

## FIRST FOUR YUKON FIRST NATIONS CELEBRATE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



*CAFN honoured its 1994-1998 Chief and Councillors, who began implementing the CAFN Final and Self-Government Agreements when they took effect in 1995.*

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN), the First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun (NND), Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC) and Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation (VGFN), hosted a 20th Anniversary Celebration this March at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre in Whitehorse.

"Our Chief and Council acknowledge this very special anniversary and our past leaders and community people who worked hard to get us where we are today," said Chief Steve Smith. "We also acknowledge the role of the territorial and federal governments. This historic and important partnership between our first peoples and Canadians established the unique governance model we have today."

The Celebration marked 20 years since all four First Nations' Final and Self-Government Agreements took effect on February 14, 1995. These were the first four land claims agreements signed in Yukon.

Highlights of the event included speeches by First Nation, territorial and federal leaders, a special presentation by NND youth, performances by traditional dancers and drummers, a dance with the Klukshu Flats Boogie Band, and a very popular jigging contest.

The event began at 6 p.m. and continued till midnight, with an estimated 500 people who attended over the course of the evening.

*Continued on page 2*



*A few of the representatives and past Councils for the four governments.*

*Continued from page 1*

All four First Nations honoured their 1995 leaders for their work during the first years of implementing Self-Government. The 1994-1998 CAFN Council were: Chief Paul Birckel, Deputy Chief Chuck Hume, Councillors James Allen, the late Gerald Brown, Ron Chambers, Frances Oles, and Harry Smith, Elder Councillors Paddy Jim and Rose Turner, and Youth Councillor Trish George. Each was gifted with a commemorative 20th anniversary jacket with the CAFN logo.

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations acknowledge the First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun, Teslin Tlingit Council and Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation on their many successes in implementing their agreements over the past 20 years. We are grateful for your partnership 20 years ago when we worked hard together to achieve our Final and Self-Government Agreements.

The February 14 anniversary of implementation coincides with another historic event: on February 14, 1973, Chief Elijah Smith, Chief Ray Jackson and other Yukon First Nation leaders presented Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow in Ottawa, during the early days of our journey to self-government.



*CAFN's mens drum group and Dakwakada Dancers performed.*

CAFN says *kwänaschis* - thank you - to NND, TTC and VGFN for co-hosting and to the following for contributing to this historic event:

- Judy Gingell (Master of Ceremonies)*
- Grand Chief Ruth Massie, CYFN*
- Regional Chief Mike Smith, AFN*
- Elder Frances Woolsey, TKC*
- Chief Kristina Kane, TKC*
- Chief Doris Bill, KFN*
- Premier Darrell Pasloski, Yukon*
- Member of Parliament Ryan Leef, Canada*
- Chief Steve Smith, CAFN*
- Elder Mary Battaja and Youth leaders, NND*
- Chief Carl Sidney, TTC*
- Deputy Chief Stanley Njootli Sr, VGFN*
- Grandma Sarah*
- Dakwakada Dancers*
- Selkirk Dancers*
- Daaghaanke Dancers*
- Han Dancers*
- Deslin Dancers*
- Vuntut Gwitchin Dancers*
- Ben Charlie*
- Klukshu Flats Boogie Band*
- Vuntut, NND, TTC and Dakwakada Development Corporations*

*Bob Charlie and the Klukshu Flats Boogie Band kept people dancing till midnight.*



# DÄN NÄTTHE ÄDA DÄKWÄL

(MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF)



*Dànách'è. Hello to all our Champagne and Aishihik people in the Yukon, Alaska and beyond. I am pleased to report to you on the work of our Council.*

*Since the October 2014 election, we have identified our vision and priorities for our term in office. This includes listening to Citizens, meeting as a Council and meeting with staff to identify and plan for on-the-ground activities.*

*Together our Council has identified three priorities for our work on behalf of CAFN people:*

*Self-reliance,  
Connecting, and  
Better Government.*

*Initiatives toward achieving these priorities are included in the 2015-16 CAFN budget and many are already in progress.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to inform CAFN Citizens of some changes our Chief and Council have made in order to be more responsive to the needs of our Citizens. Chief and Council are now holding regular meetings twice a month and we have added a new element to our governance process called Executive Committee of the Whole (ECW). ECW meetings happen the day before every regular Chief and Council meeting. The ECW meeting time provides Chief and Council with an opportunity to have longer discussions with our senior leadership team and provides opportunity for Citizens and other governments to meet with us. Under this new model, Chief and Council meet a minimum of four days per month.*

*Another important task we have put in motion is establishment of a Finance Standing Committee.*

*This Committee will review the current processes and policies used in our Finance Department. The goal of this Committee is to provide the most accountable, efficient, and transparent financial practices possible for our Citizens. The Committee will have representation from Chief and Council, senior staff as well as subject matter experts.*

*While planning for the new fiscal year and budget, our Council faced a major challenge: how to deliver increased benefits to Citizens with fewer dollars. Our Council had to make some very difficult decisions. These included saving dollars by not renewing some term positions and by laying off a very small number of positions. We did not take this lightly. We worked diligently with the Management Committee to identify positions that would minimize the impact to Citizens, and made every effort to connect people whose jobs were affected with new work opportunities. This work continues as we provide supports to Citizens who are currently looking for employment opportunities.*

*Our work on the 2015-16 budget also called for a major shift in spending priorities: the 2015-16 budget focuses on delivering programs in new ways so Citizens will see the most direct benefits. Some examples are new summer student and education opportunities. We look forward to sharing more as the year goes on.*

*I would like to thank Ian Robinson, who has taken on the acting director role with Property Services. Ian is overseeing and leading a complete review of the Property Services Department with a focus on municipal services, housing and property management. I look forward to reviewing Ian's report, which is scheduled to be complete near the end of June 2015.*

*Economic development at the government level is a long-term focus in our work toward self-reliance. Steps we are taking right away include restructuring the Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation (CACC) and developing a new process for appointments to the Champagne Aishihik Board of Trustees. We also give a shout out to Dakwakada Development Corporation (DDC) for partnering on summer training positions for CAFN students.*

*Council thanks our Trustees on the Champagne Aishihik Trust Board for their great work. Our Trustees are responsible for managing CAFN's compensation dollars, so Council wants to ensure we have a process in place to ensure we continue to select qualified*

*Continued on page 4*

*candidates who share our high regard for this important responsibility and safeguard our compensation dollars for generations to come.*

*Another big project underway at CAFN is developing a draft Enrollment and Citizenship Act. This Act will be foundational to our identity as a people and government, and is one of the most important laws we will ever pass. We encourage Citizens to share your input, knowledge and values when the draft Act goes to the community for consultation.*

*Council wants to continue to hear from Citizens one-on-one, so we are scheduling meetings in CAFN communities and Whitehorse soon. Please watch for details. We also encourage Citizens to join your GA delegates at community barbecues at the end of June and, of course, to attend our annual General Assembly on July 17-19 at Kusawa Lake.*

*This June 12-14 we are excited to invite you to Da Kų Nän Ts'éthhèt (Our House is Waking up the Land), our first aboriginal dance festival at Da Kų Cultural Centre! This brand new bi-annual festival is an exciting opportunity to strengthen our connections as First Nations people and to celebrate our culture through drumming, song and dance.*

*On behalf of the Council, I'm pleased to introduce you to Ranj Pillai, CAFN's executive director. Ranj has the important job of ensuring our vision is effectively delivered by the CAFN administration. He is a father of two and husband to Delilah (Adamson) Pillai, granddaughter of John Adamson. Ranj has political experience, including service as a Whitehorse city councillor, and recently worked as the senior vice president of operations and business development at Northern Vision Development. Ranj also worked at Yukon College for more than 10 years building and delivering educational programs, finishing his work as special projects advisor President Karen Barnes. Over the last 15 years Ranj has worked directly for and in partnership with all 14 Yukon First Nations. Ranj divides his time between our Whitehorse and Haines Junction offices and is always glad to meet with Citizens.*

*Lastly, I congratulate our 2015 CAFN graduates. Shāw nithan - good job! You are our future and we are tremendously proud of you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dän nātthe ada Kaaxnox  
(Chief Steve Smith)*

## **DÄN NÄTTHE DÄTTH'I DEK'I (CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE)**

### **Chief and Council Decisions**

The following decisions were made during the November 2014 to April 2, 2015 regular Chief and Council meetings.

### **Deputy Chief Appointment**

CAFN Chief and Council appointed Rose Kushniruk as Deputy Chief for a one-year term to December 2015.

### **CAFN Supplemental Budget**

Chief and Council approved the 2014-2015 CAFN Supplemental Budget as presented.

### **Yukon Government/Yukon First Nations Memorandum of Understanding**

Chief and Council accepted a Yukon Government/Yukon First Nations Memorandum of Understanding and authorized Chief Smith to sign the YG-YFN Class 1 Notification MOU. Chief and Council have decided to participate in a Working Group on Other Mining Related Matters following the Lands and Resources Department's recommendations.

### **Conversion of Land Application 2012-003**

Chief and Council revoked Motion #009/19 July/2012. Council approved Application 2012-003 as a land lease disposition to Habitat for Humanity Yukon for land parcels for low income residential developments. Council further resolved that all documents concerning the noted disposition must come back to Council for review and approval.

### **Council Severance**

Chief and Council directed the Finance Department to pay out severance for all Council members for the 2010-2014 term, according to CAFN legislation and policy.

### **Boards and Committee Appointments**

Chief and Council appointed and nominated the following:

- Michelle Dawson-Beattie to the Alsek Renewable Resource Council for a term of three years;
- Phyllis Smith (Elder), Marie Martin, Debbie Workman, Marie McLaren and Kathleen Brown (alternate) to the CAFN Housing Committee for terms of three years;
- Sandy Wabisca to the CAFN Lands Committee for a term of three years;

- Edward Long to the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee;
- Angelica Green, Angelina Joe and Frances Oles to the Champagne Aishihik Trust Board.

### General Assembly

CAFN Chief and Council approved the dates and location for the 2015 General Assembly as July 17-19 at Kusawa.

### Heritage Legislation

Council passed a resolution to support the development of Heritage Legislation to protect CAFN heritage in and on CAFN Traditional Territory.

### Cultural Gathering at Da Ku

CAFN Chief and Council agreed to support hosting a large bi-annual cultural gathering at Da Ku.

### Self-Government Agreement Implementation Plan

Council passed a motion authorizing Chief Smith to sign an amendment to the Self-Government Agreement Implementation Plan to correspond with the Self-Government Agreement.

### Habitat for Humanity Partnership Agreement

Council directed the executive director to work with Habitat for Humanity Yukon (HFHY) to determine if there is an ability to accommodate the rental of the triplex units at Takhini River Subdivision to Citizens on an interim basis while technical issues with land and property tenure are resolved. Interim rentals are only possible provided there is clear acknowledgement that there shall be no interest or other rights of possession until the outstanding issues are resolved.

### Apprentice Technical Training

CAFN Chief and Council approved expenditure of \$4,050.00 to support Apprentice Technical Training of three CAFN employees to complete Level 2 Carpentry.

### Land Applications

CAFN Chief and Council approved the following land applications:

- 2014-010 by Matthew Trotter for a Cabin on S-433B1 on Lower Kathleen Lake;
- 2014-011 by Tom Millspaugh for Residential Lot #62 on C-30B/D;
- 2014-012 by Darren Joe for Commercial Lot #16 on C-14B/D.

### Standing Committee on Finance

CAFN Chief and Council approved Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Chief and Council Standing Committee on Finance.

### CMHC Replacement Reserve

Council approved use of the CMHC Replacement Reserve to replace five oil furnaces in Project #8.

### Interim Justice Provisions

Council approved an 'Agreement Extending Interim Justice Provisions' for a five year period from April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020 and authorized the Chief to sign the Agreement.

### Self-Government Agreement Priorities

CAFN Chief and Council prioritized Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS), Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) – YFN Labour Market Agreement, Service Class and Administration of Justice Agreement for 2015-16 negotiations and endorsed a letter to Government stating these priorities.

### 2015-16 Budget

Chief and Council approved the annual CAFN operating budget for April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 with a total revenue of \$11,977,556.00.

### CAFN Legislative Process (Acts)

Chief and Council approved amendment to the CAFN Legislative Process (Acts) to include consultation with Government as required.

**For more information:** Full copies of the minutes of regular Chief and Council meetings are available with reception at the CAFN Haines Junction and Whitehorse offices, and upon request to Doreen Williams, Executive Assistant to Council, at [drwilliams@cafn.ca](mailto:drwilliams@cafn.ca) or (867) 634-4242.

### Chief and Council Meetings

The CAFN Chief and Council holds regular meetings twice a month in Haines Junction, every first and third Friday of the month (unless noted otherwise). All regular Chief and Council meetings are open to CAFN Citizens. Community concerns are scheduled at 3:30 p.m. Please contact Doreen Williams if you wish to request time on the Chief and Council agenda at [drwilliams@cafn.ca](mailto:drwilliams@cafn.ca) or (867) 634-4242.

### 2015 Regular Chief and Council Meetings:

May 15	September 18
May 29	October 2
June 12	October 16
July 10	October 30
July 31	November 13
August - no meeting	November 27
September 4	December 11

# CONGRATULATIONS

## TO OUR 2015 CAFN POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES!

*Jocelyn Joe-Strack, Masters of Science  
University of Northern BC*

*Sarah Fromme, Bachelor of Science  
University of Regina, Saskatchewan*

*Lindsay Chambers, Yukon Native Teacher  
Education Program Degree  
Yukon College and University of Regina*

*Chris Gleason, Sports and Fitness Leadership  
Degree, Camosun College, BC*

*Janet Van Bibber, Bachelor of Social Work  
Degree, Yukon College and University of Regina*

*Shauna Strand, Bachelor of Child and Youth Care  
Degree, University of Victoria, BC*

*Cole Pauls, Visual Arts Degree  
Emily Carr University, BC*

*Doris Allen, Yukon Native Language Teacher  
Diploma, Yukon College, 2014*

*Amanda Workman, Yukon Native Language  
Teacher Diploma, Yukon College, 2015*

*Beth Dawson, Health Care Aide  
Yukon College*

*Georgina Griffith, Liberal Arts Certificate  
Yukon College*

*Nikki-Lee Williams-Patchett, Early Childhood  
Development Certificate, Yukon College*

*Nigel Boyle, Basic Musicianship Certificate  
Douglas College, Vancouver BC*

*Aubrey McWatters, Cinematography for Film  
and Video Certificate  
Capilano University, Vancouver BC*

*Desiree Cook, Multi-Media Communications  
Certificate, Yukon College*

*Aaron Workman, Electrical Pre-Apprenticeship  
Certificate, Yukon College*

*Lenna Charlie, Heavy Equipment Technician  
Certificate, Yukon College*

*Dustin Hume-Mazur, Grader Operator Certificate  
Interior Heavy Equipment School, BC*

*Annika Joe, Heavy Equipment Mechanic Level 1  
Apprentice, SAIT, Calgary, Alberta*

*Cody Joe, Class 1 Drivers Certificate  
Mile 918 Driver Development, Yukon*

*Ryan Kolak, Class 1 Drivers Certificate  
Mile 918 Driver Development, Yukon*

*Jason Jim, Class 1 Drivers Certificate  
Mile 918 Driver Development, Yukon  
Mountain Driving, BC*

*Caleb Smith, Carpentry Pre-Apprenticeship  
Yukon College*

*Breanna Smith, Esthetics and Nail Care  
Technology Certificate  
Northern Lights College, Dawson Creek, BC*

*Highway and Public Works Program Graduates,  
Yukon College:*

*Tyler Gladue  
Field Graham  
Levy Graham  
Anthony Primozic*

*Please let us know if we have missed someone.  
Please phone (867) 456-6884.*

*Watch for photos and more news of our 2015  
grads in the next issue of Dàkwāni!*

# CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR CAFN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

## 2015 CAFN High School Graduates

*Maddison Allen*  
*Alexander Bouvier*  
*Kyra Chambers*  
*Chelsea Etienne*  
*Jerry Harrison*  
*Jagger Jamieson*

*Shealee Mazur*  
*Dylan McCuaig*  
*Nantsana Murphy*  
*Natalee Patchett*  
*Mattea Pilkington*  
*Amber Wally*

## CAFN Scholarship Recipients for the 2013-14 Academic Year

### ***Priority Fields of Study Scholarships for Trades/Vocational Training:***

Brandon Long, Electrician Level 1, College of New Caledonia

Dylan Boyko, Electrician/Power Systems year 1, SAIT

Colin Long Jr., Electrician Level 3, College of New Caledonia

Victor Green, Carpentry Level 1, Yukon College

Cherie O'Brien Health, Education and Human Service Access, Yukon College

*CAFN Priority Fields of Study Scholarships-Health*

Juanita Joe, Health, Education and Human Service Access, Yukon College

*CAFN Priority Fields of Study Scholarships-Health*

Melina Hougen Travel & Tourism, SAIT

*Highest GPA in a diploma, University transfer or Associate Degree Program (one to three year program)*

Georgina Griffith, Liberal Arts, Yukon College

*CAFN Priority Fields of Study Scholarships-Social Science*

Stephanie Joe, Journalism, Okanagan College

*CAFN Priority Fields of Study Scholarships-Management/Administration*

Laurie Vaughan, Business Administration, Sask Indian Institute of Technology

*Fields of Study Achievement Highest GPA in Technology*

Courtney Wilbur, Bachelor of Arts - Law, Carleton University

*Highest GPA in a degree program (Bachelor, Masters or doctorate)*

Jessica Joe Hudson, Bachelor of Arts, University of BC

*Fields of Study Achievement Highest GPA in Social Science*

Lindsay Chambers, Bachelor of Education, University of Regina

*Fields of Study Achievement Highest GPA in Education*

Chris Gleason, Bachelor of Sports and Fitness Leadership, Camosun College

*Fields of Study Achievement Highest GPA in Health*

Shauna Strand, Bachelor of Child and Youth Care, Victoria University

*Fields of Study Achievement Highest GPA in Management*

Cole Pauls, Visual Arts, Emily Carr University

*Fields of Study Achievement Highest GPA in Fine Arts*

Dixie Smeeton, Masters of Business, Thompson River University

*Fields of Study Achievement Highest GPA in Administration*



CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS

## Knowing Your Harvesting Rights and Responsibilities

Our Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Final Agreement sets out our harvesting rights within our Traditional Territory; CAFN Citizens have the right to harvest fish and wildlife within our own Traditional Territory and are only limited by our CAFN laws. If you are unsure what your rights are in specific areas, please contact CAFN fish and wildlife staff.

Our Final Agreement only recognizes CAFN Citizens. Non-CAFN citizens do not have the same rights within our Traditional Territory. For example, if your spouse, relative or friend is a beneficiary of another Yukon First Nation, they must have a Yukon First Nations Consent License issued by CAFN before they go hunting. Please remember, consent from a Citizen is not consent to harvest for subsistence; non-citizens must complete an application and obtain written consent from CAFN government before hunting within the CAFN Traditional Territory.

**Our harvesting rights are not limited, but CAFN may not issue consent for an overlap area.**

As a Yukon First Nation Citizen, you may choose to exercise your right to harvest for subsistence and follow CAFN's Fish and Wildlife Act and Wildlife Harvesting Regulation, or you may choose to hunt under the Laws of General Application (LOGA). If you choose to hunt under LOGA, you must acquire a hunting license and game seals, which are free of charge to Yukon First Nations. You can acquire your hunting licence from any Environment Yukon office: Haines Junction District (867) 634-2247, Whitehorse District Office (867) 667-5221, or visit the Environment website at [www.env.gov.yk.ca/hunting-fishing-trapping/documents/006-016HuntingRegs14-15EN\\_06\\_WEB.pdf](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/hunting-fishing-trapping/documents/006-016HuntingRegs14-15EN_06_WEB.pdf) for further information. Under LOGA, you must follow the Yukon Hunting

Regulations concerning species, season, age, sex and reporting requirements. LOGA allows you to hunt outside your Traditional Territory without permission from the local First Nation in whose territory you plan to hunt, though a courtesy call to the First Nation would be appreciated.

These choices give you different rights and responsibilities, so it is important to be clear about which set of rules you choose to follow.

For additional information on harvesting in Kluane National Park and Reserve (KNPR), please pick up a copy of the brochure: ***Harvesting in Kluane National Park and Reserve: CAFN and KFN Rights and Responsibilities***. This brochure was developed in cooperation with KNPR, Kluane Park Management Board, Kluane First Nation and CAFN. It is available at the Kluane Park Visitor Centre and CAFN offices.

Please remember: Your harvesting rights only apply within CAFN Traditional Territory in Kluane National Park and Reserve.

To be clear about your responsibilities as a Citizen of CAFN's Final Agreement, please be sure to read the brochure ***Hunting and Fishing: Your Harvesting Rights & Responsibilities as a Beneficiary of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations***. This brochure is available on the Lands and Resources page at [www.cafn.ca](http://www.cafn.ca) and at CAFN offices in Haines Junction and Whitehorse.

**Please report all your harvesting activities.  
CAFN passed a law against harvesting cow moose.**

For further information contact:  
*Champagne and Aishihik First Nations  
Renewable Resources  
Linaya Workman, Fish and Wildlife Manager  
(867) 634-4211 or [lworkman@cafn.ca](mailto:lworkman@cafn.ca)  
Micheal Jim, Fish and Wildlife Officer  
(867) 634-4248 (summer) or 456-6885 (winter)  
or [mjim@cafn.ca](mailto:mjim@cafn.ca)  
Harry Smith, Fish and Wildlife Harvest Monitor  
(867) 634-4211  
General inquiries: (867) 634-4235  
Fax: (867) 634-2108*

# 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## NŁÄSHEDÄL (PEOPLE GATHERING TOGETHER)

**July 17-19, 2015 at Kusawa Lake**  
**Business starts at 9 a.m. daily**

*July 16, 2015 will be a General Assembly Training day for delegates and citizens.*

*The campground will be closed to general public for the weekend.*

*Please bring your camping gear and potlatch bags! **All are welcome.***

**For more info:**

Charlene Hume  
chume@cafn.ca  
(867) 634-4249

**To reserve a booth:**

Millie Joe  
mjoe@cafn.ca  
(867) 634-3301

[www.cafn.ca](http://www.cafn.ca)

---

## 2015 COMMUNITY DELEGATE BARBECUES

*Champagne and Aishihik Citizens and families are invited to barbecues with our 2015 GA delegates in each community to prepare for the 2015 General Assembly.*

**June 25 - Haines Junction**

Mun Kų Complex - 6 p.m.

**June 26 - Canyon/Aishihik**

Sheila Kushniruk's house #13 Canyon - 6 p.m.

**June 27 - Klukshu/Haines, Alaska**

Klukshu Hall - 3 p.m.

**June 28 - Champagne/Hutchi**

Champagne Hall - 3 p.m.

**June 29 - Takhini/Kusawa**


Takhini Hall - 6 p.m.

**June 30 - Whitehorse**

Canada Games Center - 5 p.m.

**For more information:**

Charlene Hume · (867) 634-4249 · chume@cafn.ca  
[www.cafn.ca](http://www.cafn.ca)





Grade 8 and 9 students from St. Elias Community School visited Burwash this winter for a Day of Learning.



Nevaeh and her new mitt at the Klukshu winter camp.

registration to any of the CAFN offices, as this helps us plan for meals, supplies and rides to camp where needed.

Please enjoy pictures from the Grade 8 & 9 Southern Tutchone class. The class recently attended a “Day of Learning” in Burwash Landing. The day was filled with culture: set-

ting a fish net under the ice, ice fishing, learning to cut fish, and many language activities. A special *Shāw Níthan* to Mary Jane Johnson and Sherri Atlin for being such great hosts and sharing so much with the class. We all had a wonderful day of learning with our Southern Tutchone neighbours.

Language Classes for our communities will start up again in the fall time once again as summers are busy for our language instructors and Elders with camps and training.

#### **Whitehorse Sewing Group**

Mondays and Thursdays

5 to 7 p.m.

CAFN Admin Office Board Room

For more information, or if you would like to share your ideas on language revitalization, contact Millie Joe.

*Nätthàth’ja* - Millie Joe

Language Coordinator

(867) 634-3301 or 634-5173 cell

[mjoe@cafn.ca](mailto:mjoe@cafn.ca)



Participants of all ages learned to use the new AED at Klukshu Hall during the winter camp.

## UKWÄNJĒ

It is *N-t’qy N-zhā* – May (Leaves Month).

CAFN Language programs have had a successful and busy *Yúk’e* (winter) with our language nest, youth language, language and sewing sessions, and staff language programs. We are also actively planning and creating new language learning resources and tools such as a Language App, a new language CD, and a Southern Tutchone mini booklet/dictionary.

Our language learners have been busy as well; They are currently over halfway through the Southern Tutchone Language Booklet #1 and will soon be moving on to Booklet #2. We are very proud of our active learners! We would also like to say a big *Shāw Níthan* to our teachers who have been helping along the way.

The Winter Cultural Family Camp was a success! It was held March 24 - March 29, 2015, at *Lu Ghq* (Kluskhu). We hosted with CAFN Community Wellness and are proud to report a successful camp that was filled with many traditional and cultural activities for all.

**The Äshéyi Language Immersion Family Camp will be held August 20-25, 2015 at Äshéyi Shäkat Kq.** Please watch for posters and registration packages. Please fill out and submit your



**Thanks and appreciation** to the many people who volunteered their time, wisdom and support to the *Learning Your Song, Learning Your Dance* gathering held at Da Kų Cultural Centre this February 26-28.

*Jennifer Chambers,  
Education Support Worker,  
Secondary Schools*

## EDUCATION SUPPORT

*Ak'an dzenu soothan* (Good day).

Luke Campbell *ùuye* (My name is Luke Campbell). I work with CAFN elementary *dunena* (children) as the Elementary Education Support Worker for schools in Whitehorse providing support, after-school programming, family support, cultural activities and more. I work mostly from Jack Hulland School, but also go to other schools and Takhini River Subdivision.

### ***Dinmbāda?* (Are you hungry?)**

This winter in Takhini River Subdivision, the *dunena* (children) have been busy *tāki* (two) times a week cooking their own *mbāt* (food). The "Kids in the Kitchen" program is sponsored by Yukon Government Health and Social Department and CAFN Education Department and held out in Takhini. The program has been a huge success. *Dunena* have learned *mbūr* (knife) safety, kitchen cleanliness, how to safely use *stuk* (a stove), how to properly handle *mbāt* so that it is safe for eating, and finally, how to make their own *mbāt*. All the *dunena* now have their own cookbooks and work together to make their own *mbāt* with supervision. The agreement at Takhini *kų* is, "If you are hungry, you have to make it yourself."

This winter *āshāw* (Elder) Florence Griffith came to Jack Hulland School to teach mitt making to grades 6 and 7. This was a huge success and has taught patience to the teachers and *dunena*.

### ***Ghakeli* (they are dancing)!**

In February, the First Nation dance group at Jack Hulland resumed. This group meets weekly and is open to all students at the school. Performances continue until *Da N-zhā* (Animals get poor month, June).

### **Tutoring funding update:**

Any parent receiving funding from CAFN for tutoring is now asked to pay for tutoring fees up front and submit your receipts to Luke Campbell for reimbursement. This only applies to elementary students in Whitehorse and not to families who have made prior arrangements with Luke.

CAFN provides up to \$80 per month for tutoring fees. In special circumstances, up to \$300 may be available. Please see the full policy on the CAFN website, at CAFN Whitehorse, or by emailing [lcampbell@cafn.ca](mailto:lcampbell@cafn.ca).

***CAFN is in the process of planning for summer camps and activities. Please watch the CAFN website and Facebook page for more details.***

*D. Luke S. Campbell, Agunda (Wolf Clan)  
Elementary Education Support Worker (Whitehorse area)  
[lcampbell@cafn.ca](mailto:lcampbell@cafn.ca) or 867-336-3283*



*Work to move and restore this historic cabin near Champagne Hall was completed this winter, fulfilling GA Resolution 2011-03. Thank you to Harold Johnson and Glen Kane for their work on this important restoration project.*





*Beadwork by the late Jessie Joe on loan to Da Kų, courtesy of the Joe family.*

## ***New Exhibit Being Developed***



*Above: Old knife found at Klukshu; donated to Da Kų by Chuck Hume.*

# **TREASURES**

Language, Culture & Heritage (LCH) staff have begun the work of developing a new show for the changing exhibit space at Da Kų – the space where the Gųyàt Beadwork exhibit is presently housed. Our Departmental Advisory Committee

believes that the time is right for an exhibit that allows our citizens to share and showcase their “treasures” – those cherished heirlooms that tell their family’s story.

The Treasures exhibit will be in place from roughly June 2015 through till the end of the year. CAFN citizen Ukjese van Kampen (Ph.D. University of Leiden) has been engaged to curate or develop the exhibit.

***Your treasures might be an Uncle’s drum, some of Grandma’s beadwork, Grandpa’s snare set, Auntie’s gopher stick, a child’s home-made toy – whatever. You might have many pieces that are special to you, or just one or two.***

Ukjese will be able to meet with you to see the treasures that you would feel comfortable loaning to Da Kų for the roughly 9 month period the exhibit is running. He’ll also be wanting to document the story of the item from you.



*Above: documenting collection of stone tool pieces found by Chuck Hume over the years; these pieces were donated to Da Kų fall 2014.*

Loans of all family treasures will involve paperwork, where the rightful owner(s) of the pieces will be noted. The documentation will also specify what the institution receiving the loan (i.e., Da Kų) can or cannot do with your item(s).

For more information about the project, including the terms under which your treasures will be loaned to Da Kų, please contact either Sean

Sheardown, LCH Director (634-3310 [ssheardown@cafn.ca](mailto:ssheardown@cafn.ca)), Sheila Joe, Heritage Officer (456-6891, [sjoe@cafn.ca](mailto:sjoe@cafn.ca)) or Ukjese van Kampen (668-3184 [tutchoneart@yahoo.com](mailto:tutchoneart@yahoo.com)).



*Above: Joe Kane Shaving Bag, donated (not loaned) to CAFN by the late Ken Kane. Now part of the Da Kų Permanent Collection.*

***Don’t delay – we need to start learning about possible items to showcase as soon as possible. It’s lots of work to put an exhibit like this together and we want to be sure your special pieces are included!***

# Da Kų Nän Ts'éthhèt

(Our House Is Waking Up The Land)

*A Celebration of Aboriginal Drumming and Dance*

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Da Kų Cultural Centre, Haines Junction**



CAFN is hosting an aboriginal dance festival at Da Kų on the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup>. Dance groups from across Yukon, northern British Columbia and Alaska have been invited. Workshop sessions devoted to drumming, protocols, song creation, taking care of regalia, sustaining a dance group and more will be part of the event.

For more information about **Da Kų Nän Ts'éthhèt**, and *how you can be involved*, please contact Richard Smith ([rsmith@cafn.ca](mailto:rsmith@cafn.ca), 867-634-3309) or Sheila Joe ([sjoe@cafn.ca](mailto:sjoe@cafn.ca), 867-456-6891).



Dakwakada Development Corporation is working hard to build capacity and invest in our companies. Our employees, management and board of directors in all companies participated in professional development training such as leadership management, coaching and communication, board governance and financial management. Each of these training sessions were well attended and well received by all participants.

In January, Dakwakada attended the mineral Round Up in Vancouver, BC. We were able to network and meet with key players in the resource sectors whose concentration is on infrastructure, power generation and First Nations partnerships.

Dakwakada would like to inform you about a cash PO policy that has been put in place by CAFN, Northerm and Kilrich. This policy allows you to qualify for a discount on any product purchased at either company.

This summer Dakwakada is pleased to partner with CAFN to hire seven CAFN summer students for training positions with DDC companies. We look forward to sharing more about these students when they are busy at work this summer.

Dakwakada and its group of companies will soon be joining Facebook. Please keep an eye out and "Like" our page so you can stay tuned for the most up-to-date information, job postings and community engagements.

Dakwakada and its group of companies would like to thank CAFN and community at large for your support over this past season.

## **Northerm**

### **Yukon**

We are currently focusing on the internal core of the business and initiating our goal of making our

way into the Southeast Alaska, Northern BC and Inuvik markets. With revenues down, we are focusing on job costing, cost controls and supplier reviews to help save the company money.

We would like to welcome our new sales manager, Miles Hryniuk. Miles brings 20 years of experience in selling products in Yukon and Alaska. He has a proven track record in increasing sales that demonstrates he can drive revenues.

To increase savings, don't forget to check the efficiency of your doors and windows; they need to be operating at optimal performance during the colder months.

Northerm and Kilrich had a booth set up at the Takhini Arena for the 38th Annual Yukon Native Hockey Tournament. Thanks to all who stopped by for a visit!

### **Alaska**

We have been working diligently during the slower months this past winter on optimizing our sales department and cost savings. Commercial sales have been maintaining greater momentum than our residential PVC department. A greater level of emphasis has been placed on strengthening our operations' three key areas of infrastructure: procurement, inventory control, and process and improvement.

## **Icefield Tools Corporation (ITC)**

ITC has been working hard throughout 2014 to complete its second generation Gyro Shot product, the GT4. Major diagnostic and sensor improvements were added to GT4 and ITC is working to effectively market those improvements to potential clients in Brazil, Chile, Columbia, and Russia. Their target markets are within the mining, petroleum, and geo-technical industries. While the mining and petroleum industries are currently experiencing a downturn, we are working hard to ensure 2015 will be our best year ever.

We are currently completing downhole testing of the GT4 in both mining and oil and gas applications. ITC will use the results from the testing so

that the systems can be fine-tuned to ensure they are operating at optimal performance for our clients. We are excited about the potential of this brand new instrument and the impact it will have on driving our revenues forward.

### Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE)

CRE is pleased to present its newly refined logo. We have been working, in collaboration with Outcrop Yukon since August 2014, on rebranding the company and expanding our reach to new markets outside Yukon.



CRE welcomes our new Finance Administrator, Beverly Barclay. Beverly brings an extensive background in administration and finance and will be a great asset to our team.

Making safety a continuing priority for 2015, our supervisors have been undergoing safety training including Hazard Assessment, Leadership in Safety Excellence, and OHS for Executives. Employees who are currently working at the Whitehorse Landfill will be taking the Landfill Operators course this spring at the Yukon College.

### Kilrich

Kilrich was successful in surpassing many of our goals for 2014 including achieving all-time high sales revenues. Projects such as FH Collins School, the LNG Plant, Alexander Seniors Centre, Summerhill Housing Development and Empress Homes were some of the larger contributors to our success in Whitehorse. We were also fortunate to supply numerous projects throughout the North including Takhini River Housing, McDonald Lodge (Dawson City), and various projects in Yukon, northwest region of NWT, and Northern BC.

Kilrich also completed many key initiatives within our business plan in 2014. Installation of a new Point of Sale software and hardware system, brand definition and new logo, launch of interior door program, launch of new hardwood flooring program, and completion of an expansion business plan for 2015. Kilrich will be tendering a new sales/office/warehouse facility to begin construction in the spring of 2015. These are exciting times, and Kilrich is preparing to move in to expanded product offerings and services.

Kilrich's commitment to safety is ongoing and a principal objective. We continue to surpass industry standards by being the only business of our kind that is "COR Certified" in Yukon. COR Certification requires consistent dedication to our safety program, and our Safety Committee and all staff are to be commended; we had no serious injuries or accidents in 2014. As an incentive to employees, we reward one safe worker each year with a trip for two to Vancouver including tickets to a Canucks game courtesy of CanWel Building Products. This year's winner was Oscar Planas. Congratulations, Oscar!

For more information:

*Paul Gruner, General Manager  
Dakwakada Development Corporation  
(867) 668-5831  
paul@dakwakada.com  
www.dakwakada.com*

### CAFN congratulates Dakwakada Development Corporation

on being awarded a Canada Job Grant for \$50,000 to train 40 employees to build experience in project management, financial literacy, management and board governance. DDC is one of the first Yukon recipients of the Canada Job Grant.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Post Secondary Student Support Program

#### Attention: Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Citizens

Are you planning to attend University or College? The CAFN Post-Secondary Education Program is accepting applications for your funding requirements.

#### The deadline to submit your application is:

September enrollment	June 15
January enrollment	November 27
May enrollment	March 27

Students must be accepted to enroll or be enrolled in a community college or university to complete college, first degree, masters or doctoral programs.

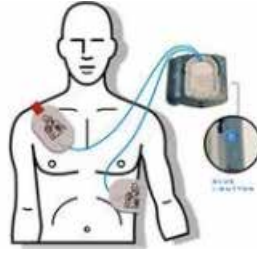
All current and ongoing students must reapply each year for continued funding. Transcripts must be included with your application.

#### For an application package and further information contact:

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations  
WHITEHORSE OFFICE  
Post-Secondary Education  
304 Jarvis Street  
Whitehorse, YT  
Y1A 2H2  
Phone: (867) 456-6884 or 456-6888  
Fax: (867) 667-6202

**Congratulations to CAFN student Stephanie Joe** who was recently awarded a Journalism for Human Rights scholarship! Stephanie is a journalism student at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. For more details, check out **Investing in emerging Indigenous reporters** at [www.jhr.ca/success](http://www.jhr.ca/success).

CAFN has acquired **7 FREE AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** units from the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada (HSFC) that **COULD SAVE A LIFE !!!**



#### Where will they be installed?

Takhini, Champagne, Canyon and Klukshu halls  
Whitehorse and Haines Junction admin buildings  
Haines Junction Healing House (Natsekhi Ku)

**FREE TRAINING** has been offered in several communities. For more information: *Analie Lafreniere-Lemieux* at 867-634-4231 or email [alafreniere-lemieux@cafn.ca](mailto:alafreniere-lemieux@cafn.ca) for more information.

**Kwaday Dan Kenji (Long Ago Peoples' Place) is celebrating 20 years of business.** Please join the celebration on August 22 from noon into the evening. For more information please phone (867) 634-7047.

## CAFN Äghàatān Enrollment & Citizenship Act

CAFN is working on a draft **Äghàatān Enrollment and Citizenship Act**. *Äghàatān* means "my family" or "my relations" in Southern Tutchone.

This Act will help establish criteria and a fair process for decision-making on applications for enrollment.

First reading and community consultation on the draft Act are planned soon. CAFN will be seeking and welcomes your input and views on this important Act, which will help define the identify of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations people. Please watch for more details and dates for consultation. *Kwānaschis* – thank you.



**Congratulations to CAFN Elder Paddy Jim Sr.** on being recognized for his contributions to First Nations language and culture in the Yukon Legislature on May 14, 2015. To view the full tribute, please visit [www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/blues.html](http://www.legassembly.gov.yk.ca/blues.html).

## GET YOUR BURN PERMIT!

### A little reminder as we enter wildfire season:

#### Don't forget to get your burning permit!

If you are planning on burning brush or slash around your cabin or house between April 1st and September 30th, don't forget to get your burning permit!

#### Where can I get a burning permit?

- On Settlement Land: at the CAFN Lands office in Haines Junction (634-4231) or Whitehorse (456-6886);
- Off Settlement Land: at the Haines Junction Wildland Fire Management Office (by Parks Farm), (634-7061); OR in Whitehorse Wildland Fire Management Office, (390-2531).



#### Protect your home and protect your community!

#### Here are few tips for safe burning:

- Call us and let us know when you are planning on burning
- Burn only in LOW Fire Danger;
- DON'T burn during periods of MODERATE, HIGH OR EXTREME Fire Danger;
- Always have some water and a shovel nearby to keep the fire under control;
- Don't burn when it is windy;
- Keep fire under supervision at all times until extinguished.

## 2015 TRADITIONAL MEDICINE CAMPS

**Klukshu - May 22-24**

**Champagne & Takhini - May 29-31**

**Haines Junction - Saturday, June 13**

*During the Celebration at Da Ku Cultural Centre*

**Aishihik - June 25-28**

The purpose of these traditional medicine camps is to provide you the opportunity to participate in identifying, collecting and documenting locations of traditional medicines. It is hoped that traditional medicines will also be prepared at the camp, time permitting. The documentation and identification of traditional plants will be used to develop a Champagne and Aishihik First Nations traditional medicine handbook with information and medicine making instructions.

For more information contact:

*Marion Primozic, Health Promotion Facilitator  
(867) 456-6889 or 332-5262  
mprimozic@cafn.ca*

## Do You Have Travel Toiletry Products to Share?

*Anyone interested in donating hotel amenities such as shampoo, conditioner, etc. I am collecting these and putting packages together for transient and other people who are in need of these items.*

*I will be donating to Salvation Army, Sally and Sisters and to the Community Wellness Department. Donations can be dropped off at CAFN Whitehorse or Haines Junction reception or I can arrange to pick up. Thank you.*

*Fran Asp*

*fasp@northwestel.net or message me on facebook*

## SPECIAL GREETINGS

### ***Kwìdlj dzenù sòthän nch'j!*** ***Happy Birthday!***

*A very big Happy 30th Birthday to our son, Gerald Asp!  
Love Mom and Dad.*

*Congratulations to our granddaughter, Amber Wally, for all her accomplishments in school, Rangers, and being an all-around awesome young lady!  
Love Grandma and Grandpa.*

*A very Happy Birthday to:*  
*Rob Taylor - February 2*  
*Kathy Van Bibber - February 21*  
*Danny Van Bibber - March 7*  
*Tia Sue Taylor - March 18*  
*Trina Van Bibber - April 16*  
*Tye Taylor - April 22*  
*Lazarus Singh - April 28*  
*Wilmonica Van Bibber - May 3*

*Happy 6th Birthday to our Valentine, Kael Epp, on February 14!*  
*Happy 4th Birthday to our Princesses, Brielle and Jayla Epp, on March 10!*  
*Love you monkeys! From Daddy, Mommy, Grandma, Richard, Great-Grandma Frog, Auntie Tina, Uncle Greg and the rest of the family.*

*We wish a big Happy Birthday to our grandson, Brandon Williams, on February 18, and our granddaughter, Casey Williams, on February 12.*  
*We wish a Happy Belated Birthday to our two grandsons, Nicholas and Alexander Williams, for January 15.*  
*From Granma Vera and Granpa John of Haines Junction*

*A Happy Belated Birthday to our daughter, Doreen Williams, and our niece, Charlene Hume - both for January 20.*  
*Love Vera and John*

*Happy Birthday to my beautiful daughters, Shannon Maloney on February 17 and Colleen Maloney on April 2.*

*Happy Birthday to my wonderful son on March 4.*  
*Happy Birthday to my cousin, Kyra Chambers, on March 4.*  
*Happy Birthday to my sweet great-grandson on April 2.*  
*From Phyllis*

*Birthday Greetings to:*  
*Valerie Chambers - February 15,*  
*Shannon Maloney - February 17,*  
*Kimi Clark - February 21,*  
*Helen Hassard - February 23,*  
*Sandy Wabisca - February 23,*  
*From the Telep, Bratt and Wabisca families.*

*Happy 17th Birthday on March 10, Marlee! Have a great day!*  
*Love Mom, Grandma Nellie and Grandpa Dwayne.*

*Greetings for a very Happy Birthday to the following family and friends:*  
*Curtis Carlick - January 18*  
*Bobby Taylor - February 2*  
*Jennifer Chambers - February 3*  
*Kaitlyn Stevens - February 8*  
*Val Chambers - February 15*  
*Alvin Griffiths - February 21*  
*Sandy Wabisca - February 23*  
*Kyra Chambers - March 4*  
*Maria Chambers \*50\* - March 28*  
*Melina Hougen - March 29*  
*Lena Johnson - April 1*  
*We will also be greatly missing Grandpa-Daddy on April 4 for his 99th birthday.*  
*Love from Darlene Smith, Wayne, Kimberly and Jennifer Chambers.*

*Happy Birthday wishes to:*  
*Kim Carlick - February 1*  
*Darrell Billy - February 14*  
*Julie Dawn Smith - February 16*  
*From Aunt Lilly*



**CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS**

***Please send your greetings  
for the Dàkwäni newsletter to:***  
*Amy McKinnon, Communications Manager*  
*almckinnon@cafnc.ca*  
*(867) 634-4237*

Happy Birthday wishes to:  
Abigail Johnson - March 16  
Justin Johnson - April 20  
Tyler Pye – May 4  
Ethan Smith – June 8  
From Grandma and Grandpa

Happy Birthday to my brother Tommy for April 5th.  
From Lilly.

Wishing our daughter Abigail Johnson a very Happy  
3rd Birthday for March 16, 2015  
Wishing our sonny boy Justin Johnson a very happy  
10th birthday for April 20, 2015  
Love Mom & Dad, Pika and Blue!

Happy Birthday to Kaydence for April 23rd From  
Justin and Abigail

Happy Birthday to Ray Jackson on April 26. Enjoy  
your 76th year! From Jenny, Crystal and Sue-Ann.

Happy Birthday Auntie Dayna Smith in Williams  
Lake, BC and Francine Smith – March 16  
Happy Birthday Aunty Elizabeth Smith in Victoria,  
BC – April 10  
Happy Birthday Nathan Carlick – April 25  
Sending lots of love and hugs from Nevada, Nevaeh  
and Millie.



**Congratulations to Cole Pauls** on graduating from Emily Carr University with a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art, majoring in illustration! Your only goal in life has always been to graduate from Art School and be an artist. You've accomplished that! Your family is incredibly proud of you.

Cole won't be returning to the Yukon. He will continue to live in Vancouver. Best of luck!

## **Congratulations to Julie (Jewelz) Smith-Kushniruk**

on receiving her Certificate in Emergency Medical Responder. Family and friends in HJ are so happy for her accomplishment. She hopes to continue further in this field. Her mother asked her about delivering babies and Julie said, "Yes, we covered that, too."



## **2015 POTLATCHES**

**May 23 - Headstone potlatch for the late Richard (Dick) Dickson**, 2 p.m. at Champagne. Dinner to follow. All welcome.

**August 8 - Memorial headstone potlach for the late Sandra Carol Gleason.** Headstone viewing at 12 p.m. at Takhini River gravesite - across from subdivision. Potlatch to follow at Nàkwät'a Kù Potlatch House at 2 p.m.

**August 14-15 - Memorial headstone potlatch for the late Rita Kluane Joe - Mushera** - in Burwash Landing at the Jacquot Building. Everyone welcome.

**August 29 - Potlatch for the late Kitty Jackson**, 4 p.m. at Champagne. Everyone is welcome.

**September 12-13 - Headstone potlatch for the late Elizabeth (Liz) Walker** (nee Jonathon) at Champagne. Out of respect for the family, no alcohol or drugs please.

**October 10 - Headstone potlatch for the late Shirley Elizabeth Callahan (Taylor) and Paul Stewart Taylor**, 3 p.m. at Nakwataku Potlatch House.

*The family of the late Winnie Bernadette Smith would like to advise all family and friends that there will be no headstone potlatch for Winnie as this was her wish. A huge thank you to all who have given the family such great support this past year. Thank you. Dwayne and Chris Smith.*

**Return Address:**

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations  
 PO Box 5310  
 Haines Junction, YT  
 Y0B 1L0

**Destination Address:**

## CAFN CALENDAR

**Spring - June 28 - Spring Traditional Medicine Camps.** Please see page 17 for more details.

**May 27 - New CAFN website launch,** 3 to 6 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre and online at [www.cafn.ca](http://www.cafn.ca)! Contact [almckinnon@cafn.ca](mailto:almckinnon@cafn.ca) for more details.

**May 29 - Regular Chief and Council meeting,** Council Chambers, Haines Junction.

**May 29 - CAFN Graduation Celebration,** 5 to 8 p.m. at Champagne. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to (867) 456-6893 or [sstrand@cafn.ca](mailto:sstrand@cafn.ca).

**June 2 - Elementary Awards Ceremony,** St. Elias Community School.

**June 3 - Takhini Community Land Use Plan Meeting,** 5-8 p.m. at Takhini Hall. Dinner provided. For more information: [alafreniere-lemieux@cafn.ca](mailto:alafreniere-lemieux@cafn.ca) or (867) 634-4231.

**June 4 - Draft Kusawa Park Management Plan Public Meeting,** 5-8 p.m. dinner and meeting at Takhini Hall.

**June 12 - Regular Chief and Council meeting,** Council Chambers, Haines Junction.

**June 12-14 - Da Kų Nän Ts'éthhèt (Our House is Waking Up the Land) A Celebration of Aboriginal Drumming and Dance,** Da Kų Cultural Centre.

**June 25-30 - Community Delegate Barbecues.** Please see page 9 for more details.

**July 16 - CAFN Delegate Training,** Kusawa Lake.

**July 17-19 - CAFN General Assembly,** Kusawa Lake.

**August 20-25 - Äshéyi Language Immersion Family Camp** at Äshéyi Shäkat Kų.

*Please look inside and visit [www.cafn.ca](http://www.cafn.ca) for more dates and details!*

## Däkwäni

### Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

[www.cafn.ca](http://www.cafn.ca)

PO Box 5310  
 Haines Junction, YT Y0B 1L0  
 (867) 634-4200

304 Jarvis Street  
 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2H2  
 (867) 456-6888

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

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

All material within is the property of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and may not be reproduced without the expressed written consent of the above party.



Däkwäni

**is available in full colour  
 @ [www.cafn.ca/news](http://www.cafn.ca/news)**

This newsletter is printed on recycled paper.



Find us on Facebook at  
**Champagne and Aishihik First Nations**