

# Dàkwània

ADJLÄT - SPRING 2013

## CAFN DELIVERS TRADES TRAINING IN OUR OWN COMMUNITIES



*Students in the Trades Math class in Haines Junction learn how the concept of similar triangles can be used to build a 'hip' roof.*

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations is holding trades training in Haines Junction and Takhini River Subdivision to increase the number of skilled tradespeople in our communities.

"We want to build our in-house capacity in skilled trades so we no longer have to look outside the community to hire," said Chief James Allen. "This coincides with our Council's priorities for economic development, education and training, and enhances progress toward our First Nation's vision for self-reliance."

The 11 students enrolled in the training attend classes in math, science and journeyman carpentry twice a week for 12 weeks. The goal of the training is to help students achieve trade apprenticeships or Red Seal journeyman certification, and the classroom work directly applies to carpentry and building.

"The teaching is not about formulas and memorization. It is problem solving, working with method and understanding what you're doing," said math instructor

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CAFN Communications

*Students preparing for Red Seal journeyman carpentry certification study blueprints in class this February.*

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Carolyn Simmons. "We work to make it relevant and very student-centered."

Simmons teaches math in both communities, Dave Nugent teaches science and carpentry in Takhini, and Ken Anderson teaches Red Seal carpentry in Haines Junction.

Rick Mazur, CAFN Housing Manager and a participant in the training, spoke on behalf of the 11 students.

"The students are very thankful. We realize this is a great opportunity to increase our skills and achieve accreditation, and to be able to receive this training in our community that we couldn't otherwise attend due to the demands of work and family. We are excited to learn the technical aspects of the trades we have worked in for many years. To be able to attain apprenticeships or journeyman status will help each of the students, our families and our communities."

Though the concept of a local trades training program has been in the works for several years, it finally began last fall with the first math class for four students in Takhini, and has grown from there.

"The training evolves in response to the students. Because CAFN is developing and offering the program we can be far more flexible," said Simmons. "Holding the training in the communities also makes a difference for the students because they're all friends working together."

The classes are being developed and offered through the combined efforts of the three instructors, Yukon College, and CAFN staff.

Economic Development staff, Housing Director Terry Rufiange-Holway, and Post Secondary Manager Vera Owlchild have been instrumental in creating this exciting new opportunity.

The federal funding for this training partnership was recently announced by Yukon Member of Parliament Ryan Leef and the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) and Minister for the Arctic Council.

CanNor is contributing \$84,457 and CAFN is investing \$59,400 to deliver the spring 2013 training.

"CanNor is committed to providing Northerners with the tools and the skills they need to obtain jobs here in the North in growing economic sectors," said Minister Aglukkaq. "By building local capacity in the trades, communities are developing a strong, diversified local workforce able to take advantage of jobs and economic opportunities."

"Projects such as the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations trades training program that offer skilled trades training in Yukon communities ensure that Yukoners have the expertise necessary to take on jobs close to home and communities have the capacity to support long-term economic growth," said Mr. Leef.

Work is underway to secure funding to continue trades training in CAFN communities.

For more information on CAFN trades training and other training opportunities at CAFN, please contact:

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## Message from the Chief

### *Dänrch'e.*

*The new year is off to a busy start for CAFN.*

*In January, we held a public open house on the biomass feasibility study for Haines Junction we are working on with Yukon Energy, the Vil-*

*lage of Haines Junction, Dakwakada Development, and Yukon College Cold Climate Innovation. The meeting was well attended, and CAFN participants provided valuable input on this potential energy project. We look forward to a final report on the feasibility study this spring.*

*While attending the Mineral Exploration Roundup this January, Council members and I enjoyed a meeting with CAFN members living in the Vancouver area. We provided an update and heard concerns from participants. The feedback was positive and they wanted to see meetings for CAFN members in Vancouver continue as often as possible.*

*In February, several CAFN Councillors and staff attended the Yukon First Nation Capacity Conference in Whitehorse. CAFN presentations on economic development partnerships and human resources were well-received, and we learned a wide variety of information on increasing our self-government's capacity.*

*On February 14, 2013, Yukon First Nations celebrated the 40th anniversary of the presentation of Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow to federal leaders in Ottawa in 1973. The week of events hosted by the Council of Yukon First Nations in Whitehorse was a real success. The events were well attended and truly increased understanding of what self-government means to us today. During the 40th anniversary gala on February 16, several CAFN members and former leaders were recognized, including the late Chiefs Harry Allen and Elijah Smith, as well as Dave Joe. We are very proud of these individuals and all our CAFN people who have been instrumental in achieving self-government.*

*This year CAFN also celebrates the 20th anniversary of the 1993 signing of our Final Agreement. An all-day event will take place at the Da Kų Cultural*



*Westbank First Nation Chief Robert Louie, CYFN Grand Chief Ruth Massie, and Chief Allen during Chief Louie's visit to Whitehorse this March.*

*Centre on June 1 in celebration of 20 years of CAFN self-government as well as the grand opening of Da Kų. Please watch for more details as planning continues.*

*In late February, I attended the Land Claims Agreement Coalition conference in Ottawa. While there, I met with Jean-François Tremblay, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), and raised concerns with the fiscal harmonization policy the federal government is trying to introduce for First Nations across Canada. We also met with various federal departments and had positive meetings, but further meetings are still needed on this issue. Senior Assistant Deputy Minister Tremblay is invited to visit the Yukon to negotiate with us.*

*CAFN is in our budgeting process for the new fiscal year, and Council and staff are working diligently to finalize the budget by March 31.*

*This April, we are planning to hold community meetings to update on Chief and Council activities and on new projects and programs we're introducing to benefit our people, like home ownership, and restructuring health and social programs to take a holistic approach. Please watch for details.*

*In closing, thank you for taking the time to read this update, and I look forward to seeing you at CAFN gatherings this spring.*

*In respect,*

*Chief James Allen - Jämena*

## CHIEF AND COUNCIL

The following decisions were made during regular CAFN Chief and Council meetings in December 2012, and January and February 2013.

### Financial Administration Act

Chief and Council approved amendment to Section 23 of the CAFN Financial Administration Act, to include Section 23(7), which relates to regulations pertaining to CAFN's investment in the Yukon Inn Trust; and addition of the regulation, "Authority to Borrow or Issue Security".

### Executive Council Office

CAFN Chief and Council accepted the conceptual design for an Executive Council Office, as presented by Angus Robertson, with identified amendments.

### CACC Loan Guarantee

CAFN Council approved a loan guarantee for the Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation (CACC) not to exceed \$120,000, from Dana Naye Ventures. The purpose of the loan is for CACC to acquire Lot 25, Block 3, LTO Plan 92-37 in Haines Junction.

### Lands

Chief and Council approved:

Land application by Keith VanBibber to transfer Lot 30, Klukshu, to Dalton VanBibber;

Land application #2011-003 by CAFN Housing for Haines Junction Trailer Court Lot C-19BD;

Land application #2011-004 by CAFN Housing for Haines Junction Trailer Court Lot C-20BD;

Rescinding of the 2002 Lands Act, which has since been replaced by an amended Lands Act.

### Housing Committee

Council approved amendments to the Housing Committee Terms of Reference.

### Final Agreement

Council endorsed Chief Allen to sign a joint letter providing notice to Canada and Yukon to extend the application period of Chapter 22, Schedule A section 2.2 of the CAFN Final Agreement, which relates to project agreements for reviews by the Yukon Development Assessment Board (now Yukon Socio-Economic Assessment Board).

### Boards and Committees

Council nominated Chuck Hume to a three-year term on the Alsek Renewable Resource Council; and nominated Michael Beattie and Rose Kushniruk to three-year terms on the Kluane National Park Management Board.

### Da Kų Cultural Centre Retail

Council supported expenditure of \$20,000.00 from the 1% Contingency Fund to order inventory for the retail space in the Da Kų Culture Centre.

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

## Chief and Council Priorities

1. Wellness
2. Economic Development
3. Building on a vibrant Traditional Culture

### 2013 Chief and Council Regular Meetings

April 18-19

May 16-17

June 19-20

July 18-19

August - no meeting

September 19-20

October 17-18

November 21-22

December 19-20

*Most meetings will be held in the CAFN Council Chambers in Haines Junction.*

### Chief and Council Community Visits

#### April 2013

- Whitehorse
- Takhini River Subdivision
- Champagne
- Haines Junction
- Haines, Alaska

*Please watch for dates and details.*

# Is it time to turn wood into electricity?



## Is a biomass power plant a good renewable energy opportunity for Haines Junction and the CAFN Traditional Territory?

That's the question CAFN and four project partners are working together to answer. Together with Dakwakada Development Corporation, Yukon Energy, the Village of Haines Junction, and Cold Climate Innovation, we are exploring a potential opportunity to produce renewable energy in the Haines Junction area using biomass technology.

We are looking at producing electricity and possibly heat for local buildings using a power plant fueled by beetle-killed trees, sawmill waste, and other sources of renewable wood fibre harvested from the Haines Junction area.

This January, CAFN and our project partners hosted a public open house in Haines Junction to share information about the potential renewable energy project.

About 80 community members attended the public meeting and saw presentations on the biomass plant concept, feedstock (wood supply), effects assessments, and waste heat. Participants provided excellent feedback and questions to be considered.

Work continues on the feasibility study funded by each of the project partners, Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency, and the Government of Yukon.



Participants at the January 23, 2013 biomass open house.

Results of the study, which is being performed by the engineering firm Stantec, are expected by the end of March 2013. Once the results of the study are known, the project partners will assess the report, determine next steps, if any, and provide more information to community members.

The January 2013 public meeting summary and more details on the potential project are available online at [www.yukonenergy.ca/energy/projects/biomass/](http://www.yukonenergy.ca/energy/projects/biomass/).

You are also welcome to contact CAFN for more information:

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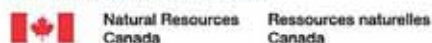
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### Project Partners



### Funding Organizations





Courtesy of KDFN

Chiefs for the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, and CAFN at the February 12, 2013 signing ceremony.

## FIRST NATIONS SIGN OVERLAP AGREEMENT

Chiefs for the Carcross/Tagish First Nation (CTFN), Kwanlin Dün First Nation (KDFN), Ta'an Kwäch'än Council (TKC), and CAFN signed an Agreement on February 12, 2013 that resolves some of the Final Agreement provisions that have been suspended in traditional territory overlap areas. The ceremony took place at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre in Whitehorse.

"This Agreement is a significant accomplishment for all of our self-governments and our people," said CAFN Chief James Allen. "After five years of hard work and collaboration, we are glad to sign this agreement with our friends and neighboring First Nations."

"Today is a day which affirms the wisdom of our past leaders, 'Moving Forward' in unity, with respect and acknowledging the rights of future generations," said Ta'an Kwäch'än Chief Kristina Kane.

"Reaching a successful conclusion on overlap issues marks a significant milestone for Kwanlin Dün," explained Chief Rick O'Brien. "The signing of this agreement will allow us to move forward in implementing key provisions that are set out in our Final Agreement."

"Book One of our Traditional Beliefs and Practices states 'Like the people of long ago, we value our relationship with the land and its resources as much as we value the knowledge of our ancestors. Our ancestors taught that maintaining a healthy relationship with the land and its creatures ensures survival for all,'" said Khà

Shâde Héni Dan Cresswell of CTFN. "This Agreement ensures this Relationship."

The new Interim Administrative Agreement for Overlapping Traditional Territories and associated maps provide area boundaries for forest management planning, regional land use planning and a fresh water fish assessment and management plan. The Agreement also allocates traplines between First Nations in the overlap area. It identifies common sense boundaries that are easy to locate on the ground and on a map. The four governments have been working together toward an overlap agreement since 2007.



### Grand Opening Celebration

**June 1, 2013**

Preparation for the June 1 official grand opening celebration is underway at Da Ky Cultural Centre. The June 1, 2013 event begins at 10 a.m. continues all day with special presentations, tours and activities, and concludes with an evening potlatch and feast. Everyone is welcome.

Regalia sewing and dance classes are being held in preparation for the big event. All CAFN members are invited to participate!

### Weekly at Da Ky Cultural Centre:

**Mondays - Beading and Sewing** with Audrey Brown, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

**Wednesday - Southern Tutchone Dance Classes** 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesdays - Machine Sewing** with Brenda Asp, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

### Other locations:

**Thursdays - All Nations Dancing**, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Nakwata Ku Potlatch House in Whitehorse. All ages. Transportation available, please phone (867) 634-3308 or 3310 to request a ride.

Da Ky is also open for language classes, meetings and community events this winter and spring, and re-opens for tours to the public this May.



The CAFN community bus purchased in 2012 through the Gas Tax Fund and CAFN Integrated Community Sustainability Plan

## GAS TAX FUND GOOD NEWS FUND

### Gas Tax Fund:

The Gas Tax Fund is a federal initiative that First Nation governments and municipalities can utilize to invest in public infrastructure that achieves positive environmental results. The Gas Tax Fund supports municipal infrastructure projects that contribute to cleaner air, water and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. CAFN has access to \$2,766,369.00 until the Gas Tax Fund agreement is set to renew in 2014. The Yukon Government administers this pot of money and the interest earned from un-touched money is utilized to administer the Gas Tax Funds for CAFN. Although it is not clear what the agreement will be after 2014, communities have been re-assured they will continue to have access to stable, annual funds for sustainable infrastructure projects.

### Projects:

All approved projects must be identified in the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan as developed by each community. This past year has been a busy year for CAFN and the Gas Tax Fund. The table at right is a breakdown of the projects that have been approved since April 2012.

### 2012 CAFN GAS TAX FUND PROJECTS

PROJECTS	CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT	PROJECT STATUS
Community Bus	\$101,412.00	Bus is available for special events and seeking funding to hire drivers
Energy Retrofit For Nāts'ekhj Kù - Healing House (old CAFN admin building)	\$154,746.90	Project complete
Water Truck Garage Super-Green Construction	\$106,039.20	Project complete
New Elder Homes	\$68,903.47	Project complete
Super-Green Passive Solar Home Designed For Elders	\$16,669.98	Planning and design phase Construction starts in spring 2013
Community Recycling Program	\$48,455.73	Project approved and seeking funding for a project coordinator
Residential Heating System Upgrades	\$102,400.00	Project approved and underway
CAFN Sustainability Planning Consultation	\$30,700.00	Project approved and under review
<b>TOTAL 2012 GAS TAX FUND TO CAFN</b>	<b>\$629,327.28</b>	



One of the CAFN Elders homes constructed in Haines Junction.

### Seeking CAFN Citizens and Staff for Sustainability Committee:

We are looking for CAFN Citizens and staff to join a Sustainability Committee that can be an advisory group to assist Gas Tax Fund projects. Sign-up with the Housing Department if you are interested in participating in the development of sustainability initiatives within the CAFN community.

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Logan Mountain Building Solutions  
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# 2011-12 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

## POST SECONDARY STUDENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Program of Study</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>
Curtis Allen	Digital Film and Video Program	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Science/Technology
Ashley Boss	Bachelor of Arts - Justice Studies	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Justice
Brendon Boyko	Bachelor Degree - Mechanical Engineer	Field of Study Achievement - Technology
Lindsay Chambers	Bachelor of Education - YNTEP	Highest GPA in Degree Program (Bachelor, Master's or Doctorate)
Sarah Fromme	Bachelor of Science - Geology	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Science/Technology
Chris Gleason	Exercise and Wellness	Field of Study Achievement - Health
Cody Hougen	Bachelor of Commerce	Field of Study Achievement - Management
Jerrid Hougen	Bachelor of Human Kinetics	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Health
Megan McConnell	Juris Doctor - Law	Field of Study Achievement - Law
Cole Pauls	Visual Arts	Field of Study Achievement - Fine Arts
Shawna Strand	Human & Social Development Child and Youth Care	Highest GPA in a Diploma, University, Transfer or Associate Degree
Jessica Trotter	Bachelor of Arts - Sports and Tourism	CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Science/Technology
Mathew Trotter	Bachelor of Science - Psychology	Field of Study Achievement - Science
Janet Van Bibber	Bachelor of Social Work	Field of Study Achievement - Social Science
Kristian Wilbur	Gas Technician - Engineering Technology	Highest GPA in a Vocational/Trades Certificate Program

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>School</u>
Brittany Au	10	Vanier
Kyra Chambers	9	St. Elias Community School
Amy Hannon-Beattie	10	Vanier
Alexis Hougen	12	Shawnigan Lake School
Shania Jackson	11	St. Elias Community School
Jesse Joe Hudson	12	FH Collins
Cherie O'Brien	12	Porter Creek Secondary
Bobbie-Rea Patchett	9	Porter Creek Secondary
Breanna Smith	11	Independent Learning Centre



## EDUCATION & TRAINING SUPPORT

*Dännch'e* from the Elementary Education Support Worker (Whitehorse). I hope that everyone has been having a great school year and is enjoying all of the activities happening throughout the school year! I have been very busy with after school activities with the youth at various elementary schools in Whitehorse. We recently had a dry meat making class followed by supper at Pizza Hut on Valentine's day. We had 15 participants and also had the assistance of Paddy Boss from Skookum Jim Friendship Centre and Laurel Mercer from CAFN. I have been making more frequent visits to Hidden Valley, Takhini and Elijah Smith elementary schools (since late February) and working specifically with CAFN students.

Here is my schedule:

Monday - Elijah Smith Elementary  
Tuesday – Hidden Valley Elementary  
Wednesday – Takhini Elementary - morning  
Wednesday - Jack Hulland Elementary - afternoon  
Thursday – Jack Hulland Elementary  
Friday – Jack Hulland Elementary

*Shäw nithän.*

*D. Luke S. Campbell - Agunday*  
*Elementary Education Support Worker, Whitehorse*  
*Cell: (867) 332-5857*  
*Fax: (867) 393-6234*

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING SUPPORT

#### Haines Junction

Vera Owlchild (Post Secondary & Employment/ Training Manager) and Marie Davies (Employment & Training Officer) are in Haines Junction every Wednesday from 10:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. to assist with resumes, employment applications, trades training, post secondary education, summer employment, develop training plans and career counseling to citizens. We are located in the main CAFN administration building.

*For more information: (867) 456-6884 or 6892 or volwchild@cafn.ca or mdavies@cafn.ca*



#### Kaylin Charlie

##### CAFN Elementary Student of the Month

*Champagne and Aishihik First Nations proudly recognizes Kaylin Charlie as the student of the month in the Elementary Student Recognition Program. Kaylin was nominated by her teacher, Ms. McKenna, for being a hard worker and doing her best in class. She received a small prize, donated by Paradise Alley, a book and a certificate signed by Chief James Allen! Congratulations, Kaylin.*

#### GETTING GOOD GRADES PAYS!

##### All CAFN Secondary Students

Did you get an average of 75% or higher last year?

If so, you can apply for a CAFN Secondary Academic Achievement Bursary Award.

Apply before November 2013, with your 2012-13 school year report card and you may be eligible for \$100 - \$350 right before Christmas holidays!

Please stop in either CAFN Education Department in Whitehorse or Haines Junction to pick up an application form.

\* Attach your 2012-13 report card

Return to one of the CAFN offices or contact us at:  
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## NEW FACES

**Joan Graham**  
Human Resource Assistant  
&  
**Megan Moore**  
Staff Development Officer

Please welcome Joan Graham and Megan Moore to their new positions in the Human Resources Department. Joan and Megan work in our main office in Haines Junction.

<i>Joan Graham</i> Human Resource Assistant (867) 634-4244 jgraham@cafn.ca	<i>Megan Moore</i> Staff Development Officer (867) 634-4243 mmoore@cafn.ca
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**Anne Tayler**  
Executive Director

Please welcome Anne Tayler as CAFN's Executive Director. Her office is located in the Executive Council Office at the main administration building in Haines Junction.

*Anne Tayler, Executive Director*  
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atayler@cafn.ca

**Skeeter Wright**  
Policy Analyst



Having worked on many fish, wildlife, land and land claim matters for other governments and organizations, I'm glad to now be part of the CAFN government working on those and other issues. As CAFN's

policy analyst, I'll have the opportunity to work with many in the CAFN government on policies, laws and on government processes; all of those things being part of CAFN fulfilling its self-government role. This all sounds very technical and bureaucratic, but it all comes down to my now being part of the CAFN government serving its citizens.

*Skeeter Wright, Policy Analyst*  
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*Champaign and Aishihik First Nations congratulates CAFN Elder Alex VanBibber (96) on receiving the 2013 Indspire Lifetime Achievement Award this February 15 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Please watch for the Indspire awards show to air on APTN this spring.*

## CAFN's "FURNACE GUY"

Troy Johns, CAFN's Oil Burner Technician, recently completed the required hours in the Yukon Apprenticeship for Oil Burner Mechanic. Troy's Apprenticeship Agreement started April 20, 2010, and he was able to attend the two training courses offered in the government funded pilot program at Yukon College for Oil Burner Technician Level A and B, offered in 2009 and 2010.



Troy has gained valuable experience through this training and by working alongside a local contractor, as well as attending additional training courses for HRV installations and a wood-fired appliance course, Wood Energy Technology Transfer (WETT), which promotes the safe and effective use of wood burning systems in Canada.

The CAFN Housing Department is pleased to have been involved in Troy's successful training and we wish him continued success in his new career as a Certified Oil Burner Technician (aka, 'the Furnace Guy').

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

### THINKING OF STARTING, EXPANDING OR BUYING A BUSINESS?

#### Entrepreneurial Equity Matching Fund

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

#### Business Services Available

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



### CHAMPAGNE AND AISHIHIK FIRST NATIONS BUSINESS OWNERS

#### Get on the “Business Goods & Services Source List”

CAFN is updating its goods and services source list. This list will support the development and expansion of business by promoting the purchase of goods and services from CAFN citizen-owned businesses. Please provide: Contact Name, Type of Business Services and contact information.

**Forward your business information to:**  
*Collette Catto, Business Development Officer*  
*Champagne and Aishihik First Nations*  
*PO Box 5310, Haines Junction, Yukon Y0B1L0*  
*(867) 634-4220*  
*ccatto@cafn.ca*

## YUKON GOVERNMENT TENDER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

*As part of the on-line tender management system (TMS), you can receive all new tenders(s) which meet your interest categories available by the Yukon Government.*

Signing up for an account for the Government of Yukon Tender Management System will allow you to do the following:

- View, download and print current active tender documents,
- Receive automatic email notifications for specific categories of tenders when they are published, and
- View and add yourself to the plan holder list for a particular tender.

#### Follow these easy steps to sign up for a TMS account:

1. Open your internet browser (e.g. Microsoft Internet Explorer) and click or type the following link in the address bar. <http://www.gov.yk.ca/tenders/tms.html>
2. The Tender Management System sign up page will display.
3. Click on the Create an account button.
4. Enter the relevant information in the fields.
5. Click on the Create Account button.
6. The system will automatically send you an email with a temporary password and will return you to the login screen.
7. Login into the email account you provided and check for a message from ‘tenders@gov.yk.ca’. Check your “junk” email folder if the message does not appear in your “inbox” email folder.
8. Click the ‘Government of Yukon Tender Management System’ link on the open email page.
9. At the login prompt, enter in your email address and temporary password provided.
10. The system will prompt you to change your password.
11. Once the password is changed, you will be logged into the Tender Management System.

If you have any questions on Yukon Government Tender Management System or need assistance in setting up an account please contact:

**The Yukon Government Contract Services:** Phone (867) 667-5385 or Toll Free in Yukon 1-800-661-0408  
Email: [contracts@gov.yk.ca](mailto:contracts@gov.yk.ca) Web: [gov.yk.ca/tenders](http://gov.yk.ca/tenders)  
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## Haines House of Beads

### All-In Exploration Solutions Inc.

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

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

### House of Beads/*Kawoot Daakahidi*

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We have a great variety of beads, beading supplies, jewelry and gifts, including locally made jewelry, Yukon mocassins, and other beaded items. We also do special orders if we don't have what you need in stock. And, we are open all year. I truly appreciate all my friends, old and new, and family who stop by my shop when they are in Haines. We also hope to be offering some creative beading classes throughout the winter months!

*Jan Hill*



**Digital Engine Productions**  
HD Video & Multi-Media



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### Upcoming Business Development Workshops in 2013

- Are You an Entrepreneur?
- Youth in Business
- Tourism Training
- Home Based Businesses
- Business Planning
- Business Feasibility

Dates and locations to be announced

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### IT'S TAX TIME! Notice to all Residents on Settlement Land

During your personal income tax preparations, please note:

If you resided on any Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Settlement Lands on **December 31, 2012**, you are obligated to file the *Yukon First Nations Tax form* that is attached to your income tax application. You can download the form at this website:

[www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca) and look up Yukon First Nations tax – it will take you to a printable PDF file.

Income tax collection and sharing arrangements are signed between the Federal Government, the Government of Yukon and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

These agreements allow the Federal and Yukon Governments to transfer part of these taxes to CAFN.

Each year, CAFN receives a percentage of taxes from Canada and YTG. This amount is based on all residents who filed personal income tax returns who stated they lived on Settlement Land on December 31, 2012. These taxes increase CAFN's Own Source Revenue.

Chief and Council have discretion over the allocation of the funding received.

Everyone, regardless of income should file a tax return. You should be informed that if you have low or no income, you may be eligible to receive GST credits and Child Tax credits if you file.

For further information, please contact: Angie Wabisca at (867) 456-6881 or [awabisca@cafn.ca](mailto:awabisca@cafn.ca), or Ian Robinson [irobinson@cafn.ca](mailto:irobinson@cafn.ca) at (867) 456-6878.

## Thank You

Thank you to Vera and Johnny for donating some food to the daycare. And also thanks to Keith Paterson for being our Santa at our Daycare party.

*With gratitude from Kim and the Shawkwunlee Daycare staff*

### CAFN/Haines Junction Area Training Trust Fund

Do you need training assistance or want to strengthen your employment skills?

The Training Trust Fund might be able to help you!

#### Who can apply?

Area residents (Haines Junction and area between Kloo Lake to Takhini River subdivision to Aishihik Lake)

#### What can be funded?

- Training for future or current employment
- Training for employees from the area to limit the need to hire from outside

#### What can't be funded?

- Training that would normally be provided by the employer (orientation, WHMIS, First Aid in some situations, etc.)
- Training allowances/living expenses
- Capital expenditures
- Permanent and full-time employees of federal, territorial, municipal and First Nation governments are not eligible for this funding

#### What are the criteria?

- You must have explored all other funding options
- Priority will be given to applicants that have partial funding from other sources
- It must be training for employment
- Training should be consistent with annual goals and priorities of the board
- Priority will be given for training that takes place in the Yukon

*Application forms can be picked up from either the Village of Haines Junction or CAFN offices.*

## Call for Artists, Crafters & Performers



Are you interested in being part of the Adäka Cultural Festival?

We are still accepting artist applications until April 19th. If you are an artist, crafter, or performer who is interested in participating, please fill out an artist application form available on our website or from your local First Nation office.

We are also seeking items to be showcased in our Fashion Show. If you or anyone you know is interested in submitting pieces or being a model, please contact us at 667.7698 or via email at [programs@adakafestival.ca](mailto:programs@adakafestival.ca).

Keep in mind that we'll also be looking for volunteers to help out during the week of the Festival! Come be a part of the action and celebrate with family and friends on the banks of the Yukon River!

For more information:  
[www.adakafestival.ca](http://www.adakafestival.ca)  
867.667.7698  
[info@adakafestival.ca](mailto:info@adakafestival.ca)

## Hutchi Joe Family Reunion

*A family reunion of the descendants of Hutchi Joe will be held in Haines Junction at the Da Kų Cultural Centre on Saturday August 3rd, 2013. There will be a family fun/games day followed by a dinner and dance. We will be contacting families through e-mail and phone, and a Facebook page will be set up in the very near future.*

*Please contact Sheila at (867) 335-3871 for information of if would like to help plan and co-ordinate. If you have any family photos please email them to [s\\_quock@hotmail.com](mailto:s_quock@hotmail.com) or call and I can get them scanned for you.*



CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK First Nations

## Weekly Programs at Nät's'ekhj Kų!

- Mon—** Yoga/Pilates (5:15-6:45pm)
- Tues-** Sewing Circle (6:30-8:30pm)
- Wed—** Craft Afternoon (1-4pm)  
Yoga/Pilates (5:15-6:45pm)  
Games Night (7-9pm)
- Thurs-** Yoga/Pilates (5:15-6:45pm)
- Sun** Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Meetups (1-4pm)

Questions? Contact Brendan Wiklund, Community Wellness Activity Coordinator at 634-4010 or email [bwiklund@cafn.ca](mailto:bwiklund@cafn.ca)



Congratulations to the Yukon senior womens team (Leslie Grant Team) which headed to Summerside, PEI for the Canadian Seniors Curling Championship March 16-24, 2013. The team is: Leslie Grant (Skip), Corinne Delaire (Third), Therese Ducharme (Second), and Lorraine Stick (Lead). Visit [www.curling.ca/championships/seniors/](http://www.curling.ca/championships/seniors/) for more details.

## SPECIAL GREETINGS

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

January 15 Alexander and Nicholas Williams  
January 20 Doreen Williams and Charlene Hume  
February 12 Brandon Williams  
February 18 Casey Agnes Annie Williams  
From Grandma Vera, Grandpa Johnny and family

Richard, Trish and family wish a Happy Birthday to:  
Julie Smith on February 16th  
Landon Gladue on March 12th  
Elizabeth Gladue on March 15th  
Abigail Johnson on March 16th  
Judy George on March 21st  
Lenette Graham-Hume on April 7th  
David Germain on April 7th  
Christan Gladue on April 9th  
Miranda Williams on April 14  
Justin Johnson on April 20th  
Charles John on April 21st

Happy Birthday to Brad Jim on March 21.  
From Koltun.

I would like to wish my beautiful, thoughtful, kind and sweet daughter Shannon Maloney a Happy Birthday on Feb.17th, my grandson Kyle for January 28th, my son Mike Maloney on March 4th, and also Kyra Chambers on the 4th of March. Phyllis

We would like to wish Very Happy Birthday to:  
March 2 - Cecil Jackson  
March 12 - Landon Reddon a very Happy 3rd Birthday  
March 15 - Elizabeth Gladue  
March 21 - Judy George  
March 26 - Adeline Gladue  
April 2 - Jordan Cotes  
April 7 - David Germaine  
April 8 - Patricia George  
April 9 - Christian Gladue  
April 21 - Charles John  
May 3 - Tyler Pye  
May 4 - McKayla Williams  
May 8 - Patricia John  
May 11 - Andrew O'Brien Jackson  
May 15 - Tyler Gladue  
May 22 - Saige Germaine  
From Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley and Landon

## CONGRATULATIONS

**IT'S A GIRL!**



**Alaina Gladue was born May 15, 2012, weight 7 lbs 15 oz. She is welcomed by her big sisters Shyanne, Kallie and Paris Gladue and parents Steven Fraser and Rosemarie Gladue.**

Very Happy Birthday Wishes to:  
Feb. 2- Grandson, Bob T.  
Mar.18- Great Granddaughter, Tia T. (4)  
Apr. 16- Granddaughter, Tryn  
Apr. 22- Great Grandson, Ty T. (3)  
Apr. 28- Great Grandson, Laz (4)  
Love, Gramma Kool  
& Happy 97th Birthday Dad (only 3 to 100)!  
Kathy VanBibber

Happy 12th Birthday to my daughter, Rita Lynn Baker.  
Coming from Mom and Tsyaa.

Happy Birthday to Rita Lynn Baker from Grandma Rita and Grandpa Thomas and all your cousins.

We wish Kael Epp a Happy 4th Birthday on February 14th, love Mom, Dad, Brielle, Jayla, Grandma, Great Grandma Frog, Auntie Tina and the rest of the family.



On March 10th we wish a Happy 2nd birthday to Brielle & Jayla Epp, love Mom, Dad, Kael, Grandma, Great Grandma Frog, Auntie Tina and the rest of the family.



**Congratulations to Paddy and Stella Jim on celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary on March 3, 2013.**

**In Loving Memory of Gerald "Bones" Brown  
May 27, 2010-May 27, 2013  
Forever missed n never forgotten**



Courtesy of Paul Birckel



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CAFN participants at the 40th Anniversary Gala in Whitehorse on February 16, 2013. Individuals instrumental to the land claims process were honoured, including the late Harry Allen and Elijah Smith, as well as Chief Ray Jackson and negotiator Dave Joe.

The family of the late Elijah Smith accepts an award in his honour during a 40th anniversary event celebrating the presentation of *Together Today for Our Children Tomorrow* in Ottawa in 1973. The Council of Yukon First Nations hosted a variety of events in Whitehorse the week of February 11, 2013.

## CALENDAR

**Mondays - Beading and Sewing** with Audrey Brown, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

**Tuesdays - Takhini Family Game Night**, 7-9 p.m. at Takhini Hall.

**Tuesdays - Sewing Circle**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Năts'ekhj Kų - Healing House.

**Tuesday - Thursday - Pilates and Yoga**, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. at Năts'ekhj Kų - Healing House.

**Wednesdays - Craft Afternoon**, 1-4 p.m. and **Haines Junction Family Game Night**, 7-9 p.m. at Năts'ekhj Kų .

**Wednesdays - Southern Tutchone Dance Class**, 3:30 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

**Wednesdays - Machine Sewing** with Brenda Asp, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

**Thursdays - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch**, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Haines Junction at Năts'ekhj Kų.

**Thursdays - All Nations Dancing**, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Nakwata Ku Potlatch House in Whitehorse.

**First Friday of every month - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch**, Whitehorse.

**April - Chief and Council Community Visits.**

Please watch for dates and details.

**April 2 - Yukon College Public Meeting**, free dinner and community input, 5:30 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

**April 18-19 - Regular Chief and Council meeting**, Haines Junction.

**May 8 - Draft Yukon Public Water Strategy Public Review**, 2-9 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

**May 16-17 - Regular Chief and Council meeting**, Haines Junction.

**June 1 - Da Kų Cultural Centre Grand Opening & 20th Anniversary of Signing CAFN's Final Agreement**,

10 a.m. thru evening, Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction.

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