

# Dàkwänia

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010

Nųchų N-zhā (September - Fall Time)

Män Shāw Tān N-Zhā (October - Big Lakes Freezing Over Month)

## 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT KUSAWA LAKE

The 2010 Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) General Assembly at Kusawa Lake this July was well attended and a great opportunity for CAFN citizens to reconnect on the land.

"Kusawa Lake is a very special place to many of us and I am thrilled it is the site of our 2010 General Assembly," said Chief Diane Strand.

Delegates and citizens worked hard throughout the General Assembly on a variety of business, despite dusty and sometimes rainy conditions. The General Assembly reviewed and provided direction on outstanding resolutions from 1996 to the present; a major accomplishment.

Seven proposed changes to the CAFN Constitution were presented by the Constitution



Connie Wilson

*Spectacular scenery at Kusawa Lake during the 2010 GA*

Review Committee. One proposed change passed (Elections Board Authority) and other proposed changes to the Constitution will continue to be reviewed and discussed by the Constitution Committee and CAFN citizens during the coming year. These will be brought forward for discussion at the 2011 General Assembly.

The 2010 GA reviewed reports and audited financial statements for the Champagne and Aishihik Trust,

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*Former Chief Paul Birckel and Bobbi-Rae Patchet at the 2010 GA*



Connie Wilson





Connie Wilson

*CAFN Youth Anthony Primozic and Andrew Pauls paddling on Kusawa Lake*

Assembly to allow time for extra work on historic resolutions and proposed Constitutional changes. CAFN General Assemblies are typically three days in length (Friday through Sunday).

Every General Assembly requires a huge amount of time, dedication and planning by staff, GA workers, delegates, citizens and leadership. Thank you to all who helped make CAFN's 2010 General Assembly a success.

We look forward to another fantastic General Assembly in 2011. Please watch for more details in the coming year.

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Dakwakada Development Corporation, and the CAFN government. Excellent questions and discussions were raised, and all documents were approved by the Assembly.

Fun activities and competitions were also back by popular demand during the Saturday afternoon at the GA. The most popular events were the horse-shoe tournament, the Iron Campfire Chef, Minute To Win It, and, of course, BINGO!

The 2010 GA was held Thursday, July 22, through Sunday, July 25. A fourth day was added to the 2010



Michelle Faulkner

*GA delegates hard at work*



Connie Wilson

*Catching up with friends in the rain*

**The 2010 General Assembly minutes and resolutions are available:  
online at [www.cafn.ca](http://www.cafn.ca)  
or  
at the front desk of the CAFN Haines Junction and Whitehorse offices**

## 2010 CAFN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

### Special Constitutional Amendment Resolutions

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| CR 2010-01 Elections Board Authority          | Passed    |
| CR 2010-02 Review of Traditional Name Options | Withdrawn |

### Resolutions\*

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| 2010-01 Name Change for CAFN   | Passed                 |
| 2010-02 Qualification Criteria for CAFN Members of Council                                 | Defeated               |
| 2010-03 Public Access on Settlement Land Sekulumun Lake (Tthechäl Män) & Aishihik (Äshèyi) | Passed                 |
| 2010-04 Protection of Aishihik Village (Äshèyi) & Dezadeash Lake (Titl'ät Män) Fisheries   | Passed                 |
| 2010-05 Aishihik (Äshèyi) Road Improvements  | Passed                 |
| 2010-06 Speed Bumps at Champagne (Shadhäla)  | Passed                 |
| 2010-07 Rest Area and Information Signage at Champagne (Shadhäla)                          | Passed                 |
| 2010-08 Old Community Hall at Champagne (Shadhäla)   | Passed                 |
| 2010-09 Hutchi Cabin Construction  | Passed                 |
| 2010-10 Special Assembly for Constitution Review   | Defeated               |
| 2010-11 Mid-Year GA Delegate Updates   | Passed                 |
| 2010-12 Membership & Citizenship Issues  | Passed                 |
| 2010-13 Bison Harvest Monitoring   | Passed                 |
| 2010-14 Spending Policy Funding Review   | Passed                 |
| 2010-15 Gaming and Casino Construction   | Withdrawn              |
| 2010-16 Klukshu (łu Gha Chù) Fish Management   | Passed                 |
| 2010-17 Klukshu (łu Gha Chù) Village Improvements  | Passed                 |
| 2010-18 Meeting Tent Floor   | Passed                 |
| 2010-19 Disabled Citizens Assistance Program   | Passed                 |
| 2010-20 Funding Program for Home Repairs   | Defeated               |
| 2010-21 Implementation of GA Resolutions on Lands  | Passed                 |
| 2010-22 CAFN Government Hiring & Training for Senior Positions                             | Passed                 |
| 2010-23 Gladstone Diversion Project  | **Decision not Reached |

\*Resolutions above are shown by topic, not by their official titles.

\*\*Discussion was not completed on Resolution 2010-23 re the Yukon Energy Corporation's (YEC) proposed diversion project at Gladstone. CAFN will consult with Aishihik residents about this project before providing comment to YEC.

Michelle Faulkner



Young member Kyra Jones poses in the willows at Kusawa

## ABOUT KUSAWA

Kusawa is an important area for our people, with our history here going back to ancient times. The Southern Tutchone name for the lake is *Nakhu Chu*, which means 'raft crossing' and refers to the narrows towards the north end of the lake where people crossed. The Tlingit name is *Koosawa Aa*, meaning 'long lake'; one of the 19th century trade routes between the coast and the interior came by Kusawa. According to our Elders' stories, Kusawa belonged to both the Crow and Wolf clans; people came from Dezadeash, Hutchi, Laberge, Carcross and Tagish to fish, especially in winter time. Kusawa is also known as an important area for hunting sheep, and in times past, caribou. Moose hunting and trapping became common activities in the twentieth century and continue today, as does our citizens' enjoyment of the Kusawa area.

Kusawa is the site of a proposed Yukon Territorial Park, which is to be co-managed by Yukon Government and the First Nations whose traditional territories lie within the park - Champagne and Aishihik, Carcross-Tagish, and Kwanlin Dun. CAFN will work to ensure we have a major role in managing this important part of our Traditional Territory.

Much of our knowledge of the aboriginal history of the Kusawa area came from the late Elder Annie Ned, as recorded in the book *Life Lived Like a Story* compiled by Julie Cruikshank. Additional stories and place names from Elders Stella Jim, Paddy Jim, Marge Jackson, Moose Jackson, Frank Billy, and the late Donjek Brown, Jimmy G. Smith, John Brown and John Adamson.



## **Message from the Chief**

*Dear Fellow Citizens:*

*Dannch'e?*

*My summer was very full and went too quickly, but I am excited about the activities coming this fall.*

*The General Assembly at Kusawa Lake in July was an excellent gathering. It was rewarding to see so many like-minded CAFN people working together. The GA is an important way for Council to get a better understanding of the direction membership wants us to go. The GA ended on a sad note, as the meeting was adjourned before the end of business due to the passing of Elder Daisy Jackson. Discussion on a resolution on the Gladstone project proposed by Yukon Energy Corporation was not completed, but the input received will still be used to advise future decisions. See the General Assembly story on pages 1-3 for more details.*

*Council extends our sincere condolences to CAFN Elder Councillor Moose Jackson, and to other families who have lost loved ones in recent weeks.*

*Major milestones were achieved this summer with our Dä Kų Cultural Centre project. The contract for the building construction was awarded to Dominion Construction Company. As the building construction moves ahead, work is also focusing on the displays and messages to be featured inside the building. Please get involved as community consultation on exhibits and displays continues. A job fair is also planned for September 15 in Haines Junction to provide information on work opportunities with Dominion. See page 9 for more details on the cultural centre.*

*Potlatches were held nearly every weekend of this summer and continue into the fall. I attended as many as possible and say "Gwänäschis" to the families who worked so hard to host these important traditional gatherings.*

*Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Minister Gail Shea paid us a visit in Klukshu this sum-*

*mer. CAFN hosted lunch at Klukshu and Deputy Chief Mary Jane Jim and I, along with staff members Lawrence Joe and Linaya Workman, continued on to show Minister Shea the fishery at Shäwshe. DFO staff Mike Maloney and Alfee finished her tour of Dalton Post. It was great to impress our important fisheries issues upon the Minister. Yukon River issues often take precedence, and our little creek doesn't get the attention it deserves. I think this visit impressed Minister Shea and gave her a better understanding of the value of Klukshu Creek and the entire Tatsenshini/Alsek River drainage.*

*I am pleased CAFN hosted a Youth Pursuit of Excellence at Champagne this summer. I think youth went away from the week with knowledge and skills that will help them move forward in a positive direction. Thank you to the Southern Tutchone Tribal Council for sponsoring this workshop.*

*CAFN hosted ambassadors from around the world who visited Haines Junction with the 2010 Heads of Diplomatic Missions Northern Tour. Canada has offered the Tour since 1972 with the objective of exposing ambassadors and high commissioners to Canada's North. We enjoyed the chance to discuss our own issues and issues we share with aboriginal people around the world, like education, implementation, and loss of language. Thank you to the Grand Chief's office at the Council for Yukon First Nations for arranging for this great opportunity.*

*I enjoyed wrapping up the summer by attending camps at Klukshu and Aishihik. Both were an excellent opportunity to reconnect with the land and friends and family. The Strengthening Families Camp at Klukshu had great workshops hosted by our Health and Social Programs staff. Harvesting and using Southern Tutchone was fun and a great learning experience during the Language Immersion Camp in Aishihik.*

*Council is attending the Assembly of First Nations "Building on Success" conference in Whitehorse this September. We are excited to tell the rest of Canada about what self-government is like here and to learn from other self-governing First Nations (there are 11 others in Canada). Grand Chief Shawn Atleo will be in attendance ([www.buildingonsuccess.ca](http://www.buildingonsuccess.ca)).*

*Over the course of 2010, CAFN has been celebrating our citizens' accomplishments. In September, we honour citizens who have received the Order of Canada as well as students in our adult Southern Tutchone language classes. I am proud to recognize our citizens who have made important contributions for the Yukon and Canada, and are great role models for us all.*

*I also look forward to the CAFN election coming up this October. I congratulate and wish the best to all candidates who put their names forward. Please see the Elections Notice on pages 14-15 for more information.*

*Nänuch'i shi.*

*Diane Strand - Xíxch'tláa*

*PS - Congratulations to all staff who received awards for their years of service to CAFN during the 2010 Staff Appreciation this July: One Year Awards - Shawn Allen, Rita Burns, Shadelle Chambers, Heather Jim, Cai Krikorian, Thomas Millspaugh, Vera Owlchild, Marsha Sparvier, Marie Sterriah, and Sherry Wabisca. Five Year Awards - Roger Brown, Lenette Graham, Jocelyn Kinney, Monica Parent and Connie Wilson. 10 Year Awards - Paula Banks, Micheal Jim, Harry Smith, and Angie Wabisca.*

## CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

The following is a brief summary of decisions made during the May, June and July 2010 regular Chief and Council meetings.

### **Kluane National Park Management Plan**

Council approved signing of the revised Kluane National Park Management Plan.

### **Bi-Cultural Project**

Chief and Council approved the Communication Strategy approved by the Southern Tutchone Bi-Cultural Project Steering Committee.

### **Land Applications**

Chief and Council approved the recommendations of the Lands Committee to approve the cabin application by Gary Darbyshire and the land application by Darren Hubbard, subject to conditions.

### **Audit Approval**

Council approved audited financial statements for FY2009-10 projects with the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Aboriginal Human Resource Development (AHRD).

### **Election Board**

Chief and Council appointed Stephen Mills, Robin Bradash and Wayne Jim to the Election Board for the purposes of the 2010 Chief and Council Election.

### **First Nations Market Housing Fund**

Chief and Council passed a resolution authorizing the CAFN Housing Department to support market-based housing on Settlement land, and to apply to the First Nations Market Housing Fund, which is a non-profit trust company set up by the Government of Canada to assist First Nation citizens with loans for homeownership, rent-to-own, renovation, refinancing, or rental housing.

### **Enrollment**

Council accepted applications for enrollment into CAFN of members born recently. Note: Enrollment is still frozen for transfers from other First Nations.

### **Cultural Centre Funding**

Chief and Council passed a resolution requesting a promisory note for \$1.84 million from the Champagne and Aishihik Trust for the cultural centre project. This fulfills the remaining funds approved by the General Assembly in 2007 for \$2.5 million.

*Copies of the minutes of regular Chief and Council meetings are available with reception staff at both CAFN offices, or can be requested by contacting the Executive Council Office at (867) 634-4201 or executive@cafn.ca*



Millie Joe

Lela with her wild sage



Millie Joe

Emma-Lee sings a gopher



Millie Joe

Margaret Workman and Rosalie Washington tell stories of the Sekulmun area in Southern Tutchone

## UKWÄNJĒ

*Nùchū kwàtè (it is fall time)  
Łäjädíya (I am going hunting)*

*We hope you all had a good and successful harvest! CAFN Language Programs held a wonderful Southern Tutchone Language Immersion Camp at Äshèyi Shäkat Kų. The camp ran from August 23 to 27 with three and a half full days of traditional activities, stories, and instruction in full Southern Tutchone by our Elders and teachers.*

*Many members and families attended (63 total participants) including grandparents, parents and many children. It was rewarding to see our Elders passing on skills and stories they learned from their Elders.*

*Our activities included learning history and traditional stories of Äshèyi and the surrounding area from Elders. We went berry picking (blue, black, soap and cranberries) and made jellies and soap-berry ice cream.*

*At camp we practiced our sewing and beading. We learned Southern Tutchone greetings, a prayer, and how to introduce ourselves. We boiled new gopher traps in sage (to remove the smell of oil) and set them, and made and set traditional gopher snares as well. We learned how to cut and dry moose meat.*

*During a traditional medicine walk, we gathered traditional medicines, then made enough pitch salve*

*for everyone. We all shared our harvest of moose, berries, and traditional medicines.*

*Shäw Nithan!*

*Here are some sewing words in Southern Tutchone:*

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>K'ats'edlūdlu nj</i> | <i>Lets all sew!</i> |
| <i>Segal</i>            | <i>needle</i>        |
| <i>Kesheshà</i>         | <i>scissors</i>      |
| <i>Gūyat</i>            | <i>beads</i>         |
| <i>Thè</i>              | <i>thread</i>        |
| <i>Ädhù</i>             | <i>hide</i>          |
| <i>Danà k'ük yendrù</i> | <i>card holder</i>   |
| <i>Yendrù</i>           | <i>small bag</i>     |

*Here are some hunting words in Southern Tutchone:*

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <i>Ye dìn'i?</i>          | <i>What are you doing?</i>             |
| <i>Łäjädíya</i>           | <i>I am going hunting.</i>             |
| <i>Ye ka Łäjädjya?</i>    | <i>What are you going hunting for?</i> |
| <i>Kanday ka Łäjädíya</i> | <i>I am going hunting for moose.</i>   |
| <i>Gwänk'à jè</i>         | <i>Give me the gun</i>                 |
| <i>Łu yenilq?</i>         | <i>Do you want fish?</i>               |
| <i>Àghāy, Łu yenitj</i>   | <i>Yes, I want fish.</i>               |
| <i>Zhùr yenilj</i>        | <i>He/she wants berries.</i>           |



Millie Joe



Millie Joe

Bertha Moose and granddaughter Alexis making dry meat



Millie Joe

Boiling new gopher traps with sage

## WHAT'S NEW IN SCHOOL?

### Welcome Back

Welcome back to students, and welcome to new staff at St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction. Maggie Mann is our new Principal. Maggie has enjoyed living in the Yukon for 15 years and has worked in Carmacks, Dawson City and Whitehorse. Also new to the staff are Michael Allaway and Ms. Joanne Liu. Mr. Allaway and family join us from Alberta and will be working with our Secondary Students. Ms. Lui has travelled from England and will be teaching French and Art while Ms. O'Rourke is on education leave. Mr. Bryan Green will be covering Mr. Eleniak's courses until January 2011.

### Reminder:

If you achieved a minimum of 75% overall average for grades 8 to 12, please submit your report card to Diane Jenschatz or other education staff for secondary achievement awards.

### Upcoming events:

October 7 & 8 -School photos

CAFN Teacher Orientation and Professional Development Day - TBA

### Tutoring

Tutoring assistance is available for K - 12 students at St. Elias, please contact Diane for further details.

*Diane Jenschatz, Education Support Worker*

*St. Elias Community School*

*(867) 634-2231 or Diane.Benjamin@yesnet.yk.ca*

Language classes for Whitehorse, Haines Junction and Takhini will start up the first week of October. Please watch for posters and a planning start up meeting for each. If you wish to teach Southern Tutchone in your community, please let me know and we can work out schedules. Language Nest will start up near the end of September at the Shawkwunlee Daycare.

*Nänuchi' shi, Däk'änntà jè (I will see you again, take care).*

Millie Joe, Language Coordinator  
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Millie Joe

Drying moose meat



Will Jones

*The Haines Junction and Takhini crews at the 2010 General Assembly this July*

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

### EOP Season in Review

The Employment Opportunities Program (EOP) is a seasonal employment program funded with monies supplied by the Health and Social Programs Department (H&S). This summer three programs were funded by the EOP budget:

- 1) the Greenhouse Project;
- 2) a Haines Junction work crew; and
- 3) a Takhini River Subdivision work crew.

The Greenhouse Project was managed by a volunteer board, the Haines Junction Employment Development Society, while the two work crews were managed by the Social Programs Manager Mary Kane and coordinated by EOP Coordinator Will Jones. The subject of this article is the work of the Haines Junction and the Takhini work crews.

The Haines Junction work crew was supervised by Foreman Luke Williams and seven people filled the labourer positions over the course of the summer. The Takhini work crew was supervised by Foreman Earl Darbyshire and Carpenter Mike Green and five people held labourer positions from beginning to end.

The two crews worked with the Municipal crew to set up and break down the facilities at the CAFN General Assembly at Kusawa, and the Takhini crew camped at Kusawa for the duration of the GA to provide labour support as required. The two crews worked together again in August at the Strengthening Families harvest camp at Klukshu and the Language Immersion camp at Aishihik.

Other work by the Haines Junction crew included brushing around the village, assisting the Northern Housing Trust (NHT), and building outhouses and picnic tables for sale. This year we added screen doors to our product list. We are very grateful to CAFN community members for supporting our work by purchasing our products. If there are other products community members are interested in purchasing, please provide your suggestions to Lynn Sparks, the Director of H&S, at (867) 634-4213 or [lsparks@cafn.ca](mailto:lsparks@cafn.ca)

Work by the Takhini crew included a community clean-up and barbecue, building a tool shed and outhouse, assisting the Takhini carpentry crew, painting houses, setting up the hockey rink at the playground, and building a fence around the playground.

Health and Social Programs views the EOP program as an opportunity to assist our clients to better manage their lives. This year, the two crews met with Yukon Alcohol and Drug Services Prevention Consultant Caitlin Smith every two weeks to talk about and find ways to reduce substance use and make positive life changes. In Takhini we were also lucky to have Cisco Smith provide regular language and First Nation history classes.

One of the most satisfying things about the program this year was the support provided to us by other CAFN government departments. CAFN staff were always a pleasure to work with. We thank the many individuals we worked with at Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. The encouragement and respect you showed us kept us on track and helped make the program a success.

In the coming weeks, Director Lynn Sparks will lead an evaluation of the EOP program to explore ways to improve the program. Please provide your comments to help us do a better job next year.

## DÄ KŪ CULTURAL CENTRE

The Dä Kū (Our House) Cultural Centre is taking shape. This summer marked some major milestones in the project.

### Building

The building design is finalized. The construction contract was tendered and awarded to Stuart Olson Dominion Construction for \$11.948 million. Dominion Construction is a Vancouver-based company, founded in 1911, and has experience with major construction projects across Canada. Recent projects include the Surrey Museum in B.C. and the Kwanlin Dun First Nation Cultural Centre in Whitehorse ([www.stuartolson.com](http://www.stuartolson.com)).

### Lease Agreements

Our lease agreements with Yukon and Parks Canada are finalized and were signed this August after extensive negotiations. The agreements confirm contributions for \$5 million from Parks Canada and \$1.4 million from the Government of Yukon for capital construction and pre-paid operations and maintenance.

### Exhibit Design

The contract for Dä Kū exhibit design has been awarded to Hilderman Thomas Frank Cram of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Founded in 1969, this company has a reputation for world-class interpretive planning and design, including displays housed in the Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre and Beringia Centre ([www.htfc.mb.ca](http://www.htfc.mb.ca)).

Funding for exhibit design is confirmed for \$250,000 from MRIF, \$190,000 from the Museums Assistance Program, and \$67,500 from the Yukon Community De-

*The southwest view of the CAFN cultural centre building design*



Charles A. McLaren, Architect

## 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.*

velopment Fund. CAFN is still seeking funding for fabrication and installation of the exhibits.

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. Citizens were encouraged to attend to apply on positions associated with the building construction.

**For more information on employment opportunities, please contact: Vera Owlchild, Post Secondary, Employment & Training Manager at (867) 456-6884 or [vowlchild@cafn.ca](mailto:vowlchild@cafn.ca) OR Natalie Oles, Business Development Officer, at (867) 456-6882 or [noles@cafn.ca](mailto:noles@cafn.ca).**

## DÄ KŪ 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, archaeological 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 CAFN's partners in funding the project, with each partner contributing one third of the \$12 million construction costs. Funding arrangements are through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF).



Marianne Joe

*Kathy Birckel teaches youth how to trap gophers*

## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES CAMP

The CAFN Health and Social Department hosted the Strengthening Families Camp at Klukshu Fishing Village on August 16-21, 2010.

The Government of Yukon Women’s Directorate and Crime Prevention and Victim Services provided funding for this camp to address issues of violence against women and to promote alternative healthy lifestyles. In addition, through traditional teachings, this project helped individuals, especially parents, to learn skills that foster healthy and positive interaction with their children as a means to deter them from the criminal justice system.

Attendance at the camp was high, with about 80 participants each day, and 135 people at the community dinner held on the Thursday evening.

Each day of the camp women, men, youth and children attended their respective sessions in the mornings and in the afternoon took part in traditional activities.

Bea Shawanda from Ontario provided a forum for interactive sharing on Native women’s issues to create a legacy of wellness from violence; provided an opportunity to create a new perspective for personal growth and development; and based on First Nation knowledge, created a positive learning environment for renewal.



CAFN Health and Social Programs

*Justin Johnson learns to make a gaff*

Joe Migwans provided an opportunity for men and young men to make traditional tools and, at the same time, conducted meaningful discussions around roles and responsibilities of traditional parenting from a Southern Tutchone perspective. This group made gaffs and learned how to set a traditional fish trap.

Thank you to Elder Paddy Jim for his knowledge and hard work teaching gaff making. And thanks to Elders Chuck Hume and Paul Birckel for setting the fish trap. Elder Albert Hume showed the young men how to use their new gaffs.

Monica Primozic facilitated the young children’s programming. The children were designated the “Keepers of the Creek” and ensured no one played in the creek while fish were spawning.



CAFN Health and Social Programs

*The mens group works on their fishing gaffs*

The women harvested berries; trapped gophers by using traditional eagle snares; picked traditional medicines and canned salmon.

Many of the participants were very pleased with the outcome of the camp and said they wanted more and are looking forward to the camp next year.

Thank you to the 30 Elders who attended the camp, with special thanks to Elders Kathy Birckel, Frances Joe, Doris Hume, Rose Washington, and Audrey

Brown for their assistance. Joan Graham, Diane Strand and Rose Kushniruk hosted an enjoyable evening of stick gambling, and thank you to Chief and Council for donating prizes. A BIG THANK YOU to the EOP crews of Takhini and Haines Junction for setting up, maintaining and taking down the camp. And a special thank you to Johnny and Vera Hume and their helper Julie Smith for the delicious meals. We thank all who attended and helped at our camp.

*Thank you to Health and Social Programs for this update*

## NEW FACES

**Michelle Dawson Beattie,  
Education Administrative Support Worker**



Hi. I'm Michelle Dawson-Beattie. I began my new job this summer as the Education Administrative Assistant. I really enjoy my new job and love working with and for CAFN members. My office is located in Whitehorse and I rotate between assisting the Education Director and the Post Secondary Employment Training Manager.

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Education Administrative Assistant  
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**Angie Charlebois,  
Policy Analyst**



Please welcome Angie Charlebois as CAFN's policy analyst. This is a term position and is part of CAFN's policy framework project funded by the Northern Strategy Trust. The project includes carrying out an inventory and assessment of CAFN's existing policies in relation to self government, and devising a policy development process and tool that can also be used by other First Nations.

Prior to this position, Angie served as the Executive Assistant to Chief Strand. All communication with the Chief should now be directed to the Executive Office Administrative Assistant at (867) 634-4201 or executive@cafn.ca.

You can reach Angie at the CAFN office in Haines Junction.

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## Haines Junction Community Justice Program

Thank you to everyone who stopped by the Justice booth at the GA this year. It's always nice to meet people and talk to them about what I do as the justice coordinator.

Coming up in the next few months, I will be working with an interviewer to evaluate the "Healing Path" camps held by James Allen over the last three years. We are hoping to find another funding source to carry on with these very successful camps.

I will also be working on a CAFN calendar for 2011 that recognizes the accomplishments of CAFN Citizens in the area of justice. If you know of a citizen who has trained, worked, or studied justice related work, please let me know so I can make contact with them. **You can call (867) 634-7020.**

This past June was the anniversary for my second year as justice coordinator. Thank you to the staff and citizens for welcoming and working with me. I look forward to another great year ahead.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE SOURCE MOTORS \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATES!

Marianne Joe (staff); Lorraine Allen;  
Carol Duquette; Dawn Green;  
Gina Nagano; James Allen

Staff had the chance to enter the draw on Friday, and one staff member was pulled from the hat. All other days were public entries only.



**ROD SNOW**

*Congratulations to  
Rod Snow  
on his appointment as:  
President of the Canadian  
Bar Association !*

### PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (Rod Snow) PLANS TO FOCUS ON ISSUES AFFECTING NORTHERN CANADA

Born and raised in Nova Scotia, Rod Snow moved to Yukon to help Davis & Co. open its first northern office in 1993, and has been practicing here ever since.

In an interview with Heather Gardiner in *Canadian Lawyer, Aug. 2010*, Rod states that one of his priorities is addressing gaps of justice such as access to justice for those who can't afford legal service. He also identifies recruiting and retaining legal aid lawyers as a northern issue. In the Yukon we are lucky to have legal aid

representation, but many feel that criteria for access makes it impossible for average people to access services.

*"Being on the cutting edge of anything as a lawyer is always interesting...but to be able to go into the community I realize that quite often the lawyer represents hope...and when you can make a difference...that's rewarding."*

*Rod Snow*

Rod also states that lawyers need to think about the changes that technology and recessions bring for their clients, and how to deliver services in the most cost effective way. In other words, how to do more for less.

## SPECIAL GREETINGS

*Happy Birthday:*

*To my granddaughter Amy Hannon Beattie on her 14th birthday this June 8th*

*To my son Mickey Beattie on August 17th.*

*To my granddaughter Michelle Dawson Beattie on August 19th.*

*To my niece Sharol Hagwood Chambers on August 23rd.*

*And to my nephew Ray Hassard on August 22nd.*

*From Patt Delaney*

*Happy Second Birthday to Xavier on August 26th.*

*Love from Grandma Kim*

*Happy 40th Birthday to Helen Joe on September 3, 2010.*

*Love, your mother and father (Thomas and Rita Joe)*

*Happy 40th birthday to my mom Helen Joe on September 3, 2010.*

*Love, Tsyaa Jackson*

*Happy 40th Birthday to my friend Helen Joe on September 3, 2010. Have a good day.*

*Love, Jena and Dakota Jackson*



*Happy 12th Anniversary my love,  
and many more to come.*

*With all my heart, Miranda*

*We wish a Very Happy Birthday To:*

*John Patchett on Sept. 11/10*

*Vera Brown on Sept.13/10*

*Nikki-lee Frances Williams-Patchett on Sept.26/10*

*Tracy Kane On Sept. 22/10*

*Coming from: ShyAnn, Brandon, Deb and Alex*

*Happy Birthday to Polly Fraser for September 12.*

*Love You Lots.*

*From Vera, Marie, Anna, Gail, Lance, John and all your grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

*A Very Special Happy Birthday to ShyAnn Kyla-lee Hazel Williams on September 13.*

*Love Always, Mom, Brandon and Alex*

*Happy Birthday to my cousin Austin Kirk on October 15.*

*From Koltun Jim*

***Send your special greetings care of:***

*Amy McKinnon, Communications, phone (867) 634-4237, e-mail to [almckinnon@cafn.ca](mailto:almckinnon@cafn.ca), fax to (867) 634-2760, or drop off with reception staff in Whitehorse or Haines Junction.*

## FROM THE COUNSELLOR

Dannch'e. It was great to see everyone at the recent camp at Klukshu. It was good to get out on the land, harvest fish, gophers, make tools and visit like the old days. I enjoyed seeing you all and being there. We had a very nice summer and hope that we have a mild winter. I will share more next time and look forward to the year as we plan for programs and projects. Take Care.

**Reminder:** The deadline for the Common Experience Payment is September 2011 and for the Independent Assessment Process is September 2012. These are for those who went to Residential School. Please call or email for more information or help.

*Mary Jane Smith, Counsellor  
867-634-4225 or [msmith@cafn](mailto:msmith@cafn)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ELECTION INFORMATION

An election will be held on  
**Thursday, October 21, 2010, 11 AM to 8 PM**

FOR

ONE (1) Chief,  
FOUR (4) Councillors,  
ONE (1) Elder Councillor, and  
ONE (1) Youth Councillor.

**in Whitehorse and in Haines Junction  
at the Champagne and Aishihik  
First Nations Administration Offices,  
and at the Takhini River Subdivision  
Community Hall.**

**TRAVELLING ADVANCE POLLS:  
11 AM – 3 PM**

**Haines, Alaska** - October 5,

**Haines Junction** - October 6,

**Whitehorse** - October 7,

**Takhini River Subdivision** - October 8.

**If you have any questions, please contact:**

Lois Moorcroft, Chief Returning Officer

PHONE: (867) 393-1939

CELL: (867) 332-4764

EMAIL: [cafnvote@gmail.com](mailto:cafnvote@gmail.com)

FAX: (867) 668-4149



## INFORMATION FOR CAFN VOTERS

### WHO CAN VOTE?

*Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Election Regulations 2010* provide the legal authority for the conduct of the election. A person is eligible to vote in an election if that person is a citizen of Champagne and Aishihik First Nation and 16 years of age or older on October 21. The Voters List has been posted in the CAFN administration buildings in Haines Junction and in Whitehorse. Voting is by secret ballot.

### WHO CAN RUN FOR OFFICE?

A candidate must be a citizen of the age required by the position, who has not been convicted of a criminal code offence related to fraud or breach of public trust, and must not have been removed from Council in the past 10 years. Candidates must file a nomination paper with the signatures of 20 or more eligible voters, consent to the nomination, and sign a declaration that they meet all of the requirements for office.

Candidates must meet the following age requirements on polling day: for Chief 30 years or older, for Councillor 24 years or older, for Elder Councillor 60 years or older, and for Youth Councillor over 16 and under 23.

### PROXY VOTING & SPECIAL BALLOTS

If you live outside of the Yukon, or are unable to vote at one of the regular or advance travelling polls, you may appoint another qualified elector as a proxy voter to vote on your behalf. Proxy forms are available from the Chief Returning Officer.

The Chief Returning Officer will administer special ballots for voters who reside in Yukon care facilities, Macauley Lodge, Whitehorse Correctional Centre, Whitehorse General Hospital, Copper Ridge and any other institution. Please contact the Chief Returning Officer if you would like to vote by special ballot.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK AT A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY?

THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER WILL HIRE ELECTION OFFICERS FOR THE WHITEHORSE, HAINES JUNCTION AND TAKHINI RIVER SUBDIVISION POLLS. More information about these job opportunities and application forms for Polling Supervisor, Poll Clerk, and Poll Attendant positions will be available after the Notice of Grant of Poll is issued by the Chief Returning Officer on September 16.

### **FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**Lois Moorcroft, Chief Returning Officer**

**PHONE: (867) 393-1939 or (867) 332-4764**

**EMAIL: [cafnvote@gmail.com](mailto:cafnvote@gmail.com);**

**FAX (867) 668-4149**

*Approved by the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Election Board:*

Robin Bradasch, Stephen Mills, and Wayne Jim

## **Year of Honouring Our Citizens' Accomplishments**

**Please nominate a CAFN citizen  
to be recognized in 2010  
for the Year of Honouring Our Citizens'  
Accomplishments!**

*Forms are available with reception staff  
in Haines Junction and Whitehorse,  
or online at [www.cafn.ca](http://www.cafn.ca).*



## **Champagne & Aishihik Business Development**

Starting your own business can be intimidating but through encouragement from family, friends and CAFN's Business Development, we can assist you through the necessary steps required to see if your idea is worth making a reality.

### **We can help you with:**

- Feasibility and/or Business Planning Support
- Mentoring
- Identifying Potential Funding Sources
- Business Counseling & Aftercare



Also now available, CAFN's own "**Entrepreneurial Equity Matching Program**". If your idea proves viable, you may be eligible for funding assistance. This could help you leverage financing or match your investment into your business.

For further information, please contact Natalie Oles at (867) 456-6882 or email [businessdevelopment@cafn.ca](mailto:businessdevelopment@cafn.ca)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Youth Center Open

**The Youth Center is open Tuesday thru Friday  
from 3:30 - 10:00 p.m.**

Our hours of operation are the same as last year:

- 3:30 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  
youthcenter@cafn.ca*



## VISION STATEMENT

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COUNCIL  
OF CAFN,  
ARE THE VOICE DEDICATED  
TO EMPOWERING OUR YOUTH.

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SELF-RELIANT PEOPLE,  
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ENHANCING OUR ENVIRON-  
MENT AND CULTURE."

## Elders Fuel

Fall and cold weather are here and the Elders Fuel Program has resumed. If you have questions, please contact Elders Coordinator Jacquie Chambers at (867) 634-4012 or [jchambers@cafn.ca](mailto:jchambers@cafn.ca).

## Notice of Elders Senate Meeting

An Elders Senate Meeting will be held  
**on Wednesday, October 13th  
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
at the St. Elias Convention Center  
in Haines Junction.**

Lunch, dinner and snacks will be provided.  
For more information or to suggest items for the agenda, please contact Michelle Faulkner at (867) 634-4249 or [mfaulkner@cafn.ca](mailto:mfaulkner@cafn.ca).

## Attention CAFN Youth!

Do you have great ideas that concern youth?  
Do you want to have more programs  
and opportunities for youth?

**Join us in Haines Junction  
at the Youth Center  
on Wednesday October 6th  
from 6 to 8 p.m.  
to share your ideas!**

Sushi will be provided and CAFN youth will receive an honoraria for attending. See you there!

For more information:  
*Michelle Faulkner, Governance Coordinator  
(867) 634-4249 or [mfaulkner@cafn.ca](mailto:mfaulkner@cafn.ca)*

## Dä Kų Exhibit Design Advisory Committee Members Needed

**CAFN is seeking five citizens to sit on the Dä Kų Exhibit Design Advisory Committee:  
1 Elder, 1 Youth and 3 members at large.**

The Committee will meet at least once a month until their mandate is fulfilled and exhibits are installed at Dä Kų. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the CAFN Heritage Program on the development of the exhibits for the CAFN Cultural Centre. Committee members will be compensated as per CAFN Boards and Committees Policy at a rate of \$200 per day.

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

**Get your CAFN Boards and Committees application at [www.cafn.ca](http://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*  
(867) 634-4232 or [drwilliams@cafn.ca](mailto:drwilliams@cafn.ca)

## Champagne Fundraiser

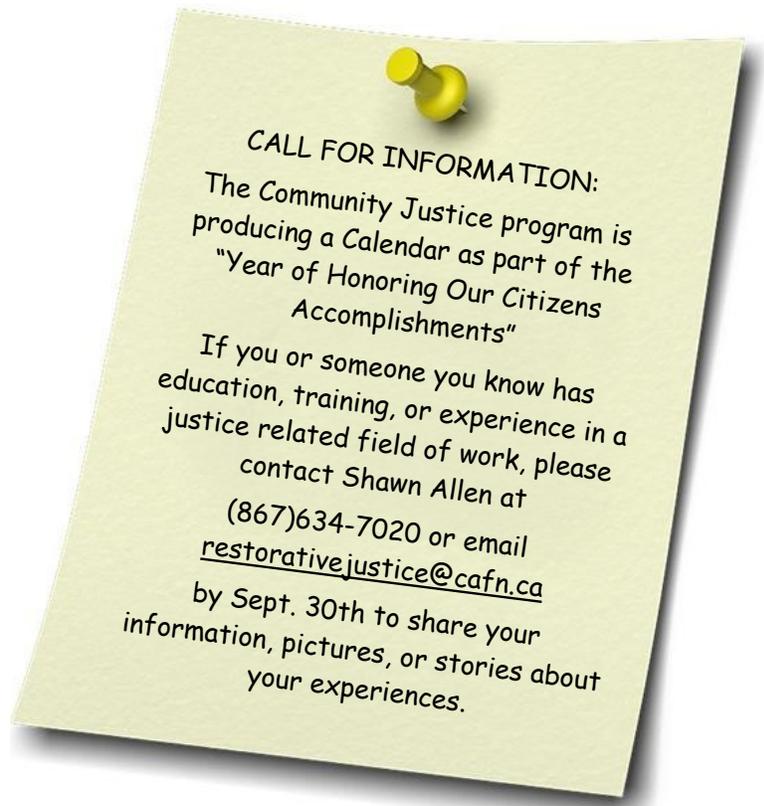
Some of us at Champagne got together and held a 50-50 draw to assist Bobbi Hassard, who has taken leave from her job to provide homecare for her mother, Helen, who has cancer.

First of all, a big thank you to all those who purchased tickets! Thank you to all who helped sell the tickets and helped with the draw.

The winning ticket was pulled at the Champagne Community hall on July 1st at 6.30 pm by Alex Van Bibber and the winners are Barbara and Murph from Haines, Alaska.

We raised \$415.00 and half of that was given to Bobby Hassard and the other half goes to Barbara and Murph.

*Thank you to Luke Campbell and Kathy Van Bibber for this community update*



## Update on Kluane National Park Visitor Centre Exhibits

Please join us for a sneak preview of the Parks Canada exhibits being designed for the new visitor centre inside Dä Kų. We want to hear what you think!

**Monday, October 4, 7-10 p.m.**

**St. Elias Convention Centre  
Council Chambers, Haines Junction**

**Tuesday, October 5, 4-7 p.m.**

**Jacquot Building, Burwash Landing**

**Wednesday, October 6, 7-10 p.m.**

**Alpine Bakery meeting room, Whitehorse**

Light refreshments will be served.

For more information:

Anne Chilibeck, Kluane National Park & Reserve  
(867) 634-2329, x214  
[anne.chilibeck@pc.gc.ca](mailto:anne.chilibeck@pc.gc.ca)  
[www.pc.gc.ca/kluane](http://www.pc.gc.ca/kluane)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Diabetes Program

I have gathered and compiled a CAFN diabetes cookbook, which is now available. Thanks to everyone who submitted recipes.

Health Programs hosted suppers in Takhini Sub-division, Champagne and Haines Junction to help promote Health Programs available to our citizens. These suppers were well attended.

Health Programs will be hosting a Diabetes Workshop in Haines Junction in early November....watch for posters.

I continue to visit diabetic clients on a monthly basis. I am available to assist clients with the individual management of their diabetes through proper nutrition and exercise.

Since physical activity plays a major role in the management/prevention of diabetes, Lia Fox and I are in the process of starting exercise classes. See notice at right for classes in Haines Junction and Takhini starting in October.

Please feel free to give me a call.  
*Marianne Joe, Diabetes Coordinator*  
(867) 634-4212  
[majoe@cafn.ca](mailto:majoe@cafn.ca)

### Congrats Softball Players

Nearly 70 teams from across Alaska and the Yukon competed in the Dustball International Tournament in Whitehorse this summer. Congratulations to all our CAFN players, especially the Champagne Aishihik Women's team, which placed 3rd in the B division.



### WALK 'N' TONE

#### DIABETES PREVENTION EXERCISE CLASS

As part of Diabetes prevention, Marianne Joe, CAFN Diabetes Coordinator, and Lia Fox, fitness instructor, invite you to join us for an hour of fun-filled physical activity. A walking program – HELD OUTSIDE WHEN POSSIBLE – combined with strength conditioning moves – using light hand weights/rubber tubing/bands. (If you have previously signed-out any of these, please bring them to the class)

#### WEATHER PERMITTING

**PLACE:** TAKHINI SUBDIVISION  
COMMUNITY HALL  
**WHEN:** TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH  
Every TUESDAY thereafter  
**TIME:** 5:30 – 6:30 PM

AND

**PLACE:** HAINES JUNCTION  
ST. ELIAS SCHOOL GYM  
**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH  
Every WEDNESDAY thereafter  
**TIME:** 4:45-5:45 PM

**WHAT TO BRING:** YOURSELF, WATER BOTTLE,  
COMFORTABLE SHOES, APPROPRIATE CLOTHING



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
PLEASE CALL MARIANNE JOE  
CAFN DIABETES COORDINATOR  
(867) 634-4212

## Potlatch Notices

September 25 - Headstone Potlatch for Grace and Art Jackson at Champagne, Yukon.

October 9 ( New Date) - Headstone Potlatch for Stan C. Thompson and Rachel (Johnson) Thompson at 12 p.m., Champagne, Yukon. Wolf/Crow party, all are welcome.

October 16 - Memorial Potlatch for John Wesley Adamson at 2 p.m., Champagne, Yukon.

The Memorial Potlatch for Edward Charles Stick ~ Gats'ada originally planned for October 2, 2010 has been postponed till May 2011.

## In Appreciation

On behalf of the family of the late Mary Shadow, I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to the many people, friends, and relatives who supported my children and me during this most challenging year.

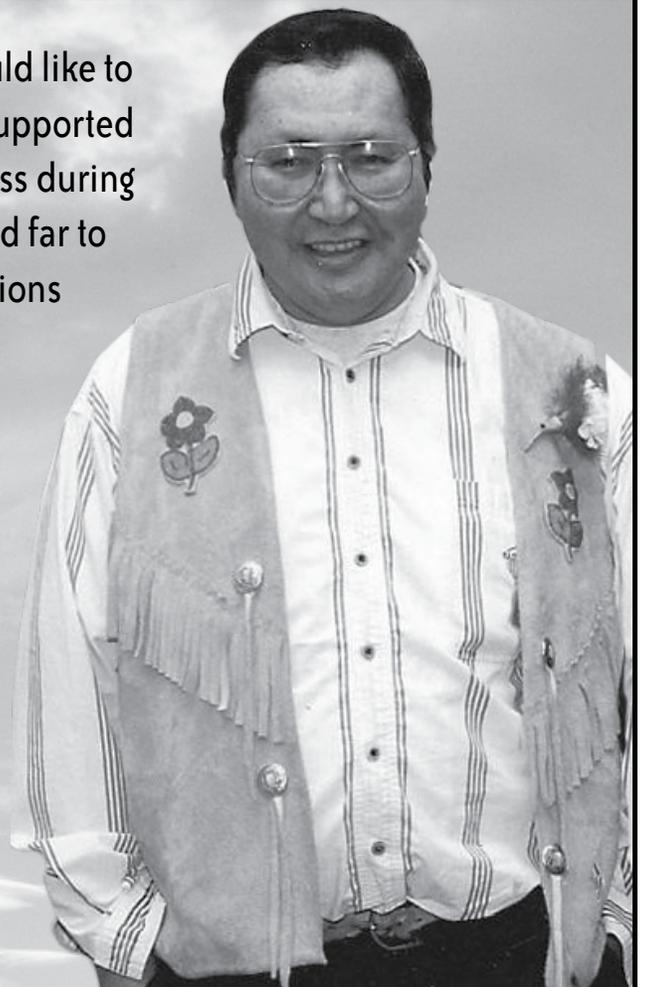
If it were not for the assistance of family, relatives and friends, the funeral and memorial potlatches would not be possible. Shāw nithän to all of you, who contributed to the potlatch giveaway and assisted in planning for many months. In closing, Shāw nithän to the pall-bearers and cooks and especially to Mary Jane Smith, who is an exceptional coordinator.

*Dak'anta je  
Sharon Shadow*

The family of the late Gerald "Bones" Brown would like to express a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us through love, friendship and words of kindness during our time of need. To those that travelled near and far to pay their respects, for the phone calls and donations that were received, thank you. We would like to express our gratitude to the Village of Haines Junction, Champagne and Aishihik First Nation, CAFN Storm Hockey Teams and everyone who helped out one way or another. We cannot express enough, our appreciation of everyone's help and support during this very difficult time. Nänuch'i shi, dāk'änntà jè

***Shāw Nithan***

***Dorothy, Trish & Ashley (Baby Bones), Fred Jim & family, Lena Riggs & Family and Oliver Jim.***



## CALENDAR

**Mondays - Sewing Circle and Lunch**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Dä Kų. For more information, please contact Tracy Kane at (867) 634-4222 or tkane@cafn.ca.

**Tuesdays - Walk 'n' Tone fitness class**, Takhini River Subdivision, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., meet at the Community Hall. Begins October 5 and continues every Tuesday thereafter.

**Wednesdays - Walk 'n' Tone fitness class**, Haines Junction, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., meet at school gym. Begins October 6 and continues every Wednesday thereafter.

**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.

**CAFN Advance Polls**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Haines, Alaska - October 5, Haines Junction - October 6, Whitehorse - October 7, Takhini River Subdivision - October 8. More details on page 14.

**October 6 - Youth Council Meeting** - Youth Centre in Haines Junction, 6 to 8 p.m., sushi provided. Contact Michelle Faulkner for more details at (867) 634-4249 or mfaulkner@cafn.ca.



*Elder Alex VanBibber with Prime Minister Stephen Harper during his recent visit to the Yukon. CAFN is honouring Alex and other recipients of the Order of Canada (Dave Joe, and the late Annie Ned and Elijah Smith) with a celebration this September.*

**October 11 - Thanksgiving Day** - CAFN offices closed.

**October 13 - Elders Senate Meeting**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Convention Centre in Haines Junction. Lunch and dinner provided. Please contact Michelle Faulkner at (867) 634-4249 or mfaulkner@cafn.ca for more information.

**October 21 - CAFN Election**, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the CAFN administrative offices in Whitehorse and Haines Junction and at the Takhini River Subdivision Community Hall. More details on page 14.

**October 25 - Flu Shot Clinic** - CAFN Administration Building, Haines Junction, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact the Health Centre at 634-4444.

**October 30 - Deadline to submit EOP Questionnaire** to Health and Social Programs.

## Däkwänia

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**Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.**

Please send your submissions to: [almckinnon@cafn.ca](mailto:almckinnon@cafn.ca)

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