelyn, Tiara, Tehya and baby Troy*

*A Very Happy Belated 16th Birthday to Breanna Smith for
October 27th!!!!
Love Mom & Dad*

*Happy Birthday to Tiara Rose on November 6.
Love Mom and Dad*

*Happy Birthday to our DAD & GRAMPA Howard Joe
on November 9th with love from your family.*

*Happy Birthday to Eileen Miersch on November 16 from your
girls and grandchildren.*

*Happy Birthday to Adam Howard Titus
on November 20th with love from your family.*

*Happy Birthday to Mattea Pilkington on November 24 from
your aunties, grandma and cousins.*

*Happy Birthday to Delmer MacDonald December 1!
Love from Michele, Tyler, Amy, and Mariah*



*Happy birthday to Lorraine Allen on December 7th
from your family.*

*Happy Birthday to:
Lilly Smith on November 3rd
Tristan Gladue on November 9th
Ashton Clooten on November 13th
Talisha Germain on November 24th
Mattea Pilkington-Smith on November 24th
Brenden Germain on December 9th
Love Richard, Trish & Family*

*Birthday greetings to:
Amy MacDonald November 12
Mariah MacDonald December 14
Love from Dad, Mom, and Tyler*

*Birthday wishes to our grandson Zerryn Martin
on December 22 from Grandma Lena
and Grampa Kevin.*

*Happy Birthday to Kathy Birckel for December 23rd with love
from your family.*

*Happy Birthday to Shelby Jackson on December 25th.
Love Mom, Dad and Shania*

**Congratulations to Amy Hannon-Beattie
on achieving the Honor Roll
for Academic Achievement for Grade 8
during the 2009-10 school year
at Vanier Catholic Secondary School.**

From Grandma Patt

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

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Pursuit of Excellence Seminars

Pursuit of Excellence

November 22 - 25 in Whitehorse

The Wall

December 7 - 10 in Whitehorse

The Pursuit of Excellence is a seminar that helps you "Live Your Ultimate Life". It provides steps toward personal and professional development which sets a strong foundation for achieving success in all areas of life. The Wall is for individuals who have already completed the Pursuit of Excellence.

All CAFN community members and staff are welcome to apply. You must be committed to all four days. Limited spaces are available. If you are interested in participating, please contact Shadelle Chambers.

Please check out the website at:

www.excellenceseminars.com

For more information or to register, please contact:

Shadelle Chambers

(867) 456-6879

schambers@cafn.ca



ATTENTION CAFN CITIZENS:

CAFN does not have up to date mailing addresses and contact information for many CAFN members. Please ensure CAFN has your address so you can receive the Dàkwänia newsletter and other important CAFN information. Please provide your contact information to:

Lilly Smith, Law Registry Clerk and Support Services

(867) 634-4204 or lsmith@cafn.ca

Gwänaschis

CAFN Elders Program

My name is Darline Blair and I am the Elders Program Coordinator for Health and Social Programs.

The Elders Program includes:

- Drives clients to various appointments in Haines Junction and Whitehorse.
- Provides laundry service once a week.
- Cultural and traditional activities.
- Planning the Elders get-togethers.
- Elders lunch in Whitehorse once a month on first Friday of the month.
- Elders lunch once a week in Haines Junction on Thursdays.

Driving

Priority is given to Elders who do not have their own vehicle or family to drive them.

If the nurses have made an appointment for you, they will not inform us due to confidentiality. Please give us as much advance notice as possible.

Seating arrangements within the van are made based on the ability of the individual elders traveling together.

Laundry service

Elders in Haines Junction who do not have a washer or dryer can call for a ride to the laundromat and help doing the laundry.

Cultural and Traditional Activities

Based on the time of year, activities such as salmon harvesting at Klukshu, gopher trapping, rabbit snaring, and many more, are carried out on an ongoing basis, based on requests and interest.

Limitations

There is only one van and one worker, which can lead to conflicts between activities. The program is only available to Elders in the Haines Junction area.

Thank you.

Darline Blair, Elders Program Coordinator

(867) 634-4018

dblair@cafn.ca

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Researching Water Management in the Aishihik Drainage



*Dän k'e gugula úye,
kajet dän ích'e.*

I'm just beginning my research for my thesis project: "Exploring integrated watershed management as an applied model in the Aishihik Drainage."

Sustainable management of water resources is a growing concern,

particularly among Yukon First Nations, where northern waters are particularly susceptible to changes in temperature and precipitation. Changes to land and water use in the headwaters of the Alsek watershed have the potential to alter the quality of these highly valued water sources. The area is facing increased pressure from resource activities as well as global phenomena such as climate change.

Part of my studies will include documenting oral history and traditional knowledge associated with the area's water resources to identify CAFN communities' needs and goals for water resource management in the Aishihik basin. I have been working with the CAFN Heritage, Lands and Resources department to connect with potential participants for this study. Some research participants, identified for their experience in and knowledge of the study area, may have already received a call from me requesting an interview. Findings from the research project will be shared with the community at a later date. For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me at nadia.joe@royalroads.ca.

Shāw nithän.

Yukon College Trades and Technology Bursary

Haines Junction Campus Trades & Technology Bursary

The Haines Junction Campus Committee is offering a \$500 dollar Bursary to be awarded



once a year to a Yukon College student studying a full time credited Trades and Technology program.

Application Deadline

Applications must be submitted to the Haines Junction Campus Committee by September 1st of the year the applicant will be studying in .. If there are no qualified applicants for the September 1st review a second review will be considered on December 15th.

The Bursary will be awarded to the successful applicant through Yukon College by the second week of October or the second week in February, depending on the review date.

Eligibility

Applicants will be a grade 12 graduate or a mature student. In either situation, the applicant must have attended the St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction for at least two years, with in the grades of 9 through 12.

Applicant must be registered at Yukon College as a full time student in one of the Trades and Technology programs.

Documents to accompany

1. Complete the application form
2. Verification of at least two years of attendance at St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction, during the years grade 9 through grade 12.
3. A letter of support from a person other than a family member.
4. Verification as a full time registered student in a Trades related program at Yukon College.

**Selection is made by members
of the HJ Campus Committee.**

For more information contact by phone @ 634-8800 or email: ychainesj@yukoncollege.yk.ca

Upcoming JAM Events



The Schumann Letters

A Story of Love and Music
in the Shadow of Madness
Friday, November 19th, 7:30pm
St. Elias Centre Grand Hall

Tickets at the door: \$15, free for 65 yrs & over and
for 12 yrs & under when accompanied by an adult
www.andrewkwanartists.com

Major Conrad Flapps

The World's Only Human Airplane
Tuesday, November 23rd, 6:30pm
St. Elias Centre Grand Hall

All tickets: \$5

(5 yrs & under free when accompanied by an adult)
www.majorconradflapps.com

"jamberries"

Music & Craft Program for little babies to 6-year olds
Friday, November 26th, 10 – 11am
Haines Junction Public Library, free

A Christmas Motown Revue

Featuring Wilson Williams of the Legendary Platters
Tuesday, December 14th
St. Elias Centre Grand Hall

Tickets at the door: \$15, free for 65 yrs & over, and
for 12 yrs & under when accompanied by an adult
www.myspace.com/wilsonwilliamsplatters

SOLD OUT: 2010 New Year's Eve Dance

Featuring Canadian Country Music Association
Awards Winner Corb Lund & The Hurtin' Albertans
with opening act Sasquatch Prom Date

**We may still have volunteer positions for the night
of the concert. Or if you're just interested in help-
ing out with set-up and take-down, we can use all
the extra hands we can get.**

Contact whiskeyinthemountains@gmail.com
or (867) 634-2366 (Yolande)
or (867) 634-2738 (Dianne) for more info.
www.corblund.com

JAMBERRIES COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

Fundraiser for the pre-school music and craft pro-
gram. On sale at the Library Craft Fair,
Thursday, November 18th.

Constitutional Review Committee and Housing Committee Members Needed!



CAFN is seeking applications from citizens to sit on
the **Constitutional Review Committee** through Au-
gust 2012. Two members are required. The man-
date of the Constitutional Committee is to review
the 2000 CAFN Constitution and, through consulta-
tion with Citizens and all branches of CAFN govern-
ment, develop recommendations for amendment of
the CAFN Constitution to be presented to the CAFN
GA in 2011. Honoraria and travel reimbursements
are provided to this Committee.

CAFN is seeking applications from **Youth** to fill a
position on the **CAFN Housing Committee**. The
Housing Committee reviews all housing applications
and makes policy recommendations to the Housing
Department and Chief and Council. The Commit-
tee consists of one Elder, one Youth, three regular
members, and one alternate. Honoraria and travel
reimbursements are provided to members of this
Committee.

**DEADLINE: Please submit your application
by 4:30 p.m. December 1, 2010**

Get your CAFN Boards and Committees
application at www.cafn.ca or at the CAFN office.
Please attach a current resume to your application.

For more information
or a copy of the Terms of Reference,
please contact:

Doreen Williams, Secretariat Executive Assistant
(867) 634-4232 or drwilliams@cafn.ca

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Child and Family Services Act Presentation

The Child and Family Services Act Implementation Team will be visiting Haines Junction to give a presentation on the new Child and Family Services Act. This Act has special features regarding involvement with First Nations citizens. There will be a slide presentation covering the history of the new Act, the new features of the Act and Mandatory Reporting, followed by a question period. Refreshments will be provided.

This presentation is tentatively planned for November. Watch for an announcement confirming the details.

Lynn Sparks

*CAFN Director of Health and Social Programs
(867) 634-4213 or lsparks@cafn.ca*

Klukshu Hall Phone

A telephone was recently installed in the Klukshu Hall.

The phone number is: **(867) 634-2342**

Youth Center Open

**The Youth Center is open
Tuesday thru Friday from 3 - 10:00 p.m.
& Saturdays from 3 - 6 p.m.**

Our hours of operation are:

- 3:00 to 6 p.m. for youth aged 7 - 12 years
- 6 to 10 p.m. for youth aged 12 and up.

We are currently working on our fall and winter programming and welcome any suggestions from the community. Please watch for more information!

*Kelly Boyd, Youth Center Supervisor
CAFN Youth Programs
(867) 634-4012 or youthcenter@cafn.ca*

Gwānaschis



The Dakwākāda Dancers would like to say a very grateful thank you to **Marie & Alanah McLaren** for their donation of a skin dress with matching purse.

The group is grateful for this gift. The dancers have already put it to good use.

Dance Practice

Dance practice has resumed at St. Elias Tuesdays at lunch. Bring a lunch, nothing requiring heating up or hot water. No registration, no fees – just fun! If you'd like to provide input, support, songs or whatever – please contact Monica Primozic, Josie Boyle or Lisa Pauls in Haines Junction.

WALK 'N' TONE

Developing healthy eating habits is key to controlling diabetes, but if you're not **combining diet with exercise**, your blood sugar – and waistline – could pay the price.

Studies have found that walking lowers blood sugar even more effectively than other forms of exercise.

As part of the diabetes program, Marianne Joe, Diabetes Coordinator, and Lia Fox, fitness instructor, will be having weekly exercise classes in the communities of:

TAKHINI RIVER SUBDIVISION - Tuesdays at the community hall @ 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

HAINES JUNCTION - Wednesdays at the St. Elias School Gym @ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

These will continue if the interest is there and the weather permits. We may hold some classes outside - weather permitting (please come prepared for this).

HEALTH PROGRAMS – to help in promoting our programs we will be hosting monthly dinners in the communities. PLEASE WATCH FOR POSTINGS.

For more information please contact:

*Marianne Joe, CAFN Diabetes Coordinator
(867) 634-4212 or majoe@cafn.ca*

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IT'S A BOY!



*Big sister Denise and big brother Damien
welcome*

Jacob Elwyn Dennis Griffith
to their family.

Born July 8th, 2010 at 7lbs 6ozs.
A big Thank You to Aunties Marion
and Monica for being there!

Christmas Community Dinners



CAFN communities are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 to host their own community dinner during the holiday season. Because it is a larger community, Haines Junction is eligible for additional funding. These funds are intended for all community members. Each community requires one volunteer to take the lead with reporting, returning receipts, etc. All work associated with planning and hosting these events must be volunteer, as per the Community Health and Well Being Fund policy. **Please watch for more details about holiday gatherings in your community.**

Please contact Doreen Williams for a Community Health and Well Being Grant application at (867) 634-4232 or drwilliams@cafn.ca.

Sacred Circle Massage	
Belinda Stick	
RMT	
Therapeutic Deep Tissue Prenatal Hot Stone Ear Candle	
1-867-334-8201 sacred.circle@live.ca	

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all natural cotton, bamboo,
hemp and soy apparel

121-1116 1st Avenue
Horwood's Mall
(867) 633-3177

Do you recognize these mitts?

They were left at the CAFN administration building in Haines Junction several weeks ago and have not been claimed.



If you know who these mitts belong to, please contact CAFN reception staff at (867) 634-4200 or reception@cafn.ca.

Gwänaschis!

CALENDAR

Tuesdays - Walk 'n' Tone fitness class, Takhini River Subdivision, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the community hall. For more info please contact Marianne Joe at (867) 634-4212 or majoe@cafn.ca.

Wednesdays - Walk 'n' Tone fitness class, Haines Junction, 5 to 6 p.m. in the school gym. For more info please contact Marianne Joe at (867) 634-4212 or majoe@cafn.ca.

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

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

Haines Junction Language Class - Tuesdays 12 to 1 p.m. and Thursdays 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Dä Kų. Please see page 2 for more details.

Takhini Language Class - Monday and Wednesdays, beginning November 16 and 18, 6 to 8 p.m. at Takhini Hall. Please see page 2 for more details.

Whitehorse Language Class - Tuesday and Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m. at the CAFN Whitehorse Administration Building. See page 3 for more details.

November 17 - Haines Junction Forestry Consultation, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Convention Centre in Haines Junction. See page 5 for more details.

November 18-19 - Regular Chief and Council Meeting, Champagne Hall.

November 18 - Library Craft and Bake Sale, Haines Junction Convention Centre, 7 to 9 p.m. For more details or to reserve a table please call (867) 634-2215 or hjlib@klondiker.com.

November 29 - December 1 - CAFN Diabetes Workshop, Haines Junction Convention Centre. All are welcome. For more information please contact Marianne Joe in Haines Junction at (867) 634-4212 or majoe@cafn.ca, or Marion Primožic in Whitehorse at (867) 456-6889 or mprimožic@cafn.ca.

December 4 - Christmas Bingo at 1 p.m. at St. Elias Convention Centre. Hosted by the Shakwunlee Dunena Sports Society. All proceeds will go to the Gerald Brown Memorial Hand Games Tournament planned for Spring 2011.

December 7 - Aishihik Lake Community Consultation, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., Dä Kų building, Haines Junction. CAFN Whitehorse office by videoconference. For more details see notice on page 4.

December 15-16 - Regular Chief and Council Meeting, CAFN Council Chambers, Haines Junction.

December 16 - School Christmas Concert, St. Elias Community School gym at 7 p.m.

December 21 - January 3 - CAFN offices closed.

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Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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