

Dàkwänia

What people say

SUMMER/FALL 2013



About 500 people gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of Da Kų Cultural Centre and 20th Anniversary of CAFN Self-Government on June 1, 2013.

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DA Kų CULTURAL CENTRE GRAND OPENING

The Da Kų Cultural Centre Grand Opening and CAFN 20th Anniversary Celebration in Haines Junction on June 1, 2013, was an event to remember.

About 500 community members and guests filled the assembly hall of Da Kų to celebrate the historic milestones despite heavy rain. Spirits were high and comments were positive throughout the day, which began with formal presentations at 10 a.m. and concluded with the final dance performance after midnight.

The day included presentations by CAFN Chief James Allen, Parks Canada CEO Alan Latourelle, Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski, Grand Chief Ruth Massie, Kluane Chief Mathieya Alatini, and Haines Junction Deputy Mayor Mike Crawshay.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations honoured the many individuals who contributed to the creation and construction of the Cultural Centre, and who signed and helped achieve CAFN's Final and Self-Government Agreement 20 years ago.



The Northway Dancers from Alaska travelled to Haines Junction to participate in the celebration.

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Southern Tutchone princesses Laurie Strand and Jenessa Tlen sang the Welcome Song in Southern Tutchone.



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Chief Allen presents Chief Alatini and Grand Chief Massie with commemorative plaques.

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Special presentations were also made officially opening the Yukon Information Centre and Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre.

Traditional language was incorporated throughout the day's ceremonies, including O' Canada and a dedication prayer in Southern Tutchone, Tlingit, and English.

Performers from all over the Yukon and Alaska made the event even more memorable. Kwänaschis to: the Dakwakada Dancers, 86 Heaven, the Kluane Dancers, Diyet, All Nations Dancers, Nicole Smith, the St. Elias Band, Les Walker, Bob Charlie and the Klukshu Flats Boogie Band, Ron Chambers, the Dakhka Khwaan Juniors, and to the Selkirk, Klukwan, Yakutat and Northway dancers.

We are very grateful for special gifts presented to CAFN for the Cultural Centre by the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, Latitude Wireless, Northern Cultural Expressions Society, and the St. Elias Dancers from Yakutat, Alaska. *Kwänaschis.*

And the day was full of feasting! Attendance peaked during a barbecue lunch. Celebrity chefs including Commissioner Doug Phillips, CEO Latourelle, Mayor George Nassiopoulos, Grand Chief Massie, and Chiefs Allen, Alatini and Kane served more than 500 burgers, smokies and hotdogs! And a delicious potlatch supper was served in the assembly hall, complete with high cache (*Dakwakada*) centrepieces.

Our sincere gratitude to all who helped make this enormous event so memorable.



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CAFN honoured the many people who contributed to the cultural centre. Pictured here (l to r): Lorraine Stick, Jan Stick on behalf of the late Ed Stick, Chuck Hume and Shadelle Chambers.



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CAFN Director of Lands and Resources Lawrence Joe emceed the formal ceremonies, followed by "fun" MC Rose Kushniruk for the afternoon and evening activities and performances.

2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations friends and families gathered on the land for the 2013 General Assembly (GA) at the old Takhini Rodeo Grounds this July 26-28.

Many CAFN members and guests participated in the meetings and activities, and learned from the many CAFN and partner information booths. Cultural highlights this year included gopher trapping by the youth and a men's drum-making workshop.

The General Assembly resulted in passage of 26 resolutions, which are available at www.cafn.ca/general.html or at CAFN offices.

Resolution 2013-03 calls for the 2014 CAFN General Assembly to be held at Klukshu.

CAFN's 30 General Assembly delegates met one day prior to the GA to prepare for the Assembly, and to review and comment on the draft Delegate Terms of Reference and the process for future delegate selection. Our current delegates are serving a four-year term through 2015. They will continue to meet periodically during the year to continue work on delegate processes and for a mid-year update session on work and projects underway at CAFN.



General Assembly participants enjoy a game of Bingo after-hours.



Youth learn how to prepare and singe gopher to eat.

The GA was coordinated by a staff planning committee led by Governance Coordinator Brenda Asp and GA summer student Heather VanBibber. *Shāw Nithän*. Extra special thanks to the cooks, Gopher Buddies, Chair Eric Morris, Co-Chair Caleb Smith, and to the many people who prepared the site and worked hard before, during and after the GA. And thank you to everyone who participated for making this year's General Assembly a success.

For more details, please visit www.cafn.ca/general.html. The 2013 CAFN Annual report is also available at www.cafn.ca/report.html and at CAFN offices.



The 2013 GA site near the old Takhini rodeo grounds.

CHIEF AND COUNCIL

2013 Chief and Council Regular Meetings

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 Priorities

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

The following decisions were made during the April 18-19, May 16-17, June 19-20, and July 11-12 regular Chief and Council meetings.

Community Health and Well Being

The decision was made not to change Policy #7-910 Community Health and Well Being Grant, except to take groups out. Further research and input from citizens is required to implement a new policy.

Finance Department

Chief and Council adopted Spending Policy #7-900 as amended to include programs already administered, an increased grant for citizens of \$150K, and additional entrepreneurial funding.

Accounts Receivable

Chief and Council supported the recommendation to develop and implement a policy and procedures for the collection of overdue receivables.

Financial Administration Act

Chief and Council agreed to adopt the CAFN Financial Administration Act as amended under Power to Invest in order to do investments with Yukon Inn Trust.

The CAFN Financial Administration Act amended under Management of Investment was also adopted to ensure the proper management and administration of the Yukon Inn Trust.

CMHC Mortgage Renewal

Council resolved to name First Nations Bank of Canada as the lending institution for a five year renewal of a loan totaling \$217,298.20 for the Mun Kų Housing Complex. Further, they acknowledged and accepted CMHC clauses for inclusion on the First Nations Council Resolution relating to the renewal of a housing loan under Section 95 Project Operating Agreement.

AFN General Assembly Donation

Chief and Council agreed to support the AFN and would donate \$5000 to assist with costs for the AFN General Assembly in 2013.

Da Kų Cultural Centre Rental Policy

Chief and Council approved the Da Ku Cultural Centre Rental Policy which clarifies acceptable use of the facility, hours of operation, Facility Manager responsibilities, user responsibility, rental procedures, and rate schedule.

Habitat for Humanity Yukon Mortgage Guarantee

Chief and Council agreed to provide mortgage guarantees for the Habitat for Humanity Yukon homeownership housing units on CAFN Settlement Lands which will cover the cost of the mortgage payments as an interim measure during periods between family transitions.

CAFN Enrollment

Chief and Council resolved to establish CAFN eligibility criteria consistent with, but in addition to, those set out in Chapter 3 of the CAFN Final Agreement, clear policies and procedures for decision-making pursuant to Chapter 3, and a timeline to have the work completed by September 30, 2013.

First Nation Land Registry System

Chief and Council made the commitment to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the creation of a Land Registry System for Yukon First Nations Lands.

ARRC and KNPMB Funding

Council authorized the Chief to sign a letter and related documents approving the funding levels for Alsek Renewable Resource Council and Kluane National Park Management Board as proposed and recommended.

Lands

Chief and Council approved land applications:

- 2013-001 by Lance Fraser – Cabin at 6 Mile Lake.
- 2013-002 by Denise Beattie – Cabin transfer in Champagne.
- 2009-006 by Albert Hume for cabin in S52-B near Pringle Lakes.
- by Frances Oles for a 5 year lease renewal for the CAFN Farm Fields C-1B.

Chief and Council deferred land applications for the following until consultation with the Elders in the Hutchi area has been completed:

- 2013-004 CAFN Lands Department for a cabin at Hutchi Lakes in R4-B to support the Trailhead project.
- 2013-005 CAFN Lands Department for the notation in the Hutchi Lakes R4-B.

Community Economic Development Plan

Chief and Council resolved to accept the Community Economic Development Plan as the economic development plan to be pursued by Champagne and Aishihik First Nations.

CAFN Audit Approval

Chief and Council accepted the financial statements to March 31, 2013 as prepared and presented by MacKay LLP Chartered Accountants.

AFN General Assembly

Chief and Council agreed to support the AFN General Assembly and approved the budget of \$2,500.00 for a bus tour and dinner in July, 2013.

CAFN Community Sport Funding Request

Chief and Council made the decision to support the CAFN Youth Stick Gambling Team with funding of \$2,500 to attend the tournament in Watson Lake in July, 2013.

Service Fee Account Receivable Policy

Chief and Council approved the Service Fee Account Receivable Policy as amended to include a right to appeal and a clear appeals process.

Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Chief and Council accepted the Terms of Reference for the Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee, with amendments.

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.



Deputy Chief Harold Johnson tours guests attending the Assembly of First Nations through Long Ago Peoples' Place - Kwäday Dän Kenji - near Champagne this July.

CAFN HOSTS HONOURED GUESTS

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations was proud to share our traditional territory with some special guests this summer.

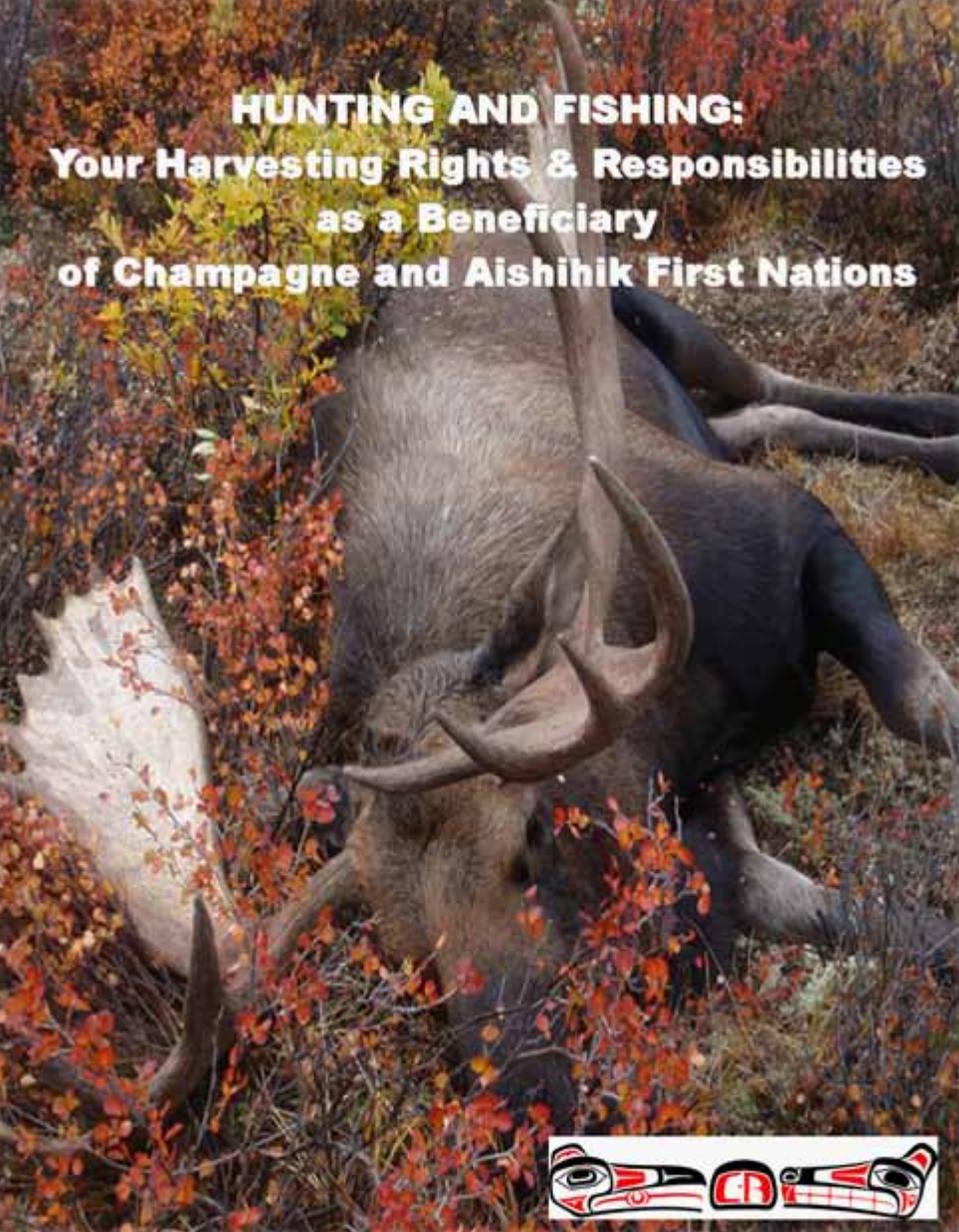
Their Excellencies David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, and Mrs. Sharon Johnston, toured the CAFN/Habitat for Humanity project at Takhini River Subdivision, visited Da Kų Cultural Centre, and joined a community feast at Klukshu on August 6.

Delegates attending the Assembly of First Nations Annual General Meeting in July also toured CAFN lands with a visit to *Kwäday Dän Kenji* and Da Kų.



Their Excellencies enjoyed a scenic stop at Dezadeash Lake. Left to right: Yukon Commissioner Doug Phillips, Chief Allen, Mrs. Sharon Johnston, Governor General David Johnston, and Ms. Dale Stokes.

HUNTING AND FISHING: Your Harvesting Rights & Responsibilities as a Beneficiary of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations



It provides a brief summation to clarify your asserted rights to use and harvest fish and wildlife, also to participate in their management and monitoring. It is very important that you understand the main elements of your First Nations Final Agreement as they relate to your harvesting rights. As a beneficiary, you have the right to harvest fish and wildlife for your personal needs, in any number, at any time, during all seasons of the year within your traditional territory. However, we all need to hunt ethically and respectfully to ensure a healthy sustainable resource remains for the benefit of our future generations to come and to enjoy traditional life pursuits.

This brochure was available at the General Assembly and is posted on our CAFN website at www.cafn.ca. To learn more, please be sure to read this brochure's relevant information and understand your Final Agreement and its other general provisions.

Harvesting Rights Brochure Preview By: Micheal Jim, Renewable Resources Officer

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Renewable Resources was to develop and implement education tool for our Citizens about their harvesting rights within our traditional territory, hunting requirements and ethical hunting practices. We completed our brochure titled **"HUNTING AND FISHING: Your Harvesting Rights & Responsibilities as a Beneficiary of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations"**. This brochure is intended to communicate and provide certainty and awareness about your responsibilities as a beneficiary of CAFN's Final Agreement.

An important preview: In 1998 CAFN passed its Fish and Wildlife Act, and in 2000 passed a Wildlife harvesting Regulation under this Act. CAFN Laws can be obtained from the CAFN Renewable Resources office or viewed at CAFN website at www.cafn.ca/laws.html.

An important preview: If you don't have your beneficiary enrollment card, you can obtain it from CAFN Law Registry Clerk/Support Services. Please drop by, call (867) 634-4204 or e-mail ismith@cafn.ca. This card shows you are an aboriginal person and to be recognized as a member of a registered First Nations (beneficiary) of Canada.

Please ensure that you carry this card with you during your traditional pursuits, as you may be asked for proof of enrollment with your Yukon First Nations in the field by a Conservation Officer or Park Warden/Ranger (Yukon/BC).

For certainty, it is recommended to carry both your enrollment and Status Cards to fully ensure your rights are not infringed upon.

An important preview: The sharing of your wildlife harvesting information will provide us with a better understanding of actual wildlife harvest numbers, which leads to better management and use of our local wildlife resources. So, please remember it is mandatory to report all of your successful subsistence harvest to our Fish and Wildlife Harvest Monitor.

Our views are for promoting conservation, stewardship values and the long-term sustainability of our fish and wildlife populations within CAFN's Traditional Territory. To see more details, please read your harvesting rights brochure. As this brochure only summarizes the main aspects of your rights and responsibilities, you are also encouraged to understand your Final Agreement. If you have any questions about the brochure's content or need further information, please feel free to call us at (867) 456-6885 or 634-4211.

**The information presented in the brochure "HUNTING AND FISHING: Your Harvesting Rights & Responsibilities as a Beneficiary of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations" may be subject to change over time. However, CAFN will ensure if elements (opinions) do change, such as to legislation or policies, it will be communicated to ensure your recognized rights are not infringed upon.*

HAS SPIDERMAN BEEN PLAYING IN THE FOREST THIS YEAR?

If you live or work in Champagne or Haines Junction, you have probably noticed the Aspen (poplar) trees do not look healthy this summer, and there is silken webbing all over the place. That was not Spiderman but the work of the larvae of the Large Aspen Tortrix moth (*Choristoneura conflictana*). The larva of this moth feed on aspen and poplar leaves. The populations are known to be partly cyclical, peaking every 10 years or so. There were some areas affected last year and the outbreaks tend to last 3 to 4 years. They do not normally kill the aspen but may reduce their growth. The Yukon Government has published a very informative guide available at

www.emr.gov.yk.ca/forestry/pdf/forest_health11.pdf

If you see anything unusual on the land, please take the time to let the staff of Lands and Resources Department know.

*Courtesy of Roger Brown, CAFN Manager of Environment and Natural Resources
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ELDERS SENATE UPDATE

On March 18th, the Elders Senate, which includes all CAFN Elders, gathered together in Haines Junction for their Adjlät (Spring) sitting. We had a great turnout! The day was informative with updates on the salmon numbers and the effects of the Japan tsunami. We also heard about the exciting things happening with the new department: Language, Culture, and Heritage.

In addition, the Lands Department updated us on the Trail Project and we were comforted to learn these trails are all on CAFN settlement land; YTG cannot open the trail up to anyone else without consulting the First Nations.

The Elders Executive:

- Chair, Chief Paul Birckel
- Phyllis Smith
- Charles Hume
- Vera Williams
- Raymond Jackson

The Elders Executive met on June 4th. During this meeting, we were informed that there are high numbers of cow moose harvests within our traditional territory. With that news, the Elders Executive decided it was imperative to send a message to all:

**“We need to grow moose.
It’s important that we
don’t harvest cow moose.”**

CAFN Elders Senate



Elders Senate and Chief and Council hosted a joint barbecue in Haines Junction this July.

The Elders Senate met again July 22 in Haines Junction to prepare for the General Assembly, and Chair Paul Birckel presented an update to the 2013 GA on the activities of the Senate over the past year.

Upcoming Elders Senate meetings:

2013

October 3 - Elders Executive
Whitehorse at 6pm

December 12 - Elders Executive
Haines Junction at 6pm

2014

March 18 - Elders Senate
Haines Junction at 10 a.m.

Please note: Any Citizen who wishes to make a presentation to the Elders must provide written notice to the chair. The notice shall indicate the citizen’s name and the topic of discussion. Notices may be forwarded through the Governance Coordinator.

For more information please contact:

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YOUTH COUNCIL UPDATE



Frances Woolsey receives Parks Canada's Award of Excellence from CEO Alan Latourelle this June.

Elders Receive Prestigious Award

The Parks Canada Agency recently honoured Elders Chuck Hume and Frances Woolsey with a Chief Executive Officer's Award of Excellence for their work in the Agency's Aboriginal Leadership Development Program (ALDP). Alan Latourelle, Chief Executive Officer, presented them with their awards.

The Parks Canada CEO Award of Excellence, the most prestigious honour awarded by the Agency, was established to recognize employees and partners who have demonstrated a high level of excellence or achieved outstanding results. The Elders are being recognized for their exceptional contribution to the Aboriginal Leadership Development Program in the category of Innovations in Learning.

The ALDP is a four year training and development program delivered in the Yukon since 2000. It is aimed at nurturing and inspiring new Aboriginal leaders within the Agency, and Elders Woolsey and Hume have respectively dedicated seven and 12 years to the program. They have touched the lives of many Parks Canada team members, providing guidance, support and encouragement. They are a large part of the success of the ALDP.



Chuck Hume is presented his Award.

On March 26th, 2013, the Youth Executive met to decide the schedule of meetings for the upcoming year. Youth Executive members are:

- Chair, Jessica Mazur
- Co-Chair, Caleb Smith
- Chase Smith-Tutin
- Andy Pauls
- Shania Jackson
- Anthony Primozic
- Britney Brown

On May 24th, at a second meeting, the Education Department presented updates on Post-Secondary funding deadlines and allowances, Yukon grant funds, and information regarding the use of Employment Insurance funds for education. The Executive also received an update from Councilor Mary Jane Jim on what has been happening with the Education portfolio.

Upcoming Youth Council meetings:

September 26 - Youth Executive
Whitehorse at 6 p.m.

November 2 - Youth Council General Assembly
Haines Junction, starts at 10 a.m.

Please note: Any Citizen who wishes to make a presentation to the Youth must provide written notice to the chair. The notice shall indicate the citizen's name and the topic of discussion. Notices may be forwarded through the Governance Coordinator.

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Alanna Quock

Hikers arrive at a cabin in Hutchi.

TRADITIONAL TRAIL PROJECT

In October 2012, a steering committee was established to begin planning and developing the CAFN Trailhead Project (*Tān Gà Nātthē*). Our initial efforts are on trail restoration, developing infrastructure for camps, and documenting heritage resources along the trail. It is our hope that clearing trails, and developing basic camp infrastructure will enable more CAFN citizens to spend time on the land, see the many signs of past use and hear stories of things that happened in these special places.

Over the winter, work crews cut and peeled logs for a cabin that will be built in Hutchi in the summer of 2014. This summer, work crews continue clearing a few sections of the trail between Neskatahin and Hutchi and will begin building basic camp infrastructure. We are establishing initial layouts for all camp sites along the trail, beginning with building an outhouse and high cache platform for

bear-safe food storage at the camp at *Tàkwàzhān* (Head of the Lake) and other camps where high use is expected this summer.

We look forward to seeing more CAFN citizens along the trail this summer. CAFN Education has hosted two summer youth camps that hiked the trail. There are also connections to the trail with the August language camp in Hutchi, family camp in Klukshu, and another hike between Neskatahin and Hutchi organized by Lands and Resources from August 6-14.

While hiking the full length of the trail in our ancestor's footsteps is an incredible experience, shorter opportunities for citizens to participate in day hikes and shorter multi-day hikes are available.

If you have any questions or suggestions please contact:

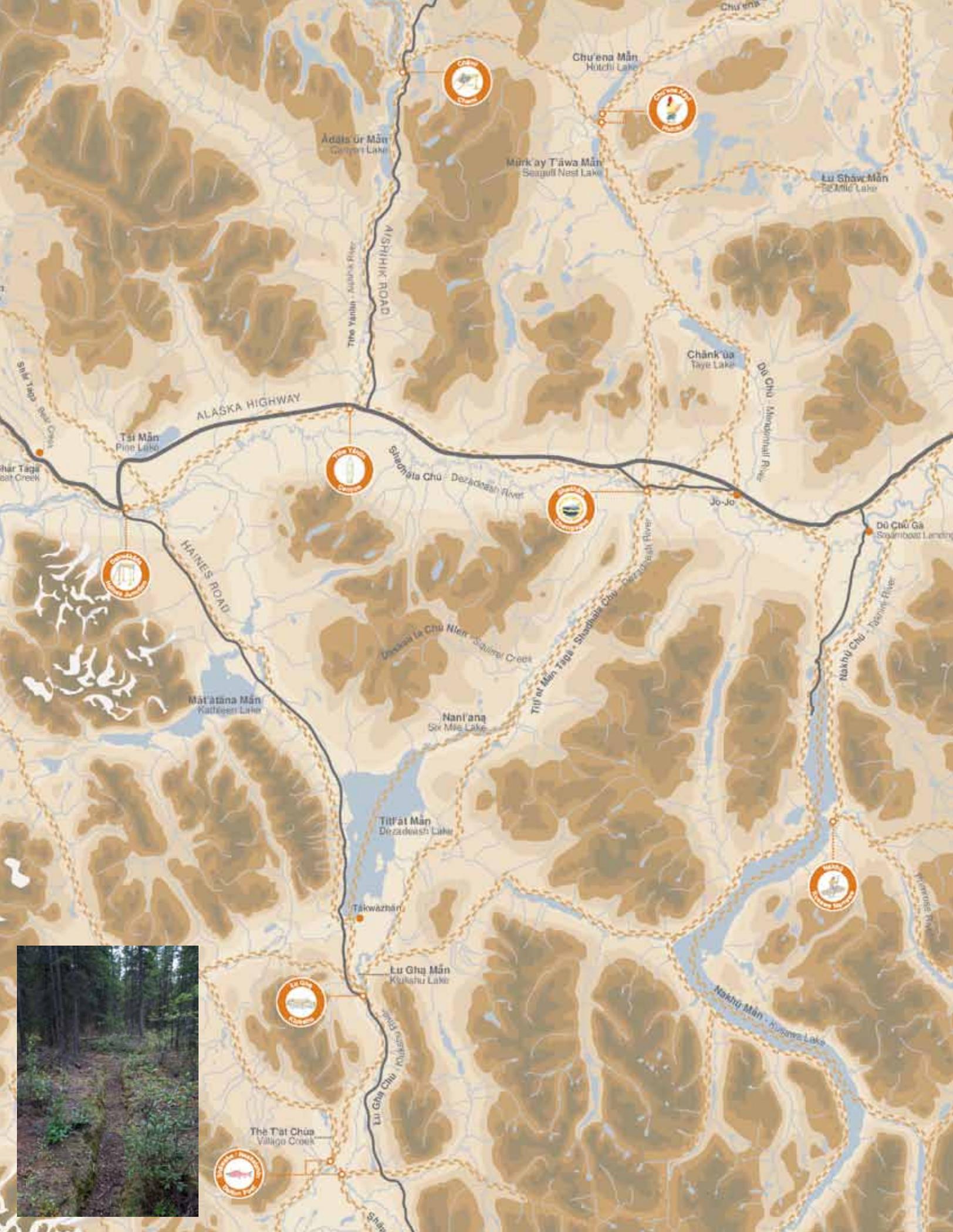
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At right:

Section of the CAFN Traditional Territory map showing the trail from Neskatahin to Hutchi.

Photo of the remaining imprint of the old trail.





Several CAFN Grade 12 graduates at the Yukon First Nation Graduation Ceremony this June.

Jennifer Chambers

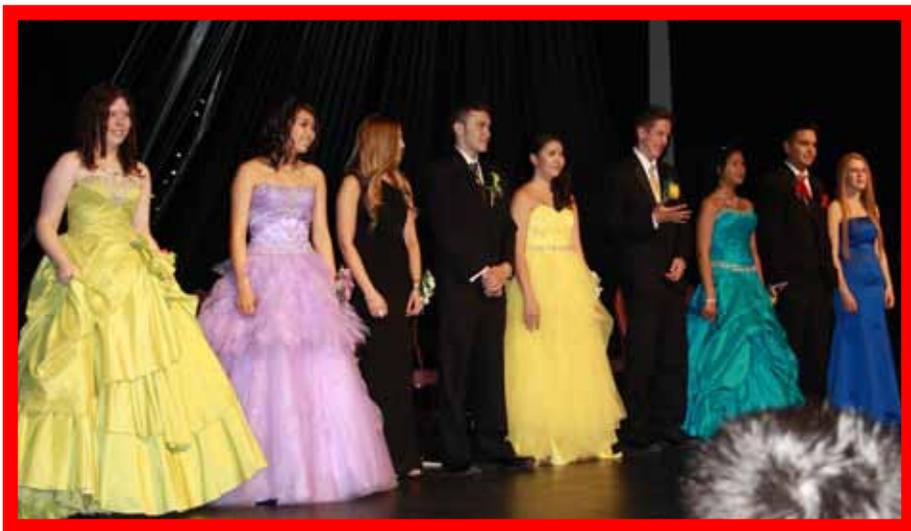
Congratulations 2013 CAFN Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Justice Billy
Steven Brown
Larry Fraser
Eddie Garvice
Shania Jackson
Jordana Jim
Brandon Long
Jessica Mazur
Logan Pauls
Breanna Smith
Dallayce Smith

GRADE 7 GRADUATES

Ashton Clooten
Christine Denechezhe
Jaden Hume-Berry
Edward Jim
Zabrina Leslie
Nathan Smith
Marcus Sparvier



St. Elias Community School class of 2013.



Two Southern Tutchone language award recipients, Ecko Kirk and Marcus Kinney.



St. Elias Community School 2013 kindergarten graduates.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES

- Harmony Bourassa***
- Jasmine Burns***
- Kaylin Charlie***
- Kaiya Denechezhe***
- Jorden Fraser***
- Kiekon Geddes***
- Daniel Jackson***
- Jorja Jackson***
- Josh Jackson***
- Koltun Jim***
- Scott Maloney***
- Tyler Oles***
- Mitchos Reid***
- Kadynce Smith***

2013 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT AWARDS

- Amy Hannon-Beattie***
Honour Roll and Crusader Award
- Shania Jackson***
Dave Joe Barrister and Solicitor Award
Kathy Kushniruk Award
- Jessica Mazur***
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre Award
- Breanna Smith***
Dōna Nāye Ventures Award
- Dallayce Smith***
Entrepreneurial Spirit Award

Congratulations 2013 CAFN Post-Secondary Graduates

<i>Brendon Boyko-Bridges</i>	<i>Mechanical Engineering University of Calgary</i>
<i>Christopher Gleason</i>	<i>Exercise & Wellness - Physiology for Sport Education Diploma Camosun College</i>
<i>Clinton Patchett</i>	<i>New Media & Web Design & Senior Management BCIT</i>
<i>Mathew Trotter</i>	<i>Science Psychology University of Alberta</i>
<i>Fran Asp</i>	<i>Human Resources Management Certificate Royal Roads University</i>
<i>Richard Ryan Gleason</i>	<i>Heavy Equipment Mechanic Journeyman</i>
<i>Collin Long Jr.</i>	<i>Electrical Apprenticeship Year 1 and Year 2</i>
<i>Warren Strand</i>	<i>Plumbing Apprenticeship Year 1 and Year 2</i>
<i>Tamara Jim</i>	<i>Business Administration Diploma Yukon College</i>
<i>Lawrence McLaren</i>	<i>Power Sport & Marine Technician Year 3</i>
<i>Kathleen Van Bibber</i>	<i>First Nation Governance Certificate Yukon College</i>
<i>Christian Papequash</i>	<i>Culinary Arts (Professional Cook) Yukon College</i>



*Several graduates of the Natural and Cultural Interpretation Essential Skills program at Yukon College, Haines Junction Campus during their graduation ceremony this spring.
Left to right: Instructor Patty Moore and graduates Katherine Baker, Susan Hume, Kathleen Darbyshire, John Fingland and Rebecca Palahicky.*

YOUR GLADUE RIGHTS

You may have heard of Gladue Reports in connection with Criminal Court proceedings, and have a general understanding of what they're about. Here's a short description of your Gladue Rights:

In 1999, The Supreme Court of Canada recognized that the number of Aboriginal people being sent to jail was too high when compared to the percentage of Aboriginal people in the general population. This recognition was part of a decision in a case called *R. v. Gladue*. You can google it.

If you self-identify as Aboriginal (meaning if you think of yourself as Aboriginal), you have rights under the Criminal Code (section 718.2 (e)). These "Gladue" rights apply in Court during sentencing or when bail is being set. The judge must keep in mind that Aboriginal offenders face special circumstances. When the judge is setting bail or sentencing an offender, he or she must consider all options other than jail, though not necessarily excluding jail.

Gladue encourages judges to use restorative justice when they're sentencing Aboriginal people. Restorative justice focuses on repairing the harm done by your crime and giving you and any victims of your crime opportunities to heal. The goal of restorative justice is to give the offender, the victims of crime, and the community a chance to move forward, and to help the offender so there won't be a need to turn to crime in the future. The sentence could involve participating in a program that would address the issues that got the offender into trouble with the law in the first place. It may also mean the sentence is one that's more culturally appropriate and meaningful. This is called a community sentence.

A community sentence might involve participating in drug or alcohol rehabilitation, anger management, or counselling. With a community sentence, there may be less or no time in jail. However, Gladue doesn't automatically mean no jail time. Where there is a serious crime, the judge may have no choice but jail. In this case, the judge must still apply Gladue when deciding the length of the jail sentence.



Rick Massey, AANDC

Participating in restorative justice or serving a community sentence isn't an easy way out. The main idea behind restorative justice is that the offender has to take responsibility for his or her actions, usually in a Circle that includes the victim(s) and members of the community, and work on addressing the issues that lead to trouble with the law. This can be difficult and a lot of hard work.

Gladue applies to all crimes under the Criminal Code of Canada, even very serious ones. The judge will make his or her decision based on the specific details of the case, and determine a sentence that's appropriate for the offender, the victim, and their community. The judge also applies Gladue when making decisions on bail. Bail hearings happen before a trial. Sentencing hearings happen after a guilty plea (avoiding a trial), or if the judge finds guilt. Gladue doesn't apply to sentencing, nor the trial itself. If an offender is sent to jail, Gladue applies at a parole hearing in jail.

Gladue rights can be waived. This means that you can give up your Gladue rights and the judge won't apply Gladue when he or she is setting bail or sentencing.

This is the first of three articles on Gladue reports.

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ENTREPRENEUR NEWS

Hi, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Paul Gruner and I am the new General Manager for Dakwakada Development Corporation (DDC). I have been a resident of Whitehorse for the past 3.5 years. My recent employer was NorthwesTel where I served in a number of leadership roles within marketing, sales and project management. Before relocating to Whitehorse I resided in North Eastern British Columbia working in the oil and gas sector, predominantly in pipelining and civil construction. In the office with me is Jane Olson who is the Office Manager and has been with DDC since September, 2011. Prior to DDC she was with RAB Energy Group for almost 10 years.

Going forward we plan on having an article in the newsletter on DDC and the various business interests that we are involved in. It is my intent that community members will have the opportunity to have a better understanding of what is happening with the various investments. In addition, we are putting on a tour sometime in September to explain the various businesses. A sign up sheet will be posted at both offices. If you are interested please provide us with your contact information and we will get in touch with you when we have something set up.

We are also planning on having a review with the trust concerning the various investments and their performance in October. Once a final date has been set this will be posted and information will be forthcoming.

I look forward to my time with Dakwakada Development Corporation.

*Paul Gruner, General Manager
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CAFN Entrepreneur Fund Receives a Boost

The Canadian Northern Economic Development Agency (CanNor) has provided new funds to the Entrepreneur Equity Fund (EEF). The fund has increased from \$40,000 to \$80,000 with CanNor's support. This new funding has allowed us to increase our services and add an additional component under the fund.

The purpose of the Entrepreneur Equity Fund (EEF) is to enable and assist individual CAFN citizens to start, acquire, expand or improve business enterprises in the Yukon. You may propose to start a new business or purchase and operate an existing business.

The EEF aims to financially support CAFN 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 EEF 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.

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NEW FACES

Analie Lafreniere-Lemieux Land Planning Officer



Hi, my name is Analie Lafreniere-Lemieux and I am the new Land Planning Officer in Haines Junction. I am very proud and excited to be working with CAFN and to learn from everyone.

I have a master's degree in Environmental Sciences with a focus on Sustainable Community Planning. Prior to this position I worked with the City of Whitehorse on their 50-year Sustainability Plan and with Kluane National Park and Reserve as an Interpreter.

Many people are wondering where I am from because of my accent. I grew up in Quebec in a French speaking family. I moved to the Yukon ten years ago and I have been living in Haines Junction for the last four years.

I am looking forward to working with you. If you have any concerns or suggestions regarding your community or settlement land, please feel free to call me or drop by my office in Haines Junction so we can get to know each other.

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Venesa Lutz Natural Resources Officer



The Lands and Resources Department is pleased to welcome a familiar face to many, Venesa Lutz, as the Natural Resources Officer (a new position). Venesa has returned to the Yukon with her family after several years in Alberta. She will be working based out of the Whitehorse office in this new position. The Natural Resources Officer will help CAFN manage resource development in our traditional territory, providing a link between industry, the CAFN government and the broader CAFN community. When you see Venesa, please stop by to say hello. Welcome to CAFN Venesa!

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Natural Resources Officer
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Please welcome our custodians Grace Jackson and Cody Smith. Our interpreters this year are Suzanne Hume, Kathryn Baker and John Fingland. And we are pleased to announce that Richard Smith is now our program coordinator. Richard has moved from Collections to the front of the building. He is excited about working full time on providing all types of programs for school children, visitors, and our membership. So, welcome to them all!

UKWÄNJĒ

Southern Tutchone Students

CAFN's Language, Heritage and Culture Department recognizes the following people for attending and completing the Natural and Cultural Interpretation Essential Skills program offered by the Yukon College Haines Junction Community Campus. We also thank Vera Williams for instructing the Southern Tutchone course, which was part of this program. *Gwänischis* For holding the language torch and leading the way!

- Kathryn Baker
- Kathleen Darbyshire
- Kelsey Mazur
- Susan Hume
- John Fingland
- Marlon Charley
- Rebecca Palahicky
- Harry Smith
- Rita smith
- Michelle McDonald
- Lena Smith-Tutin
- Grade 9 Kelsey Green
- Grade 8 Pascale Dubois
- Grade 12 Shania Jackson

Shāw Nithän!

Traditional Name Tags

Language staff prepared name tags for CAFN members at the Da Kų grand opening and the 2013 General Assembly to encourage people to use their traditional names more often. If you have not submitted your traditional name to Amanda Workman, please do so.

Southern Tutchone Language Immersion Camp

The 2013 CAFN Language Immersion Camp was held at Champagne this August. Please watch for stories and photos in the next issue of Dakwania.

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Millie Joe

Students use the new Promethean interactive whiteboard in the Southern Tutchone language classroom at St. Elias Community School in Haines Junction with instructor Vivian Smith. The high-tech screen is touch sensitive and also records and plays aloud the students' voices and correct pronunciations.

NOTE: Please visit CAFN's language office, classroom and computer lab in their new location at Da Kų!

NEW LANGUAGE, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Champagne and Aishihik needs you!

CAFN is seeking applicants to sit on the Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee. This brand-new Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Department of Language, Culture and Heritage on the delivery of programs and services of the department and at Da Kų Cultural Centre.

Terms will be one to two (1-2) years. The Committee will be made up of five CAFN Citizens and must include: Two (2) Elders, One (1) Youth, and One (1) Language Teacher or Fluent speaker.

To apply, please pick up a CAFN Boards and Committees Application at www.cafn.ca/committee.html or at the CAFN offices in Whitehorse and Haines Junction.

For more information:
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HEALTH NEWS



Omega 3's in Fish Oils

All of us should be eating fish or food from the ocean at least four or five times a week. Farm fed fish is not good because they are fed corn and to receive the benefits of fish oils, we need the fish or sea foods that eat algae. The best type of fish with the most health benefits is organic salmon... fish directly from the ocean.

Scientists are now finding that Omega 3 with fish oils rebuild synapses in the membrane. A doctor presenting at the Beringia Center in Whitehorse said that children with Attention Deficit Disorders noticed improvements in their behaviors within 3 months of being on a daily regime of Omega 3 with DHA content.

Many of us can't always eat fish, so we buy vitamins. The vitamins you need to purchase contain a fancy ingredient called DHA and this is what you want to make sure your Omega 3's with fish oils have. Vitamins in a gummy form are also sold for children with the main ingredient of DHA. These are sold at all pharmacies so there is no need to go to fancy health food stores.

Scientists have found that Omega 3 fatty acids help restore brain cells called synapses, and also help reduce depression and stress.

The benefits of Omega 3 with fish oils are many: **Mental Health Benefits:** depression, bipolar disorder, Alzheimer's or dementia, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD). **Physical Benefits:** prenatal health, lower risks of stroke, rheumatoid arthritis, asthma, heart disease, lower triglyceride levels, Type 2 diabetes, fatigue, joint pain, hypertension, migraines, eczema/psoriasis, obesity, hostility/violence, high blood pressure, brittle hair and nails.

For more information please contact:

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Health Promotion Facilitator

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HOUSING NEWS

Please welcome Mike Evans to our office. He is a casual hire as Capital Projects Manager. Mike has a strong planning background and is very knowledgeable regarding the technical aspects and requirements for high energy efficient building construction techniques. He has been helping CAFN for the past year as our Gas Tax Fund Consultant.

In other news, the First House construction at Takhini is progressing very well. Stop by the site to help out and to learn more about high energy efficient home construction. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

This spring, the Habitat Family Selection Committee made a presentation to the Habitat Yukon Board to recommend the first CAFN family for homeownership at the triplex. More information on this family selection to come.

Go to www.habitatyukon.org for some great photos of the CAFN build and much more.



Habitat for Humanity Yukon was honoured with the CMHC Award for Outstanding Contribution to Habitat for Humanity Aboriginal Housing this spring. The Award was for its partnership with CAFN at the Takhini River Subdivision Kų Kàtthe Ā'q or 'First House' project. It is the first Habitat for Humanity build on aboriginal settlement land in Canada. Pictured above: Terry Ruffange-Holway, CAFN Housing Director and Habitat for Humanity Yukon member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Fire Fighter Thank You

The Housing Department would like to thank the Ibex Valley and Mendenhall Volunteer Fire Fighters and Jon Widney for their quick response to a house fire in Takhini River Subdivision on March 31st.

Hand Games Thank You

Thank you to Chief and Council and the Da Ku crew for their vests and support to help get the CAFN team to the 2013 Hand Games Championship. It was a great success! Our adult team placed 3rd overall out of 28 teams and the Youth Team played and gave it their best; had a lot of fun and learned some moves. More support is needed for next year in terms of players, drummers and cheering squad. If you are interested please contact someone on the Adult team.

Alsek Renewable Resource Council Update

Our summer student this year is Kyra Chambers. She can be reached at our office in Haines Junction and through the student email at student@alsekrrc.ca.

WANTED: YOUR PHOTOS

Community Calendar

The Alsek Renewable Resource Council and CAFN are partnering to create a calendar for the communities within the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory.

Our theme is: "In our communities, on the land".

We are looking for pictures taken in the CAFN Traditional Territory, including:

- Champagne
- Canyon
- Aishihik
- Klukshu
- Haines Junction
- Takhini
- Mendenhall
- Kloo Lake

Anyone willing to share photos to include in the calendar can email pictures to student@alsekrrc.ca or drop them off at the Alsek Renewable Resource Council office in Haines Junction, where we can scan them and return them to you. Call if you have any questions.

Deadline: Please submit your photos by September 30, 2013.

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Call for First Nation Writers

What's Up Yukon is looking for First Nation writers. For more information please contact Tamara Neely:

Tamara@whatsupyukon.com



THANK YOU

We would like to say thank you for your support and kindness during the tragic loss of our home on April 1st. The utmost gratitude and caring we received from the communities is appreciated. Thank you to the peoples of Champagne and Aishihik First Nations, Selkirk First Nation, Vuntut Gwichin, Kwanlin Dunn, Carcross, Tagish, CYFN, many family and friends, businesses and agencies of Whitehorse, BC, Alberta, and Alaska, including emergency crews and those who assisted on site during the fire. Thank you all so much.

Wilmonica and family

Daycare Thank You

The Daycare appreciates all donations and would like to thank Robert Jackson (stroller), Carrie Brown (clothes), and Lands and Resources (food) for their donations. Thank you!

Message from the Community Care Coordinator

New Horizons for Seniors funding is available and I would like to propose a Community Wide Elder's Abuse Workshop. As this is an Elder's and Senior's-led initiative, I am looking for input from Elders. Volunteers are also needed to form a committee and a small honoraria may be available.

Please contact me for more information:

Jacqueline Chambers

Community Care Coordinator

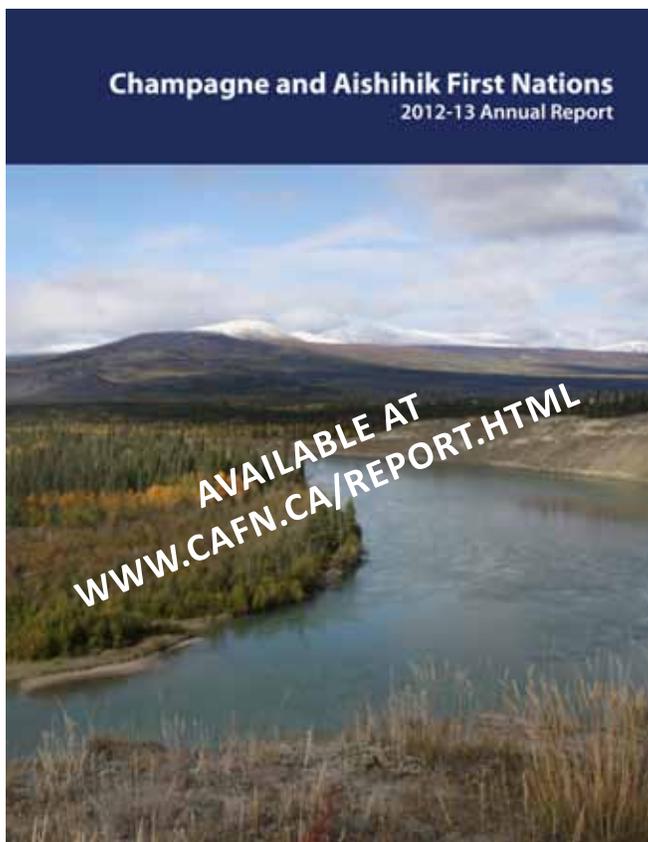
Elders Fuel Coordinator

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

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Annual Report



SPECIAL GREETINGS

Kwidlj dzenù sòhän nch'j! ***Happy Birthday!***

Happy Birthday wishes to:

Arianna Cote - May 9
Scott Maloney - June 16
Brendan Maloney - June 29
Monique Martin - June 30
Kaiden Cote - July 2
Kluane Martin - July 10
Shea Maloney - August 12
Kirsten Smith - August 15

Love from Grandmother, Aunty, and cousin Phyllis Smith

Happy Belated 17th Birthday on June 8th, Amy!
Love, Mom (Denise Beattie)

A big Happy Birthday to Grandma Mary Jane Smith on August 12th. Love Koltun John

Happy 6th Birthday went to Koltun John Carl Jim on May 9th! Love Mom and Dad

We would like to send a Big Happy Birthday to:
Dad, Victor - April 17

Grandma Florence - May 7
Auntie Monica - May 11
Auntie Carmel - June 25
Auntie Marion - June 29
Little Brother Jaccob - July 8
Tristin - July 17
Mom, Georgina - July 18
Auntie Trisha - August 19
Katelyn - August 22

Love from Denise, Damien, Jaccob & Kathleen Griffith

Hoping May Long had a Happy 77th Birthday on May 14.



And we hope Trudy Long had a very special 'milestone' Birthday on May 16. From Collin, Michelle, CJ, Brandon and Ryan

A Big, Happy Belated Birthday shout out to Natane and Anthony Primozic on July 29. From Uncle Victor, Auntie Gina and family. Have a great year!

Happy Belated Birthdays to:

Bobby Waters - June 4
Amy Germaine - June 5
Ashley John - June 7 (Happy 19th! Love, Mom)
Agnes McDonald - June 7
Ethan Smith - June 8 (Happy 9th!)
Donnie Burns - June 11
Kathleen Gladue - June 20
Calvin Victor John Sydney - June 26



Happy Birthday John-John

July 18th, 2013

Love Miranda

Cheryle Gladue - June 29

Bruce Germaine - July 6

Sheila John - July 13

Noah Germaine - July 15

William Burns - July 16

Coming from Dorothy, Patricia, Ashley & Landon

Wishing a very special boy a belated Happy 2nd Birthday for June 26. Love you so much Ta-Koda Bailey! Love your Mom, Dad, sisters, and the rest of the Brown family.



Happy Belated 18th Birthday to Jessica April Mazur for April 13! Congratulations on your Graduation. We are very proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, and Dustin.

Happy Birthday on August 27 to Dwayne Mazur. Love Charlene, Jessica, and Dustin.

Happy Birthday to Jaden Hume-Berry on August 29. From Uncle Dwayne, Auntie Charlene, Dustin, and Jessica

Happy Belated Birthday to:
Lance Bratt (Sandy's partner) - July 29
Brenda Chambers - July 30
From Sandy Wabisca

Belated Birthday wishes to:

June 4 - Happy 18th to my niece Shania Jackson.
July 7 - Happy 6th to my nephew Daniel Jackson.
From Aunty Elly, Uncle Monty, Jorja and Josh.

June 6 - Happy 30th to Angela Jackson.

June 14 - Happy 68th to my Dad, Fred Jackson Sr.

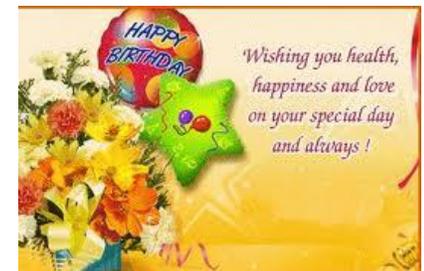
June 30 - My brother Frederick Jackson Jr.

And wishing a Belated Happy Father's Day to my Dad, Fred, my brothers Frederick and Robert, and to my better half, Monty. With lots of love, Elly, Monty, Jorja, and Josh.

Big Happy Belated 7th Birthday to Dakota Jackson for July 2. Love, mom, Dad, Baby Sister Twylla, Grandma and Grandpa.

Happy 1st Birthday to Twylla Riep for August 8.

Big Happy 40th Birthday to Dave Riep for August 2nd with lots of love, Jena, Dakota and Twylla.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU;

SHANIA JACKSON JUNE 4TH
JOHN HUME JULY 7TH
JOHN WILLIAMS JULY 18TH
DEBBIE WILLIAMS JULY 28TH
CHRIS WILLIAMS JULY 30TH

Extra Special Greetings:

Happy Birthday to Jenny Moose who turned 93 on June 10!



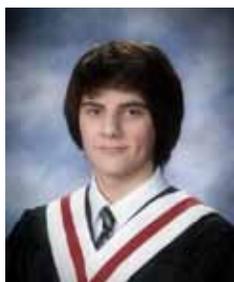
Happy, Happy Birthday to my Mom, Rita Joe who turned 84 on July 23rd. From Helen and Family

Congratulations to our family high school grads: Jessica Mazur, Shania Jackson, Jurnee Jim, Jordana Jim, Matthew Jim, and Justice Billy. Congrats to our college family grads: Frank Jim, Charlotte Kane, Jirrard Kane, and Tamara Jim. I am so proud to see a whole family graduate: Frank, Charlotte, Jirrard, Tamara, and Matthew. That must be a record!



Congratulations to Breanna Smith on her Grade 12 graduation and winning a one-year tuition scholarship to Yukon College! Mom and Dad could not be more proud of you!

Love Richard, Trish, Tyler, Ashton, Ethan, & Leslie



Congratulations to Brandon Long for graduating! We are so proud of you.

Love Dad, Mom, CJ & Ryan

Congratulations to our granddaughters Amber (15) and Angie Wally (13). They travelled to Quebec with Junior Canadian Rangers, April 20-27, to participate in a national competition. They are two of the top five in the Yukon for marksmanship! The whole family is so proud of them.

Love William and Fran Asp

Congratulations to Brenda Asp on her recent fashion shows at the Northern Scene and Adaka festivals. To see Brenda's fashions online visit: www.brendaleeasp.com - Shäw Nithän, Brenda!

Congratulations to Scott and Lennette who were married in Cuba on February 14, 2013. Their wedding reception will be on August 24th at Klukshu.

Happy Anniversary to Barbara and Charles Hume on July 18! (They've been married since 1975 but together since 1970!)



Congratulations to Carol Buzzell on being awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal this spring.

Congratulations to K-4 Deliehla Workman-Etzel 'Southern Tutchone Superstar' and Grade 1 Drake Workman-Etzel for your 2013 Native Language Awards from St. Elias Community School.

CONGRATULATIONS

IT'S A GIRL!



Victor, Georgina, big sister Denise and big brothers Tyrel, Damien, and Jaccob announce the arrival of **Kathleen Margerie Grace** born April 23, 2013 at 7lbs, 9oz. A big thank you to Grandma Florence and big sister Denise for being there!



CAFN Elder Alex VanBibber (97) and Robert Kennedy Jr. during his Yukon visit this August.



Alex presented Robert Kennedy Jr. with this photo of himself and Robert Kennedy Sr. in 1965. Kennedy Sr. visited Yukon in 1965 to climb Mt. Kennedy in honour of his brother, John F. Kennedy. Thank you to the VanBibber family for sharing these photos

CALENDAR

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

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

August 19 - Discovery Day holiday, CAFN offices closed.

August 28 - First Annual Junction Fall Fair, 5 to 7 p.m. at the old log church in Haines Junction.

September 2 - Labor Day holiday, CAFN offices closed.

September 4 - First day of school, St. Elias Community School, Haines Junction.

September 26 - Youth Council Executive meeting, 6 p.m. in Haines Junction.

November 2 - CAFN Youth Council General Assembly, 10 a.m. in Haines Junction.

October 3 - Elders Senate Executive meeting, 6 p.m. in Whitehorse.

October 14 - Thanksgiving Day (Canada), CAFN offices closed.

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