

Dàkwänía

What people say

SPRING 2014



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The Dakwakada Dancers and Southern Tutchone Drum Group in Fairbanks at the 2014 Festival of Native Arts.

DANCERS AND DRUMMERS REPRESENT CAFN AT 41st FESTIVAL OF NATIVE ARTS

The Dakwakada Dancers and Southern Tutchone Drum Group performed at "Sharing the Voices of Our Ancestors", the 41st Annual Festival of Native Arts, in Fairbanks, Alaska this February 27 to March 1.

"One of the best parts was the kids being the

advocates for our dance group," said Dakwakada Dancer coordinator Monica Primozic. "And experiencing all the cultures. It was amazing."

A group of nearly 40 Dakwakada Dancers, drummers and chaperones traveled to Fairbanks and proudly represented Champagne and Aishihik

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There is a renewed interest in traditional drumming and dancing by young and adult men in our community.

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First Nations (CAFN) and Yukon.

The Festival brings together performers from all over Alaska and the North at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The 2014 Festival featured more than 26 performers and dance groups.

Back in the Yukon, the Dakwakada Dancers and Southern Tutchone Drum Group are experiencing new interest and participation. The group has nearly doubled in the last few months and now includes many adults and participants from Whitehorse, Champagne and Takhini as well as Haines Junction.



Photos courtesy of T. George

Stephanie and Dalton Twiss (left) and Jennifer Chambers (right) model their regalia.

The Dancers are practicing for many more exciting performances in 2014. Some opportunities being considered include:

- Eklutna Potlatch/Powwow in Eklutna Village, Alaska June 7-8;
- Celebration in Juneau, Alaska June 11-14;
- Adäka Cultural Festival in Whitehorse, Yukon, June 27 - July 1;
- Tanacross Gathering August 2014;
- Riding Mountain National Parks Potlatch;
- 2014 North American Indigenous Games in Regina, Saskatchewan, July 20-27; and
- Moosehide Gathering outside Dawson City, Yukon, July 24-27.



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Destiny Pauls and Mary Jane Jim during one of the performances in Fairbanks.

The Dakwakada Dancers and Southern Tutchone Drum Group continue to practice weekly on Wednesday afternoons, alternating between Haines Junction and Champagne. All who wish to participate in performances must come to practice. Additional drum group practices may be scheduled. Please watch for more details.

For more information on the Dakwakada Dancers or Southern Tutchone Drum Group, please contact:

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Message from the Chief

Dänñch'è.

The new 2014 year is well underway, and this spring, Council is busy working with Management Committee to finalize the budget for the new fiscal year.

Since my last update, I have been pleased to represent CAFN at local, territorial and national meetings.

This January, I attended the Mineral Roundup in Vancouver with Elder Councillor Albert Hume and Councillor Harold Johnson. During the trip, we met with British Columbia (B.C.) Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation John Rustad and Minister of Energy and Mines Bill Bennet. They requested the meeting between our governments to discuss potential to resume negotiations for CAFN land claims in northern B.C. CAFN has agreed to consider the issue.

During our time in Vancouver, we also met with Strategic Metals, a company interested in mining in the Hopkins Lake area near the Aishihik Road. Strategic Metals is working with Archer Cathro to investigate mineral potential in the area and will be test drilling this summer. CAFN has an interest because we have Category A Settlement Lands in the vicinity. We will continue to monitor the project and share information with community members.

Before returning to the Yukon, Councillors Hume and Johnson and I were pleased to hold our third annual meeting with CAFN Citizens in the Vancouver area and provide an update on current work at CAFN.

February was an especially busy month.

I visited our CAFN Elders living at Copper Ridge Place, a continuing care facility in Whitehorse. I had a good visit with Oliver Jim, Frances Joe and Stella Jim, and I was glad to see that they seemed happy and well cared for. I encourage all our members to visit Elders living in care facilities and in their own homes.

On February 6, I was pleased to present at the Governance Capacity Conference in Whitehorse on CAFN's economic development initiatives and partnerships.

That evening, I met with Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski over dinner. He provided an update on the Peel Watershed and we discussed CAFN issues. It was an informal meeting and Premier Pasloski said he would like to continue to meet more often.

During the week of February 10, I participated in strategic planning with the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) Leadership. We affirmed three key directions for CYFN: unity, capacity and advocacy.

February 25-27, I travelled to Ottawa with CAFN

Governance Director Denise Beattie and Negotiations Analyst Ian Robinson. It was a full trip, and we were rewarded by positive responses from Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Bernard Valcourt. He was fully supportive of our requests to pursue negotiation of Administration of Justice in a way that will lead to a good agreement and negotiation of claims in Northern B.C.

We were also pleased to meet with NDP and Official Opposition Leader Thomas Mulcair, as well as with Carolyn Bennett and Rick Theis of Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's office. The NDP and Liberals were also supportive of our presentation on land claims implementation policy and we will continue to lobby for support as we approach the upcoming federal election in 2015.

While in Ottawa, I attended two more meetings with Minister Valcourt, accompanying Grand Chief Massie on CYFN business and the Land Claims Agreement Coalition (LCAC) on land claims implementation policy. Minister Valcourt agreed to work toward a more "horizontal approach" by Canada, so First Nations can work with the government of Canada as a whole rather than running into roadblocks with individual departments. He came across as very supportive of, and committed to, First Nations.

In March, I had the honour to present to a national and international audience at the Arctic Oil and Gas Symposium in Calgary. It was an excellent opportunity to let people know who we are at CAFN.

On March 12, I met again with NDP Leader Mulcair regarding recognition of land claims and implementation. If the NDP are elected the majority in the next federal election, he confirmed the NDP will work with CAFN on a government-to-government basis.

March 18, I attended the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) workshop in Haines Junction. This workshop brought together input and project ideas from community meetings held in Whitehorse, Takhini, Champagne, Canyon and Haines Junction over the last few weeks. I thank all the people who attended the community meetings and workshop to help with the ICSP renewal. This process, and the updated ICSP, give CAFN and Council a good idea of what our people want to see in our communities and how we can use Gas Tax funds to make it possible. Kwänaschis.

In late April and early May, Council and I invite all our CAFN people to attend our Chief and Council Community Report Meetings. They are scheduled to take place April 28 in Whitehorse, April 29 in Takhini, April 30 in Champagne, and May 1 in Haines Junction. All meetings will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and finish by 8 p.m.

Lastly, I congratulate Paddy and Stella Jim on celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary this March, and Alex Van-Bibber on his 98th Birthday in April. They are role models for us all.

I wish everyone a great spring season.

*In respect,
Chief James Allen - Jämena*

CHIEF AND COUNCIL UPDATE

2014 Chief and Council Meeting Schedule

January 16-17

February 19-20

March 20-21

April 24-25

May 22-23

June 18-19

July 17-18

July 25-27 CAFN General Assembly
at Klukshu

August 2014 - no meeting

Chief and Council Decisions

The following decisions were made during the November 21-22 and December 19-20 regular Chief and Council meetings.

Deputy Chief Appointment

Chief and Council appointed Dayle MacDonald to Deputy Chief for a term until the 2014 election is called.

CMHC Mortgage Renewal

Chief and Council resolved that First Nations Bank of Canada be named as the lending institution for CMHC loan number 15-789-324, Phase 12, totaling \$178,060.28, which was scheduled to renew on November 1, 2013. The CMHC agreement requires that CAFN accept the lowest interest rate, and this was offered by First Nations Bank of Canada at 3.27% for five years.

Supplementary Budget

Chief and Council approved the Amended 2013-14 Supplementary Budget to include amendments related to Capital Project Management, Human Resources, and Education.

CAFN Community Boxing Day Dinner

Chief and Council agreed to reallocate a Community Health and Well Being Fund sum of \$3,000.00 from the Whitehorse Community Dinner to the Haines Junction Community Boxing Day Dinner on December 27, 2013. Chief and Council further agreed to commit an additional \$3,150.00 for the Boxing Day Dinner Event.

Meeting Dates for 2014

Chief and Council agreed to accept the Chief and Council Meeting Dates for 2014.

Housing Reorganization

Chief and Council adopted The Review of the Department of Housing, Property Management & Municipal Services, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations: Final Report, prepared and presented by Angus Robertson Consulting Services Ltd., as well as the Implementation Plan as presented and accepted at Supplementary Budget.

The Final Report provides recommendations for operational structures and identifies areas for improvement which would build capacity to resolve issues within the Department.

Final Agreement Chapter 22 to Include Specific Provisions

Council authorized Chief Allen to sign a formal letter of request to Canada and Yukon Government to start formal amendments to the CAFN Final Agreement. These amendments would incorporate a number of specific provisions in Chapter 22, Section 22.9.1, which have been included in more recent Yukon First Nation Agreements.

Yukon Inn Unit Purchase

Council resolved to support Chief Allen, as Trustee of the Yukon Inn Trust, to undertake all action required to finalize the Unit purchase in accordance with the Unit Purchase Agreement. Council also authorized Chief Allen to execute any amendment to the Trust deed in the best interest of CAFN.

First Nation Land Registry System

Council instructed Chief Allen to sign the Decision Document and a contract with Earth 2 Cloud and Louis Arki, thereby committing CAFN to the Land Titles Act and Land Registry system. Both the Act

and Registry are required to allow financing of homes on CAFN land.

Further, Chief and Council resolved to commit \$88,838.40 of Gas Tax Funding to support this initiative and have approved \$43,143.55 of Consolidated Revenue to be paid to CYFN.

Committee Appointments

Chief and Council appoint the following individuals:

- Lorraine Allen as an Elder to the Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for a term of two years;
- Harold Johnson as a Citizen member to the Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for a term of one year;
- Natane Primozic as a Youth member to the Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for a term of one year;
- Lena Smith-Tutin as a language teacher/fluent speaker to the Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for a term of two years;
- Marianne Joe as a Citizen member to the Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee for a term of two years; and
- Odessa Epp as a member to the CA Trust for a term of three years, pending compliance with all Trustee criteria.

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.

Chief and Council 2013-14 Community Report Meetings

April 28, Whitehorse – Location to be confirmed

April 29, Takhini River Subdivision – Takhini Community Hall

April 30, Champagne – Champagne Hall

May 1, Haines Junction – Da Kų Cultural Centre

Early May, Haines, Alaska – Date and location to be confirmed

***All meetings will be from
5:30 to 8 p.m. with dinner.***



*Dave Joe, Denise Beattie and Chief Allen
in Ottawa this February.*

CAFN DEPARTMENTS AND DIRECTORS:

Finance & Administration - Trish George

Human Resources - Stewart Breithaupt
Including Recruitment and Staff Development

Governance - Denise Beattie
Including Communications, Implementation & Economic Development

Community Wellness - Tracy MacPherson
Including Wellness Promotions, Wellness Supports, Youth Center, Home Support & Outreach

Education - Shandell McCarthy
Including Day Care, Elementary, Secondary, Post-Secondary and Training

Lands & Resources - Lawrence Joe
Including Land Use Planning, Land Management & Renewable Resources

Language, Culture & Heritage - Diane Strand
Including Da Kų Cultural Center

Property Services - Terry Rufiange-Holway
Including Capital Works, Property Management, Housing & Municipal Services



Photo courtesy of M. Joe

Harry Smith and some little helpers set fish lines.

UKWÄNJĒ

In early February, a few CAFN departments collaborated on a plan for a successful Klukshu Winter Camp - *Łu Ghq Yùk'e Kwäta K'änji*. The camp ran from February 12-16. Several elders shared their traditional knowledge, and their teachings were gratefully absorbed by all. The children, parents and grandparents were immersed in many language teachings and stories throughout the week. We were visited daily by different grades from the St. Elias Community School. The school kids enjoyed their day at camp. Everyone was proud of their canvas-top mukluks and winter mitts they created with the Elders. Participants also braved the cold to learn how to set a fish net and hook lines. Elder Paddy Jim taught us hands-on how to make a fish net.



Photo courtesy of M. Joe

Chuck Hume made and demonstrated the use of a deadfall trap.

We had successful catches the next morning! We also had the opportunity to cut and can salmon.

Elder Chuck Hume made and demonstrated a deadfall trap which was used long ago by our people. We were intrigued to learn about the history and stories behind the deadfall trap.

A real treat for many of us came on the last day: traditional medicine making! We made a nice tea and a medicine for eczema and psoriasis.

Everyone left camp happy and with full tummies, warm canvas-top mukluks or mitts, new language skills, and many teachings. It was a great learning experience out on the land of Klukshu.

Shāw Níthan to our Elders! We are very grateful for your traditional ways of teaching. We are also thankful to everyone else who helped make this camp a success.

Please enjoy some of our camp pictures.

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Photo courtesy of M. Joe

Sylvia Kolak displays the canvas-top mukluks she made at Klukshu.



Photo courtesy of M. Joe

Elders May Hume and Carol Buzzell sew canvas-tops at the Klukshu Winter Camp - *Łu Ghq Yùk'e Kwäta K'änji* - this February.

CAREER FAIR THANK YOU!

The Education Department thanks the following individuals, organizations, governments and businesses for their participation and contributions to the 2014 CAFN Career Fair held in Haines Junction on March 20th.

Tradeshow Booths:

Equity Exploration Consultants Ltd
Archer, Cathro & Associates (1998) Limited
Yukon Geological Survey
Casino Mining Corporation
Dakwakada Development Corporation
Castle Rock Enterprises
Kilrich Industries
Northerm
Government of Yukon – Highways & Public Work
Government of Yukon – Dept of Environment - Conservation Officers
Government of Yukon – Justice & Court Services
Government of Yukon – Energy, Mines & Resources
Government of Yukon – Public Service Commission
Government of Yukon – Dept of Economic Development
Government of Yukon – Justice – Workers Advocate Office
Government of Yukon - Advanced Education - Apprenticeship Yukon
United Brotherhood of Carpenters Local 2499
Association of Professional Engineers of Yukon
Parks Canada
Yukon Women in Trades and Technology
Habitat for Humanity Yukon
RCMP
Yukon College

Workshops & Presentations:

CAFN Human Resources Department - Kathleen Brown
YTG Work Futures – Jean-Sebastien-Blais

CAFN Inspirational speakers:

Steve Smith, Jocelyn Joe-Strack and Stephanie Brown

Approximately 60 students and community members attended the Career Fair!

A special thank you to the organizing committee:

Marie Davies, Vera Owlchild, Florence Kushniruk, Diane Benjamin, Jennifer Chambers, Luke Campbell and Shadelle Chambers.

IT'S ALL ABOUT SUCCESS AND CAREERS!



STUDENT SUCCESS WORKSHOP: *The Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) Student Success Workshop was held in Whitehorse, February 18-20, 2014. Representatives were present from all 14 Yukon First Nations. Three students from the Independent Learning Centre (ILC) were invited to be part of the conference. CAFN Youth member, Madison Allen (shown at far right), was one of the guests on the Youth Panel, answering questions from educators, taking part in discussion with the YTG Department of Education and First Nation Educators, and presenting material from breakout information groups.*

ATTENTION WOODWORKERS



We are hoping to have some of our woodworkers and carvers working at the Da Kų Cultural Centre this summer. Craftspeople will be engaged in designing and creating freestanding wooden figures, similar to giant floor-sized chess pieces.

These pieces will represent CAFN history and culture: caribou, a fish trap, a cache, a raft, etc. The carved figures will be used with the Da Kų floor map to help tell the stories of *dákeyi* (our country).

The Carved Figures initiative is subject to funding approval.

For more information, please contact:

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GLADUE WRITING IN YUKON

Before the Gladue process came into being, the court system had no ability to look at the specific circumstances of aboriginal offenders. Cultural dislocation, residential school trauma and intergenerational family dysfunction were not considered. This started to change across Canada with the Gladue Decision, which recognized there were a disproportionately high number of First Nation persons being incarcerated, and that the underlying causes of this were not being addressed.

Gladue Reports provide a judge with insight to the person's aboriginal background and can inform a judge as to appropriate sentences and supports. A judge is required to ask for a Gladue Report before sentencing a First Nation person.

Even though the original Gladue Decision led to this procedure in 1999, it has taken some time to establish the practice across Canada. There is a disproportionately high number of aboriginal cases before the courts, and each Gladue Report requires approximately forty hours of work to accomplish the interviewing and the write-up, usually resulting in a document of 12-18 pages. In the early days, there was no one trained to write Gladue reports; there was no template to follow and no specific funding was allocated to the process. Since 1999, Ontario has created a Gladue Court, and the Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto Legal Clinic established a dedicated staff for researching and writing the reports.

In Yukon, the process started informally, in recent years, with a few people taking on the task of writing the reports "off the edge of their desks." These workers, notably Chantal Genier, Council of Yukon First Nation (CYFN) Justice, and Mark Stevens, Carcross Tagish First Nation Community Justice, took the initiative to respond to the need for Gladue writers. They take the time to perform this new task on top of their busy schedules.

In the years since the original Court decision, the development of expertise and the resulting interaction with the Courts has refined the Gladue process, providing structure and certainty around how these reports are researched, what the reports ought to

contain, and their overall place in the Court system. In the last year, CYFN Justice has compiled a "Binder" which provides basic information on the intent and format of Gladue reports. There are still no formal college programs available for training, yet six Gladue writers are now in place in communities such as Carcross, Watson Lake, Old Crow, Dawson, and Whitehorse. There are people preparing Gladue reports in addition to their regular jobs, and the development of Gladue writers is ongoing.

Researching a Gladue report requires a number of interviews with family members and others familiar with the aboriginal offender's life and background. You can understand these are difficult and sensitive matters to discuss; it can be especially harrowing for a person to open up and reveal information to an interviewer. Therefore, there needs to be trust, the process needs to be explained, and understanding needs to be achieved. As this is a process that exclusively involves aboriginal offenders, it follows that the most capable interviewer is also an aboriginal person.

There is still need for more Gladue writers. It is admittedly an odd situation, as this is a skill in demand for which there is no formal training, no dedicated positions and, so far, no funding. There is a path to follow, however, and there are some experienced Gladue writers in Yukon who will provide mentorship.

If you are interested in learning more about the Gladue process or would like to learn how to become a Gladue Report writer, please contact the Community Justice office in Haines Junction or the CYFN Court Worker program.

This is the third of three articles on Gladue reports.

For more information:

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Disclaimer: This writer is not a lawyer. People should seek legal advice from a lawyer prior to exercising any legal rights or options that may affect their legal rights going forward.

UPDATE FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCE OFFICER

Hello,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their winter. Since I began my position with the CAFN Government, one of my main focus areas has been the implementation of the Mineral Industry Code (MIC). The MIC is a management system for industry proponents in quartz and coal activities within the Traditional Territory. The MIC gives CAFN an opportunity to be a part of the planning process for successful resource management while preserving our cultural and heritage interests. It allows us to work together, and proactively, through a series of letters, meetings, and, in some cases, the issuance of permits. So far, the response has been good and industry has been cooperative.

The MIC encourages CAFN citizen participation in mining, and employment opportunities in exploration projects include soil samplers, drillers, and even camp cooks. If you have an interest in any of these areas, please let me know.

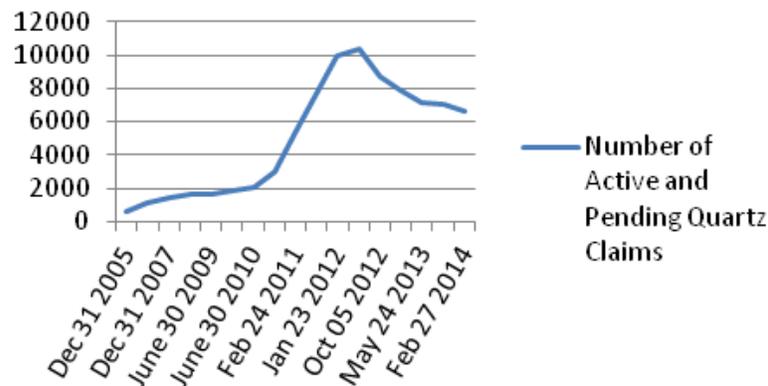
Copies of the MIC are available at both administration offices and online at the CAFN website on the Lands and Resources page.

I would also like to take this opportunity to give an update on resource development within the Traditional Territory. Currently, we do not have any active operating mines, but there are a couple of active mineral exploration projects that will be starting when weather permits. The Canopus Property is approximately 25 km northwest of Aishihik Lake and the Hopper Property is directly beside the Aishihik Lake Road near Hopkins Lake;

consequently, there may be a little more activity in these areas than we are used to. However, both of these projects are not on settlement land, and the companies have been quite open to working with CAFN.

As of February 27, 2014, there are 6628 active or pending quartz claims in our Traditional Territory. The chart below shows claims trends from 2005 to this year:

Number of Active and Pending Quartz Claims



I would also like to inform everyone of a mining workshop coming up this spring, so please keep your eyes open for an update in April.

If you would like more information, please feel free to call or email:

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The Lands and Resources Department also gives a BIG shout out to the Fire Smart Crew. They did an outstanding job.

PROPERTY SERVICES UPDATE

Housing, Properties, and Municipal Services has changed its name to Property Services. This is a result of the reorganization of the department following the recommendations of a departmental review approved by Chief and Council in December 2013. The reorganization is intended to effectively increase our service delivery to citizens. The recommendations in the final report include the development of four branches within the Property Services Department: Capital Works, Housing Programs, Property Management, and Municipal Services. Instead of trying to include all those names every time we answer the phone, we felt the new name of Property Services covers it all!

This winter, Property Services hosted several community meetings to gather input for the renewal of the CAFN Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), and to get ideas for the concept design of the proposed Takhini Community Centre. Additionally, repairs and maintenance to many properties are ongoing and work continues with the new home at #81 Kane St.

Capital Works

Sustainability Plan



CAFN is renewing its Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) with support from Urban Systems. Focused planning meetings were held with CAFN Haines Junction, Canyon, Champagne, Takhini and Whitehorse residents.

The final community workshop took place on March 18th at Da Ku Cultural Centre, and citizens, staff, and stakeholders had opportunity to prioritize projects and confirm a vision of sustainability for CAFN. This sustainability plan renewal is an interdepartmental and cross-community project which aims to:

- Identify long-term sustainability goals in each CAFN community and department.
- Identify projects and planning initiatives in each department.
- Develop a long term Capital Investment Plan to guide infrastructure development for CAFN.
- Develop a Sustainable Housing Strategy that will utilize CAFN demographics to identify housing needs in each CAFN community. Housing options may include Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, Supported Living, Affordable Housing, Elder Homes, Staff Housing, and Market Housing (Home Ownership).

The updated ICSP is expected to be complete soon. Please watch for it at www.cafn.ca/community.html and Champagne and Aishihik First Nations on Facebook.

Takhini River Community Centre

Kobayashi + Zedda Architects and Urban Systems are working with CAFN to develop a concept design for the Takhini River Community Centre. A variety of community consultation events have been held between December 2013 and March 2014 to refine the design that will best match the community and CAFN government needs. Currently, a working group made up of Takhini residents is working with CAFN staff to refine the scope of the building. The working group and presented their recommendations to Chief and Council on March 13, 2014.



The Takhini River Community Centre working group hard at work during a recent meeting.

Property Management

Home Construction

Since 2012, Property Services has developed six new housing units as a response to a need for more housing. Three of these units are detached Elder units (one in Takhini and two in Haines Junction). Two units are new mobile homes for Transitional Housing. One unit is a three bedroom home for Supported Living, which was recently retrofitted to increase energy efficiency. This house will be comfortable and greatly reduce operational costs for CAFN.



Otter Crescent home - fall 2013.

As you can see, there is always a lot going on in the Property Services Department!

We are excited that the long awaited departmental review is complete so that the recommendations can now be implemented. This will improve service delivery in all CAFN communities.

We would like to thank CAFN citizens for providing input at the various community meetings and we hope to see even more citizen participation in 2014.

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CAFN CALENDAR

April 14 - Elders Senate, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction.

April 14 - Traditional Doll Making Workshop with Sadie Brown. Continues every Monday and Wednesday in April from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction.

April 16 - Aishihik-Nisling Planning Meeting, 4 to 8 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction. Dinner served at 5 p.m.

April 23 - Fish and Wildlife Management Plan Community Meeting, Haines Junction.

April 24 -27 - Hand Games Workshop and Tournament at Nąts'ekhj Kų in Haines Junction.

April 28 - Chief and Council 2013-14 Community Report Meeting - Whitehorse, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

April 29 - Chief and Council 2013-14 Community Report Meeting - Takhini River Subdivision, community hall, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

April 30 - Aishihik-Nisling Planning Meeting, 4 to 8 p.m. at the Ramada in Whitehorse. Dinner served at 5 p.m.

April 30 - Chief and Council 2013-14 Community Report Meeting - Champagne, community hall, 5:30 to 8 p.m.

May 1 - Chief and Council 2013-14 Community Report Meeting - Haines Junction, Da Kų Cultural Centre 5:30 to 8 p.m..

Chief and Council Community Report Meeting - Haines, Alaska, date and location to be confirmed.

May 23 - CYFN Graduation Ceremony, Whitehorse.

May 24 - CAFN Graduation Potlatch, 2 p.m. at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction.

May 28 - St. Elias Community School Graduation, Haines Junction.

*For more events and details, Please watch the calendar and event listings at www.cafn.ca and like us on Facebook at **Champagne and Aishihik First Nations**.*

LETTER TO 2014 GRADUATES

Graduation Time is Near!

Graduation can be a pressing time of year. For grads there is the pressure of passing exams, prom, graduating and, for many, finding someone to help with Native Grad regalia. Champagne and Aishihik recognizes the added pressure families can experience during this time and have a number of ways to help make this special time of year run smoothly.

CAFN will be issuing cheques in early April to help with the cost of making regalia for First Nation Grad. Each graduate will receive \$150.00.

There are tutoring funds available for students who need extra help with courses. LDAY is a also great resource when looking for a tutor. The LDAY number is (867) 668-5167.

Skookum Jim friendship Centre offers an after-school tutoring program. There is also tutoring available in the schools.

If your graduate is enrolling in Post-Secondary schooling, please note that the deadline for funding application is June 16, 2014. Contact Vera Owlchild at (867) 456-6884 for more information.

Students should be encouraged regularly to have open dialogue with teachers and school administration to ensure they graduate on schedule. If there are any questions on whether your child will graduate, please make an appointment with your child's teachers. Often it helps to include your child in these conversations. These meetings help keep everyone on the same page when it comes to graduating. I am available to help set up parent teacher meetings if needed. Schools also set aside days specifically for parent-teacher conferences. Check your school's website for details.

For your convenience, local graduation and prom dates are:

Native Grad: May 23

CAFN Grad: May 24

St. Elias Grad: May 28, Prom: June 5

Vanier Grad: May 30, Prom: May 31

ILC Grad: June 4

TPC Grad: June 4

FH Collins Grad: June 5, Prom: June 7

PCSS Grad: June 12, Prom: June 14

This year, Champagne and Aishihik will celebrate our graduates with a Graduation Potlatch at the Da Ky Cultural Centre on May 24 at 2 p.m. It is requested that each graduate supply an 8x10 picture which will be added to the new CAFN graduates display in Da Ky. Grads will also need to supply both a baby picture and a current photo for a "Then & Now" slideshow.

Parents, this is your opportunity to put any craft skills you have to fun use! With graduation being celebrated with a Potlatch, the community has an opportunity to honour our graduates with a home-made gift. Please contact myself or Diane Benjamin if you will be making a gift. Lastly, if you are interested in assisting or volunteering, contact me for details.

Thank you!

Jennifer Chambers

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BUILDING GOOD STUDY HABITS

Many students are overwhelmed in school. Once they fall behind, it can be hard to catch up. Many students then build habits of skipping or avoiding school work. Parents can do a lot to help prevent this and to keep their child from becoming overwhelmed with schoolwork. It is never too early to start good habits:

- Set a study time each night. It may be hard for students to stick to a routine at first, but eventually the benefits of studying will show once the routine is accepted.
- Reward students when they stick to their study schedule.
- Allow a study buddy or two over for study hour if it works for your household. This helps some students to see that studying can be fun. It is also great to learn group studying habits in prep for University where study circles are very common.
- All parents are encouraged to be aware of due dates for tests and papers in every class a student attends. Teachers are usually very accommodating in providing these dates. Be further aware of the grades your child is getting on tests and papers.
- Remember, positive reinforcement is a great way to encourage a struggling student.

CONGRATULATIONS 2012/13 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

Congratulations to the following 20 post-secondary students who received CAFN scholarship awards for the 2012/13 academic year. Shāw nithän!

	<u>Program of Study</u>	<u>CAFN Scholarship Award</u>
Mathew Trotter	<i>Bachelor of Science University of Alberta</i>	<i>Highest GPA in Degree Program (Bachelor, Master's or Doctorate)</i>
Lindsay Chambers	<i>Bachelor of Education Yukon Native Teacher Education Program University of Regina & Yukon College</i>	<i>Highest GPA in a Diploma, University Transfer or Associate Degree</i>
Collin Long Jr.	<i>Electrician Apprenticeship Level 1 & Level 2 Industry Training Authority</i>	<i>Highest GPA in a Vocational/Trades Certificate Program</i>
Melina Hougen	<i>Travel & Tourism Southern Alberta Institute of Technology</i>	<i>Field of Study Achievement - Administration</i>
Dixie Smeeton	<i>Master of Business Administration Thompson River University</i>	<i>Field of Study Achievement - Management</i>
Shauna Strand	<i>Child & Youth Care University of Victoria</i>	<i>Field of Study Achievement - Education</i>
Jessica Joe Hudson	<i>Bachelor of Arts Dalhousie University</i>	<i>Field of Study Achievement - Social Science</i>
Cole Pauls	<i>Fine Arts Emily Carr University</i>	<i>Field of Study Achievement - Fine Arts</i>
Sarah Fromme	<i>Bachelor of Science University of Regina</i>	<i>Field of Study Achievement - Science</i>
Chris Gleason	<i>Bachelor of Sports & Fitness Leadership Camosun College</i>	<i>Field of Study Achievement - Health</i>
Warren Strand	<i>Plumbing Apprentice Level 1 and Level 2 Southern Alberta Institute of Technology</i>	<i>Field of Study Achievement - Technology</i>
Laurie Vaughan	<i>Business Administration Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Management/Administration</i>
Candice Boyle	<i>Veterinary Office & Animal Care Douglas College</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Management/Administration</i>
Janet Van Bibber	<i>Bachelor of Social Work University of Regina and Yukon College</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Social Sciences</i>
Alexis Hougen	<i>Bachelor of Arts University of British Columbia</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Health</i>
Elizabeth Smith	<i>Practical Nursing Camosun College</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Health</i>
Jessica Trotter	<i>Bachelor of Arts in Recreation & Tourism University of Alberta</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Education</i>
Ashley Boss	<i>Bachelor of Arts - Justice Studies Royal Roads University, BC</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Justice</i>
Whitney Johnson-Ward	<i>College Prep Yukon College</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Vocational Grade 13</i>
Chusia Graham	<i>College Prep Gathering Place Adult Centre Vancouver, BC</i>	<i>CAFN Priority Fields of Study - Vocational Grade 13</i>

NEW FACES

Sharmane Jones

Da Kų Cultural Centre Facility Manager



Hi. I am over at the Da Kų Cultural Centre now and am very excited about my new position as the Facility Manager.

Here at the Cultural Centre I am in charge of managing the building, booking meetings and events, managing the retail store and staff, managing the properties at Da Kų to ensure they are developed and maintained, and ensuring agreements and contracts are adhered to by tenants, contractors and CAFN.

I look forward to building relationships with Parks Canada, Yukon Visitor Centre staff, CAFN and its citizens, Yukoners (locals) and travelers from all over the world.

Sharmane Jones
Da Kų Cultural Centre Facility Manager
(867) 634-3300
(867) 634-2162 fax
sjones@cafn.ca

Mary Jane Smith

Housing Support Worker



Please welcome Mary Jane Smith back to work as the Housing Support Worker. In this role, she works directly with CAFN tenants by:

- Liaising with tenants to clarify responsibilities;
- Providing advice on rights under the Yukon Landlord and Tenants Act;
- Clarifying the CAFN Rental Housing Policy;
- Conducting applicant interviews and assessments to help applicants access supports through Community Wellness; and
- Performing move-in and move-out inspections; and
- Clarifying tenant responsibilities for repairs and maintenance; and
- Providing information to tenants for home maintenance and energy conservation to reduce long-term costs.

In this role, Mary Jane works as a staff member of the Community Wellness Department, but links closely to the Property Services Department. She will travel to CAFN communities to meet with tenants regularly.

Mary Jane Smith
(867) 634-4225
mjsmith@cafn.ca

Trish George

Director of Finance and Administration



Please welcome Trish George as CAFN's Director of Finance and Administration. Trish has worked as our Finance Manager for several years and is excited to take on the new challenges and responsibilities of this position.

Trish George
Director of Finance and Administration
(867) 634-4207
tgeorge@cafn.ca

Mike Maloney

Community Outreach and Support Worker

Reporting to the Community Care Coordinator; the Community Outreach and Support Worker (COSW) monitors activities in and around the Diamond Willow Apartment Building, Mun Ku and other CAFN residences and/or properties as required in order to ensure tenant safety and respond to any citizens who may be at risk. He provides support to optimize the home environment for the physical, mental, spiritual and emotional well-being of individuals, families and Elders in possible high risk situations.

Mike works after regular office hours generally between the hours of 7 p.m. and 2 a.m. five evenings a week and can be reached at (867) 634-5103 or via email at mmaloney@cafn.ca.

Andrew Moore

System Administrator



I was raised in Haines Junction till I left in 2003 for post secondary schooling, and we moved back to Haines Junction a little over a year ago. I have worked in computer sales and support for the better part of 10 years; Enterprise I.T. design and support for the last 3 years; and web, database and application design, programming and support dispersed throughout my 13 years of professional experience.

I thoroughly enjoy a good technical challenge, but also greatly appreciate the simplicities of standing on a lake side fishing, floating in a canoe, or hiking. I am very enthusiastic about bringing my skills and experience to CAFN and look forward to working with everyone.

Andrew Moore
System Administrator
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We are very pleased that two of our companies, Castle Rock Enterprises and Northerm, were both nominated in the "Top Aboriginal Owned Company" category for the Up Here Business 2014 Frozen Globe Awards. Castle Rock was voted a finalist but lost out to Det'on Cho of Yellowknife, one of the top 50 fastest growing businesses in Canada for 2013. At DDC, we are very proud that our companies Northerm and Castle Rock were nominated for this prestigious award.

Joining the Dakwakada team in February 2014 is our new Finance Manager, Joey Krahn. Joey's background is in financial accounting and job costing in the construction and manufacturing sector.

EVENTS

The CAFN Career Fair took place March 20th at the Da Kų Cultural Centre. Michelle, DDC's Community Liaison, Gail Anderson from Castle Rock Enterprises (CRE), and Rob Fordham from Kilrich attended. Thanks for all who visited the CRE and Kilrich booth to drop off resumes and discuss opportunities to pursue careers in the Construction or Carpentry Industries. As well, resumes for CRE may be faxed to 867-633-2621 or emailed to finance2@castlerockent.com

March 28-30 was the 37th annual Kilrich/Northerm Native Hockey Tournament. Kilrich and Northerm have both signed another four year sponsorship contract to support this event. Hope you were able to come out and cheer your favourite team at the biggest and best hockey tournament in the Yukon. Kilrich also hosted a booth so community members could meet the staff, enter in a tool draw, and enjoy gifts for the kids!

CASTLE ROCK ENTERPRISES (CRE)

Tendering

CRE's operations staff is working diligently on tenders for the 2014-15 fiscal year. CRE has been successful in three recent tenders: 1) F.H. Collins School replacement (subcontracted to Clark Builders), 2) Demolition of the Ross River Fire Hall and, 3) Highway right-of-way clearing from Km 79.0 to Km 94.9.

Projects to complete from 2013

Surface works and paving contracts include Evergreen, Crocus Glen, and Whistle Bend subdivisions.

Underground projects include the Town of Faro water pump-house and Brookside subdivision.

2014-15 is shaping up to be another successful year for CRE with approximately 8 tenders presently being prepared for submission. Planning by Yukon government, City of Whitehorse, First Nations, and developers indicate there will be approximately 70 tenders coming up for the 2014 construction season.

Developing Skill Sets

Castle Rock is now hiring two heavy duty mechanic apprentices to complement our workforce through CAFN and Kwanlin Dun First Nation partnership. This is a major four year commitment for both CRE and the candidates while the apprentices each work to acquire their Journeyman Heavy Duty Mechanic Seal. This will result in a growing long term partnership with skilled workers.

CRE has moved into Waste Wood Grinding and Solid Waste Facility Maintenance through standing offer agreements with the Government of Yukon. As this area of operations grows, there may be further opportunities to complement CRE's workforce. Castle Rock will continue to cross-train employees in all aspects of CRE operations to ensure the longevity of its workforce.

Business Planning

Castle Rock has completed a five year business plan and will be venturing into new and exciting opportunities and partnerships. CRE is committed to work more closely with DDC, CAFN Chief and Council, and CAFN Departments.

NORTHERM

Yukon

Northerm is experiencing typical fourth quarter slow-down and is using this down time to complete repairs and maintenance to our equipment and building.

Budgeting processes for the 2014-15 year indicate stable sales growth.

We are going to be aggressive in the NWT/Nunavut market, as we are hoping things will pick up this year with the announcement of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk highway. We are hoping to finish strong in this fourth quarter and reach our target revenues.

Alaska

We would like to welcome Tony Pagano, the new General Manager for our Alaska operation. Tony brings considerable experience in various manufacturing industries. Employment is slow but construction is strong!

The US Federal Government predicts a 3.9% decrease in workforce, with the southeast region being hit the hardest. However, spending is expected to increase, especially within the Oil and Gas and National Defense sectors. This should lead to increased business opportunities for commercial businesses in the Anchorage/Mat Su, Interior, and Rural regions.

KILRICH

The Yukon building material marketplace saw a drastic decline of approximately 25% in 2013. A reduction of projects was apparent in all building sectors due to a lack of housing starts, capital projects, mining, and exploration. Despite the downturn, we were able to surpass our budgeted revenues by implementing new contacts and enhancing our current relationships with builders throughout the North.

The Kilrich team was equally successful in fulfilling operational goals. A tremendous amount of time, effort and resources have been allocated into the development of an all-inclusive business plan for securing an even larger piece of the northern market. Although not yet approved, the plan would include expanding the store front and show room, developing an online ordering catalogue, enhancing the northern marketing plan, and offering a variety of new services and product lines. The focus of the business plan will be to improve and enhance what we already do well, while ensuring that the culture and core values of the business stay intact.

Kilrich, in partnership with our suppliers, implemented a contest to promote our already thriving health and safety program and culture. Awards were given out throughout the year to employees who participated in

our programs, and a grand prize was recently awarded to our receiving foreman, Lino Robles. The grand prize was co-sponsored by CanWel Distributors, and included a trip for two to watch an NHL hockey game. Congratulations, Lino!

The future looks strong for Kilrich and we are estimating an upward turn in the marketplace for 2014.

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of the Kilrich team and the Board of Directors for their guidance and support.

*Paul Gruner, General Manager
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**37TH ANNUAL
KILRICH/NORTHERN
YUKON NATIVE
HOCKEY
TOURNAMENT
MARCH 28-30, 2014
WHITEHORSE, YT**

REGISTRATION
A Division (\$1000/team) - 18 & Up
B Division (\$900/team) - 18 & Up
C Division (\$800/team) - 18 & Up
Old Timers' Division (\$800/team) - 40 & Up
Jamboree Division (\$300/team) - 14-17
Youth Division (\$300/team) - 10-13

Registration open February 3 - 28, 2014

Please register at Sport Yukon
4061-4th Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon
P: (867) 668.4236 F: (867) 667.4237

All entry forms and rules are online
at yuha.ca. For More information
please call YIHA at (867) 456.7294

ADMISSION
(Including all players)

Weekend Pass - Available Friday Only
Adult (13-64) - \$25
Youth (5-12) - \$15
Senior (65 & Up) - \$15

Day Pass
Adult (13-64) - \$10
Youth (5-12) - \$7
Senior (65 & Up) - \$7

Age 4 & Under - Free

SPONSORS

Kilrich and Northern recently signed another four year sponsorship contract to support the Yukon Native Hockey Tournament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAFN BOARD & COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

ST. ELIAS COMMUNITY SCHOOL COUNCIL

CAFN is seeking three community members to sit on the St. Elias Community School Council for a term of two years. CAFN community members residing in the Haines Junction area are eligible to apply. School Council representatives play a key role in decisions which impact the whole school community. School Council members are part of an education team which also includes school staff, parents and the Yukon Department of Education.

CAFN HOUSING COMMITTEE

CAFN is seeking Citizens to fill Elder, Youth, and regular member seats on the CAFN Housing Committee for a term of three years. The Housing Committee reviews all housing applications and makes policy recommendations to the Property Services Department and Chief and Council.

CHAMPAGNE AISHIHIK TRUST BOARD

CAFN is seeking one Citizen to sit on the Trust Board for a three year term. The Trust Board oversees CAFN's compensation and investment funds, including the business investments of Dakwakada Development Corp. Financial and/or investment training and experience are required. Applicants must be CAFN Citizens. Successful applicants will be required to provide a criminal record check.

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2014

CAFN Boards and Committees applications are available at: www.cafn.ca/committee.html or at CAFN offices in Whitehorse and Haines Junction.

Please submit your application form and resume to:

Amy McKinnon, Communications Manager

(867) 634-4237

almckinnon@cafn.ca

CANYON DUMP CLOSURE

We would like to inform the residents of Canyon that CAFN is discussing shutting down the former Canyon dump site. Now a transfer station, the site is not under any reservation or permit for its current use. Moreover, its use is not described in the CAFN Final Agreement Appendix A settlement land description. Essentially, its use is unsanctioned and in noncompliance with CAFN Legislation. Yukon Community Services is expected to take steps to shut down and decommission the site this upcoming fiscal year (2014). Given there is no benefit for CAFN in facilitating land for the Canyon transfer station, we wanted to address its closure and reclamation.

Presently, CAFN Municipal is collecting waste from the Canyon Creek subdivision and will continue to do so with consideration for CAFN citizens under the CAFN waste and recycling program.

Graham Boyd, Lands Manager

(867) 456-6886

gboyd@cafn.ca

CAFN HAS INTERAC!

You can pay your bills at CAFN with Interac!

Interac debit machines are now available to process your rent, daycare fees, service charges, and other payments to CAFN. The two new machines are located in Haines Junction in the Finance Department at the main administration building and in Whitehorse at the front desk of our CAFN office.

Come try it out!



IT'S TAX TIME!

NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS ON SETTLEMENT LAND

During your personal income tax preparations, please note:

If you resided on Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Settlement Land on December 31, 2013, you are **obligated** to file the Yukon First Nations Tax form attached to your income tax application. You can download the form at the Canada Revenue Agency website: www.cra-arc.gc.ca Once there, enter "Yukon First Nations tax" in the search engine and the results 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 a part of these taxes to CAFN. Every year, CAFN receives a percentage of taxes from Canada and YTG. This year, the amount will be based on all residents who file a personal income tax return stating they lived on Settlement Land on December 31, 2013.

These taxes increase CAFN's Own Source Revenue, and Chief and Council has discretion in allocating the funding received.

Everyone, regardless of income, should file a tax return. Be informed, if you have low or no income, you may be eligible to receive a GST credit in the form of a tax-free quarterly payment. This credit may help individuals and families with low or modest incomes offset all or part of the GST you pay. You may also benefit from the Canada Child Tax, which is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under the age of 18.

For further information, please contact:

Angie Wabisca
(867) 456-6881
awabisca@cafn.ca

or

Ian Robinson
(867) 456-6878
ironbinson@cafn.ca



ARRC QUESTIONNAIRE

The Alsek Renewable Resource Council (ARRC), Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, and Yukon Government are working together to develop a community based work plan. This work plan will direct our work around fish, wildlife and wildlife habitat.

What we need from you is the most important part of this: YOUR input.

A survey will be sent to all mailboxes in the Champagne and Aishihik Traditional Territory soon as there are some questions we really need answers to.

There will be several ways to get your ideas and answers to us:

- Fill out a survey on our websites: www.alsekrrc.ca or www.cafn.ca
- Mail the survey: ARRC, Box 2077, Haines Junction, YT, Y0B 1L0
- Call: Michael at CAFN (867) 456-6885 or Susan at ARRC (867) 634-2524
- E-mail: admin@alsekrrc.ca
- Come by our offices and talk to us.

If you answer our questionnaire, your name will be submitted for the chance to win a single round-trip ticket for AirNorth that can be used for a flight to Vancouver, Edmonton or Old Crow.

We appreciate your participation.

The Alsek Renewable Resource Council meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 5:30 pm, September to June. Our meetings are open to the public.

GENDER EQUITY IN INDIAN REGISTRATION ACT (BILL C-3)

Individuals who want to register must submit an application and meet all three criteria:

1. Your grandmother lost her Indian status as a result of marrying a non-Indian;
2. One of your parents was registered or entitled to be registered under subsection 6(2) of the Indian Act;
3. You or your siblings were born on or after September 4, 1951.

If you are successfully registered, you will have access to federal benefits and services for registered Indians. Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) will provide you with a status number.

IMPORTANT:

CAFN is NOT notified when you get your status number because the Indian Registrar may not share that information by law. It is very important that you notify us if you are a beneficiary of CAFN and have successfully received your status through Bill C-3.

Information on the Gender Equity in Indian Registration Act and the registration process can be found on INAC's website: www.ainc-inac.gc.ca

For further information, please contact:

Lilly Smith, Enrollment Officer

(867) 634-4204

lsmith@cafn.ca

Box 5310, Haines Junction, YT

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COMMUNITY CARE PROJECTS

The Community Care Coordinator has received funding for three Community based projects and is seeking Elders to help take the lead on these projects. Small honoraria will be available for Elders sitting on the committee.

Interested Elders, please contact Jacquie Chambers for more information:

Jacqueline Chambers

Community Care Coordinator

(867) 634-4012

(867) 634-5219 cell

jchambers@cafn.ca

FIRE EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

TAKHINI: 911 (Mendenhall or Ibex Fire Depts)

CHAMPAGNE: 667-5555 (Mendenhall)

CANYON: 634-2222

HAINES JUNCTION: 634-2222

CAFN Citizens are encouraged to volunteer at their nearest Volunteer Fire Department. Thank you to all our community volunteer fire fighters!

CAFN LAWYER APPOINTED TO HSMBC

Brian L. MacDonald, a lawyer and specialist in Aboriginal issues, has been appointed as the Yukon representative for the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada. The board, which advises the Minister of the Environment, has made a significant effort to commemorate national historic Aboriginal places, people, and events; together with Parks Canada, it ensures these subjects will be recognized and shared appropriately.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Mondays - CAFN Education and Community Wellness staff at Takhini from 1 to 7 p.m. at the community hall.

Mondays - Family Movie Night at Takhini, 7 to 9 p.m. at the community hall.

Tuesdays - Family Game Night, Haines Junction, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Näts'ekhj Kų.

Wednesdays - Elders Tea and Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Näts'ekhj Kų. Followed by sewing 1 to 4 p.m. For more information contact Darlene Blair at 634-4018 or dblair@cafn.ca .

Wednesdays - Family Game Night at Takhini, 7 to 9 p.m. at the community hall.

Thursdays - Fitness and Healthy Snack, 12 to 1 p.m. at Näts'ekhj Kų.

Thursdays - Sewing with Brenda Asp, 1 to 4:30 p.m. at at Näts'ekhj Kų.

Thursdays - Family Movie Night, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Näts'ekhj Kų.

Näts'ekhj Kų (Healing House)

Fitness Room Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Friday 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Mondays Evenings

For more details:

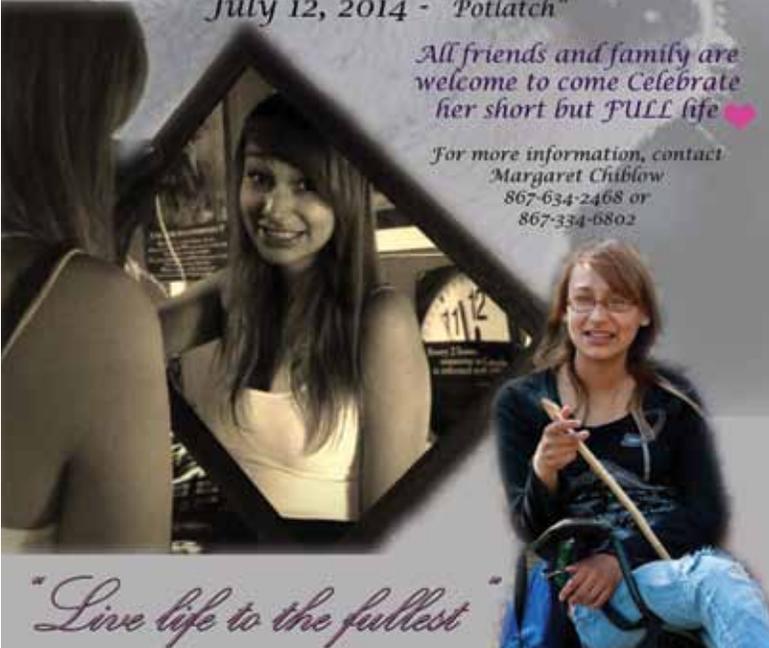
Charlene Hume
Community Wellness Coordinator
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chume@cafn.ca

Headstone Potlatch
for the late
Tora-Lee Jessie Jane Williams
"Valena"
April 14, 1997 - November 1, 2012

will be at the *Champagne Hall*
(Champagne, YT)
July 11, 2014 - "Gathering"
July 12, 2014 - "Potlatch"

All friends and family are welcome to come Celebrate her short but FULL life

For more information, contact
Margaret Chiblow
867-634-2468 or
867-334-6802



"Live life to the fullest"

Head Stone Potlatch

Hosted by the *Käjët (Crow) Clan*
For Brothers

Gene George Kushniruk
Kambäda
July 17, 1949 - May 2, 2013



David Earl Kushniruk
December 23, 1960- October 16, 2011



Saturday
September 20, 2014 - 1:00 pm
Shadhäla (Champagne) Hall
Everyone Welcome

SPECIAL GREETINGS

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

*Happy 16th Birthday on March 10, Marlee Firth. We love you!
Gramma and Grampa Backstrom and Mom!*

*Happy 2nd Birthday to our daughter, Abigail Lilian Dorothea Johnson on March 16.
Love big brother Justin, Mom and Dad, Pika and Blue, too!*

*Happy 9th Birthday to our Sonny Justin Roy Johnson on April 20.
Love from Mom and Dad, Abigail, Pika and Blue, too!*

*Happy Birthday to my dad Thomas Joe on January 14.
Lots of love, Helen and the family.*

*Happy Birthday to my son Mike Maloney on March 4.
Happy Birthday to Marie Chambers on March 16.
Phyllis Smith*

Happy Birthday wishes go out to my son, Tom Buzzell, with love from Mom.

Birthday greetings to Clinton McCuaig, Delean, Jessie and Cara with much love from "Auntie" and "Auntie Grandma."

Happy Birthday! Have an Awesome Possum Day!



*A very happy birthday to:
Alex Williams and Nicolas Williams on January 15,
Doreen Williams and Charlene Hume on January 20,
Brandon Williams on February 12,*

*Casey Williams on February 18,
Vera Williams on February 20,
Kathleen VanBibber on February 21,
Doris Hume on February 26.*

*Happy Birthday greetings to my grandchildren:
Abigail Johnson for March 16,
Justin Johnson for April 20, and
Ethan Smith for June 8.
From Lilly Smith*

Paddy Jim Receives 2014 Keish Elder Award

The Keish Elder Recognition Award honours Elders who have made a difference in the lives of others, and who have made outstanding contributions in their respective communities. Paddy Jim is deserving of this award; he is always going above and beyond and is an incredible role model for so many of all age groups! He was recognized at the Skookum Jim Folklore Show, "Keeping the Fire Alive," on February 1.

The Aged One

By Jenny Jackson

Oh Aged One, now shuffling by
history etched upon your face,
mysteries and secrets lie
just beneath the surface.

When were you young?
Where did you grow?
What was life like
so long ago?

Would you trust me with secrets deep
and share the stories that you keep?
What gave you strength for all these years?
What brought you joy? What gave you tears?

Layers back to days of old
history buried in the soul
several books lie deep within
beneath that distant, wistful grin
and eyes that moisten silently
then quickly look away from me

Oh Aged One with your rich past
I fear your sun is sinking fast.
Would you dare to share with me
some stories from your history?



Happy Anniversary!

Paddy and Stella Jim celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary! They were married March 3, 1944, at the Old Log Church in Whitehorse, Yukon. They have had 14 children, 38 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Mr. & Mrs. Yukon

Congratulations to Nellie and Dwayne Backstrom! They were chosen by the Sourdough Rendezvous Committee to be Mr. & Mrs. Yukon for 2014 and the 50th Anniversary of Rendezvous.

Happy 98th Birthday to Alex VanBibber!

APRIL 4th HAPPY 98TH BIRTHDAY DAD/GRAM-PA - DADDY! Only 2 years to 100! WISHING YOU THE BEST, Richard, Kathleen and all of your Grand, Great & Great, Great Grand Children



Do you need guidance in developing your business idea?

Are you considering starting, purchasing or expanding a business?

CAFN provides guidance and information through our Business Assistance program to citizens preparing business plans.

CAFN also offers an Entrepreneur Equity Fund to financially support citizens to pursue business activities by contributing to their equity in the venture. By contributing to equity, the Fund intends to help entrepreneurs lever additional financing from banks and other sources if required.

The Entrepreneur Equity Fund has three components to which eligible citizens may apply:

- 1. EQUITY MATCHING** – provides 50% of eligible capital costs in a business venture, to a maximum of \$10,000 per applicant
- 2. BUSINESS STUDIES** – provides 50% of eligible costs to prepare business plans or conduct feasibility and other studies related to a business venture, to a maximum of \$10,000 per applicant
- 3. TRADES & CRAFTS** – provides 50% of eligible capital costs to a maximum of \$500 per year to citizens who are self-employed in providing services or products for sale.

For more information contact
456-6880



CHAMPAGNE and AISHIHIK First Nations

Please send your greetings for the Dàkwānia newsletter care of Amy McKinnon, Communications Manager, at almckinnon@cafn.ca or phone (867) 634-4237 for more details.

Return Address:

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



Destination Address:



More than 50 youth and their families participated in CAFN Fun Days at Da Kų Cultural Centre this March during spring break. The many activities include campfire building and tea boiling, hand games, and much more. Kids from Whitehorse and Takhini also joined the fun. To view more photos, visit CAFN Youth Programs - the Youth Junction on Facebook.



Dàkwänía

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is available in full colour
@ www.cafn.ca/news

Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

Please send your submissions to: almckinnon@cafn.ca

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