

Dàkwània

What people say

WINTER 2013



CAFN Communications

Youth gathered for the 2013 CAFN Youth General Assembly in Haines Junction on November 16.

OUR YOUTH, OUR FUTURE

More than 40 Youth gathered to exercise their role in the CAFN government during the 2013 Youth General Assembly at Da Kų Cultural Centre in Haines Junction this November.

The full-day Assembly included a review of the purpose of CAFN's Youth Council, as outlined in the CAFN Constitution and Youth Council Rules of Procedure. Members of the Elders Senate Executive provided an update on their ongoing review of the Elders Senate. Youth also learned

about the value and importance of self-government for CAFN and Yukon First Nations, which included watching an inspirational video message from Ottawa by Marissa Mills of Kluane First Nation.

And there was no shortage of fun! Facilitator Steve Smith led team building games, Warren Strand and Paddy Smith Jr. performed as 86 Heaven, and many Youth stayed for a sleepover at Da Kų following the Youth GA.

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CAFN Constitution:

- 60 *There is hereby established a Youth Council composed of Citizens who are between and including the years of sixteen and twenty-three years of age.*
- 61 *The purpose of the Youth Council shall be to provide advice, assistance and recommendations to all other branches of the Government.*
- 62 *Notwithstanding the provisions set out in this Constitution, the Youth Council shall determine its own procedure...*



J. Chambers, CAFN

Tyrell Green displays his design on the 2013 CAFN Youth General Assembly t-shirt.

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The Youth GA passed two resolutions:

- Resolution 1 amends the Youth Council Rules of Procedure to include Youth ages 14-24 (revised from ages 16-23), and proposes amendment of the CAFN Constitution to also include Youth ages 14-24.
- Resolution 2 calls for support from the CAFN Council to send CAFN Youth to future Assembly of First Nations youth gatherings.



CAFN Communications

The performance by 86 Heaven (Warren Strand and Paddy Jim Jr) was a hit with all ages.

The Youth elected Tyrell Green as their new alternate to the Youth Council Executive during the 2013 GA. The Youth Council Executive also includes:

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

Tyrell Green's winning design for the 2013 Youth Logo contest was also announced. The design was used on t-shirts distributed to all Youth in attendance at the GA. Tristin Primozic was awarded runner up for his artwork.

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations thanks all who contributed to the 2013 Youth General Assembly. Many thanks for door prize donations by: Dakwakada Development Corp, Kilrich, Latitude, MappingtheWay.ca, CAFN Education, CAFN Lands & Resources, and CAFN Executive Council Office.

Extra special thanks to all the Youth who participated. *Shāw nithän.*

The 2013 Youth General Assembly report and draft minutes will be available at www.cafn.ca/youth.html.

Message from the Chief

Dänneh'e.

On behalf of the CAFN Council, we wish all our fellow Citizens a good winter. Here at CAFN, a very busy fall is moving into an even busier winter!

During 10 days off this September, I was rewarded by another successful Men's Healing Camp at Silver City. Participants were very positive and enjoyed the time on the land, especially harvesting and sharing a moose.

In early October, I travelled to Ottawa to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of 1763. The Royal Proclamation established the treaty-making process and recognized First Nations rights in Canada. During this trip, I also attended the Land Claims Agreement Coalition, and we spoke with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC) Minister Bernard Valcourt to reaffirm our message that our land claims are not being implemented in the spirit they were negotiated in with Canada and Yukon.

Back at home in the Yukon, I attended the Canada's North Summit October 15-17 in Whitehorse. My presentation on land use planning and economic development was well received, and it provided an opportunity to remind Yukon that CAFN is ready and waiting for land use planning to begin in our traditional territory.

I attended an informative update by the Champagne Aishihik Trust Board and Dakwakada Development Corporation (DDC) at Champagne on October 19. Both the Trust and DDC shared updates on their activities and financial status during this community meeting.

From October 22-30, our Council traveled throughout the traditional territory for community visits. We provided an update on Council's activities since the General Assembly and heard concerns and input from community members. We heard a lot of comments on the loss of our language and culture and the importance of including it in our government systems. Thank you to all who participated.

In November, I enjoyed an afternoon painting the interior of our Kų Kätthe Ä'q (First House) Habitat for Humanity triplex at Takhini River Subdivision. It is exciting to see these units so near completion. I encourage more CAFN community members to inquire about owning one of these new homes.

We held a Chief and Council retreat at Kluane Bed and Breakfast at the end of October. This was an excellent opportunity to review our priorities and plan for the last year leading up to the end of our term. We were pleased to see that we have accomplished much of what we identified as priorities in our first year.

Some priorities for the coming year include:

Education: Council has concerns about the federal government's development of an Education Act for First Nations people across Canada. We want to be more involved and are working with Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Mike Smith.

Language Act: Council is pleased development of CAFN's Language Act is moving ahead, and we thank Citizens for their input during community consultation this November.

Economic Development Act: CAFN is working on a draft Act, which will likely come to the communities for consultation in the new year.

Reorganization: We are working to conclude the reorganization of CAFN departments. It has been a trying process for staff and Council, but the reorganization will improve our accountability and the efficiency of our government's programs and services to our citizens.

In the coming months we also want to revisit and update our Intergovernmental Accord with the Government of Yukon.

Here in Haines Junction, the CAFN Council congratulates newly acclaimed Mayor Mike Crawshay. We also thank outgoing Mayor George Nassiopoulos for his years of service to the community. We look forward to our continued collaboration with the Village of Haines Junction.

Thank you for your interest in the activities of our government. I look forward to my next update.

In respect,

Chief James Allen - Jämëna

CHIEF AND COUNCIL

Chief and Council Regular Meetings

December 19-20, 2013

January 16-17, 2014

Please watch for the 2014 Chief and Council meeting schedule, coming soon.

The following decisions were made during the September 19-20, 2013, regular Chief and Council meeting.

General Assembly Resolutions

CAFN Chief and Council accepted the GA Resolutions for 2013.

Da Ky Cultural Centre Operational Plan

Chief and Council directed the Language, Culture and Heritage Department to develop a five year operational plan for the Da Ky Cultural Centre and to present the plan for the next fiscal budget in 2014.

Economic Development Act

Chief and Council moved that economic development opportunities in the CAFN Traditional Territory be developed by CAFN administration proceeding with the drafting of an economic development framework. This framework will address numerous interests including Citizen opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship, Own Source Revenue protection, tax minimization, and a clear process for accountability and transparency.

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 Priorities

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



Haines Junction kids display their jack-o-lanterns at the pumpkin carving workshop at Da Ky Cultural Centre this October.

CREATING OUR OWN LANGUAGE ACT

Dännch'e.

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations is forging a new path by drafting a Language Act. Working with Council and the community members, our team is developing legislation which is expected to be completed and approved by the end of March 2014.

The questions we asked during community meetings this November :

- What is your vision for the future of the Language?
- What are your priorities for preserving, protecting and enhancing the Language?
- In 10 years, what results would you like to see?
- What do you see as the purpose of a Language Act for CAFN?
- What role does the Council play in achieving Language goals?
- Which cultural or traditional values must be preserved and stated in the Act?

These questions are the latest initiative in a process that began early in 2013 when the Council directed the newly formed Language, Culture and Heritage Department to research First Nations' accomplishments in language preservation. Through this research, we discovered we would be the first among Canadian self-governing First Nations to draft a Language Act. As a result, we began the process of drafting this Act by developing a questionnaire. Some of the questions for our citizens were about increasing the number of Southern Tutchone speakers, revitalizing our language, and identifying barriers to learning the language.

Additionally, the Language, Culture and Heritage Department put forward a Terms of Reference for a committee which would advise the department on relevant issues. Council has asked the Elders Senate to recommend members to sit on this committee. The committee will help to guide the Language strategy and the implementation of the Act. The committee will also help with ways to incorporate the great feedback we have received from citizens.



The next step is to create a first draft of the Act based on what citizens feel is most relevant to its intent and purpose. We will then present this draft to the Management Committee, the Council, and the community. Further, we are creating a "What We Heard" report to record the process we followed while working with our members and the input we gathered.

There are still many opportunities for your ideas to be incorporated. Throughout the drafting of this Act, there will be several reviews of the strategies we use, and these reviews will ensure our work stays relevant to our goals. Citizens' input and participation will be helpful during this time.

While we are the first to draft an act of this sort in Canada, we are not alone in working to revitalize the language and increase the number of fluent speakers. We are keeping our eyes and ears open for success stories from other nations and from our own individual members who have gained fluency.

To receive a copy of the questionnaire or to share your views on the subject, please contact:

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CAFN youth Graham MacDonald during a long day on the trail to Hutchi.



Lawrence Joe, Elder Chuck Hume and Dawn Smeeton preparing to set the fish net at the point north of the new village.

WALKING IN OUR ANCESTORS' FOOTSTEPS

Note: *This summer, many CAFN members had a chance to walk parts of the old trail from Shawshe to Hutchi. Here is one story from the trail.*

Graham's Hutchi Trip 2013

By Graham MacDonald, Grade 6
Whitehorse, Yukon

I'm Graham MacDonald, my Southern Tutchone name is *Ka'níla*, I am 10 years old.

I was the youngest person to hike into Hutchi in my party. There were nine of us that hiked in; myself, Trudy Long, Mary Jane Jim, Sheila Joe, Lawrence Joe, Jocelyn, Paula (my mom), Venesa Lutz and the only non-Homo sapien in our company was Slider, a chocolate lab. Lance Brown and David Chambers carried gear on ATVs.

We started on the Alaska Highway at Champagne. First we hiked about 25 kilometers to Mendenhall Crossing where we stopped there for the night. The next morning we had breakfast and a long hike ahead of us. Less than two kilometers in, we had to cross the Mendenhall River, it's about 10 feet wide and three feet deep and a slow current. One of the two ATVs was nearby so it acted as a ferry. One of us sat on the front and one in the back until it reached the shore and there we disembarked. That repeated numerous times until we were all across.

About nine kilometers later, at the southern end of the south Hutchi Lake, Lawrence, Jocelyn, Mary Jane, Venesa and I got in two canoes. Meanwhile the rest of the group; my mom Paula, Trudy and Sheila continued on the trail. When we got to the other end of the lake, there lay the challenge. If you didn't go through it, I can't explain. Going through the streams was disorienting, and there were 12 beaver dams and at least 50 obstacles. It took about 45 minutes to go through the 750 meter stretch. When we got through to the next lake, we still had to paddle about 10 kilometers.

Where the trail neared the lake that's where Venesa, Mary Jane and I got out. There was only two kilometers and a small stream to cross left. Lawrence and Jocelyn canoed the rest of the way. There was no clear way to cross without getting wet. I decided to try stepping on islands of willows. They were prickly, but it worked. Hutchi was not far.



A. Lafreniere-Lemieux, CAFN

The trail near Hutchi.



At the end of the trail in Hutchi!

Photo by Monica Primozic

When we arrived there were big clouds of smoke rising from the forest fire in east Aishihik. Once my mom got there, we setup camp. I saw my great grandpa Hutchi Jackson's cabin. I think there should be a meeting somewhere to figure out how to restore it. Next was net fishing. We set the 100 foot long net overnight and caught 68 fish. Nearly all the kids learned how to gut fish that morning. That night, everybody got ready to leave. At around 11:00 am the next morning the plane arrived; I was on the second trip. I rode as co-pilot. After take-off, the pilot let me fly the plane 'til we flew through two mountains.

I appreciate the opportunity to see where my grandmothers and Uncle Moose grew up. Thank you CAFN government for organizing it. Also thank you to the Elders, especially Kathy Birckel, for teaching me how to gut fish, and thank you to the cooks.



Graham in front of his great grandfather Hutchi Jackson's house.

By Monica Primozic
Hutchi Trip Coordinator

The Hutchi trip was a great success! We flew in 14 adults and 14 children, while others came and went by foot and by quad throughout the week.

During the trip, we hiked to North Village and learned about the sites. We also set gopher snares and fish net. We cut and smoked whitefish on a drying rack. We feasted on fish guts and eggs... yummy! Some people picked cranberries and soapberries. Diane Benjamin showed us how to make soapberry whippers out of willow. Of course, we made soapberry ice cream! Amanda Workman gave language lessons; Southern Tutchone Yoga was a highlight! Kathy Birkel told traditional stories and gave some interesting lessons. On top of all the activities, we swam a lot to keep cool because the weather was super hot!

The trip was fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful week to be out on the land learning many valuable teachings!

A big thank you to our workers: Cooks Bonnie Chambers and Cenjaya Alfred, and Bruce Green and Howard Linklater.

Shāw nìthän!

YOUR GLADUE RIGHTS

What is a Gladue Report?

When an aboriginal person is before a judge on a criminal matter and convicted, the judge seeks background information to help determine the appropriate sentence.

Two documents are commonly used: a Pre-Sentence Report (PSR) and a Gladue Report. A PSR is prepared by a Probation Officer and provides information on previous sentences, any alternative measures used, and the offender's response to those measures. Looking at this and other information on the person's current situation, the judge can assess the risk the person poses to society and the best sentencing option.

A Gladue Report provides a narrative of an aboriginal person's life, information about the person's background that relates to why he or she committed the crime. This can include a difficult family history or upbringing, addictions, victimization, etc. Also included are what kinds of community sentences are available, and how those community sentences might help to address the issues that got the person into trouble with the law.

PSRs and Gladue reports sound similar, but there are important differences. Gladue Reports are only called for when it is an aboriginal person before the court. PSRs reflect what the Probation Officer knows about the person from their record. A Gladue Report reports what the offender, the family, and the community know about the person. Neither document is expected to advocate for the offender; that is the job of the defense lawyer. Instead, both documents are intended to provide factual information, warts and all, to the judge.

Gladue Reports are prepared by Gladue writers, after interviewing the offender, his or her family, and community members who have knowledge about the person's life.

It's important that the Gladue writer capture accurately what is said, and equally important that the Gladue writer not interpret that information, or insert their own opinions. If the report is not factual it is of little use to a judge.

Even if it turns out that the Gladue report has little effect on the determination of a sentence, the process can be very useful for the offender and people close to them. The interviews can provide new focus on the issues in a person's life, and better sense of what needs to be done to address those issues.

Gladue interviews are very personal in nature, and the interviews can be difficult for people because they necessarily open up very sensitive areas in a person's life. The Gladue writer/interviewer needs to carefully explain the Gladue process, establish the person's trust, demonstrate cultural awareness, maintain confidentiality, remain non-judgmental, and be an excellent listener and recorder of information. This area of work is so new, there is no formal training in colleges or universities. Gladue interviewing and report writing are skills passed on by people who already have experience preparing Gladue reports. Because they deal only with aboriginal offenders, it is best that the Gladue writer also be a First Nations person.

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.

This is the second of three articles on Gladue reports. Next article: Gladue Report writing in the Yukon.

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HOUSING NEWS

The Housing, Property Management and Municipal Services Department had another busy season working on several housing construction and maintenance projects. Many Gas Tax Fund projects are also well underway. Further, we have continued to address General Assembly resolutions and key initiatives outlined in the CAFN Strategic Plan.

Strategic Plan Initiatives

The CAFN Strategic Plan for 2012 to 2015 establishes a clear direction for the First Nations throughout the term of the current Chief and Council. Within the Plan, Goal #6 introduces initiatives to promote safe and sustainable communities and includes a review of the Housing and Homeownership policies and programs, reorganization of the department to better serve clients, and the development of a 5 to 10 year capital plan. This year, we are closer to achieving these initiatives.

Policy Review

The Housing Rental Policy and the On-Settlement Land Homeownership Policy have been undergoing revisions. Consultants have met with staff and held community meetings to gather input which will help in the revision of the policies. Funding for this policy review comes from the First Nations Market Housing Fund's Capacity Development program. Additional meetings are planned for this winter and we encourage your participation.

Departmental Reorganization

The Housing Department has also been undergoing an organizational review to better serve the needs of CAFN citizens and increase operational efficiency. A Capital Projects branch has been proposed to reduce the congested workload within Property Management. The Capital branch would focus exclusively on capital asset management and new project development.

Capital Plan

A 5-10 year Capital Plan will be developed this winter and identify capital project requirements in all our regions.

The plan will also highlight existing capital infrastructure and introduce a software system to manage CAFN assets.

Property Management Projects

This past season, housing related projects included ongoing repairs, maintenance to existing homes and community buildings, and two major construction and renovation projects in Haines Junction. The department is also preparing plans for a new community centre in Takhini.



New Construction

The Property Management branch coordinated the construction of a new home at #81 Kane St. The previous home was lost to a fire in 2011 and the insurance claim provided the funding for the new construction. Very high energy-efficient features were key in the design to promote sustainability and reduce long-term operating expenses. The exterior is completed and the interior work will continue throughout the winter.

Energy Retrofit

The Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation purchased the house at #118 Rainbow St. last December. Shortly thereafter, the house suffered extensive water damage and needed a complete renovation. CAFN handled the insurance claim and renovation contract. The planned renovation became a full energy-efficient retrofit due to the changes to the National Building Code. Gas Tax Funds were used to cover the cost of the retrofit.



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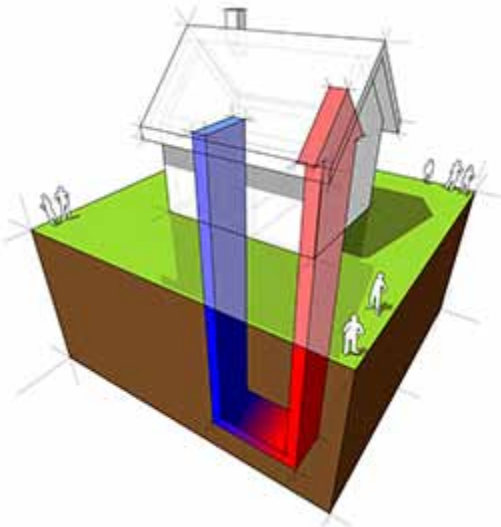
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Gas Tax Fund Projects

The federal Gas Tax Fund and subsequent agreement with Yukon started in 2005. This program was developed to promote sustainable community infrastructure projects that contribute to cleaner air, cleaner water and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. CAFN has been allocated approximately \$2.7 million to develop projects that are approved and listed in our Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), which can be viewed on-line at: www.cafn.ca/community.html. The Gas Tax Fund will be renewed in 2014 for an additional 10 years, with a broader scope of eligible projects. Meetings will be held throughout the winter to identify community projects most important to citizens.

Geothermal Ground Source Heat Pump

A back-up community well in Takhini River Subdivision had been abandoned due to a lack of water capacity and was planned to be decommissioned. The idea to utilize this well for a heating source instead was put forth and resulted in this exciting new project.



The existing well, with additional drilled holes, has been connected to a ground source heat pump to provide heat to the community hall and water treatment plant. This new heating system is expected to reduce heating costs by \$8,000 per year at the hall, and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions by limiting the use of the propane furnace. This fully funded Gas Tax project is expected to be completed in December.

Residential Heating System Replacements

A pilot project using Gas Tax Funds to replace ten old oil furnaces in CAFN homes is nearly complete. This project was initiated to promote energy efficiency and to increase the comfort and safety of the citizens. A recent decision from the Gas Tax Fund will eliminate future funding for home energy efficient upgrade projects.



Recycling Program

A General Assembly resolution directed that CAFN develop a community recycling program. To meet this request, a new program is being developed. The Gas Tax Fund was used to purchase recycling bins for all homes and community buildings in each region, as well as a transport van. An educational workshop will be provided by Raven Recycling.



Sustainability Planning

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations completed their first Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) in 2007. It is now time to update this plan to reflect the changes in the community, recognize accomplishments, and to identify new areas of focus and new projects for the CAFN going forward.



CAFN's new recycling van.

Updating the ICSP is required to access Gas Tax funding. The Gas Tax program has been enhanced to include sport, recreational and tourism projects which in the past were not eligible under this program.

The proposed approach to this plan is collaborative and will focus on engaging the members and leadership to develop a plan that is sustainable and accurately reflects the community values, vision and needs of the CAFN. The project will include community vision sessions in Takhini, Canyon, Champagne, Whitehorse and Haines Junction, to be held in January. A two-day sustainability charrette (design workshop) will be held in late January. The project will be completed by March 31, 2014 and will include an updated ICSP, a Sustainable Housing Strategy, and a Five Year Capital Investment Plan.

The project team will work with a steering committee throughout to project completion. The steering committee will help to guide the process and will ideally include members from each community. The start-up meeting for the committee will be held in the afternoon of December 3 in Haines Junction.

If you are interested in being part of this committee please contact Mike Evans, the CAFN property manager at 634-4220 or Mevans@cafn.ca or Zoë

Morrison, the community planner with Urban Systems at 393-2356 or Zmorrison@urbansystems.ca. For general information about this project, check the webpage at www.cafn.ca/community.html.

Takhini Community Centre

The Champagne and Aishihik First Nations is working on a design concept for a new community recreation centre at the Takhini River Subdivision. This work will include mapping existing and future community uses of recreation and community space to better understand the needs of community members.

The design for this building will be focussed on:

- Affordability of design, operation and maintenance
- Energy efficiency of the structure and mechanical systems, including options for alternative energies
- Phased-in approach for construction
- Space for community requirements
- Enjoyable, bright, and healthy space for users

Consulting and collaborating with the Takhini River residents, CAFN citizens and staff are a very important part of this project. The first visioning meeting will be held at the Takhini Community Hall on Wednesday December 4, in the evening. There will also be opportunities to participate online.

For more information call Mike Evans, the CAFN property manager at 634-4220 or Mevans@cafn.ca or Zoë Morrison, the community planner with Urban Systems at 393-2356 or Zmorrison@urbansystems.ca. Information can also be found on the CAFN webpage at www.cafn.ca.

The Housing, Property Management, and Municipal Services Department is close to completing many of these projects. We are continually seeking new opportunities which will provide benefits to CAFN citizens and satisfy the needs of our community. We hope to see you at the upcoming community meetings, and we welcome your feed back and suggestions at any time.

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NEW FACES

Denise Beattie

Director of the Executive Council Office



Hi, my name is Denise Beattie. I am the new Director of the Executive Council Office. I am very excited to be working with my First Nation. I have been working as an executive assistant for about 15 years in different government settings, including the federal, territorial and First Nation governments. Many of you will know me from CYFN. I am glad to use my experience and knowledge to assist with moving our government forward.

My office is located in Whitehorse, but I plan to travel to Haines junction on a regular basis. I believe that we have a great team in the ECO, and I look forward to learning from them and you.

In my spare time, I love to be at my cabin at Champagne with my daughter Amy, my partner Roger, and dog, Jake. Family gatherings are another activity I love to be a part of.

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Tracy MacPherson

Director of Community Wellness



Hi all. I am excited and grateful to be in the beautiful community of Haines Junction!

I began my position as Director of Community Wellness on November 12th, 2013. I am originally from the Northwest Territories, but I am very familiar with the Yukon, as I did my schooling from grade one to twelve in Whitehorse. I left the Yukon in 1989 to pursue my education at Aurora College in Fort Smith, NT. I completed my diploma in 1991 and worked for the Government of the Northwest Territories until returning to school in Regina in 1993. I completed my Bachelors of Social Work in 1995 and my Masters in Calgary in 1997. I returned to the NT in 1997 and have lived in Fort Simpson, Inuvik and Fort Smith working in areas including: corrections, community corrections, child protection and education. I look forward to this new role and working for the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to call me or stop by the office. Thanks.

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Susan Knight

Exhibit Designer/Collections Officer

I have been working with CAFN collections doing exhibit design and displaying artefacts, and I enjoyed managing the store at Da Ku for the summer season. Now I have my dream job. I am glad to be back.

Susan Knight, Exhibit Designer/Collections Officer
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Kathleen Brown
Human Resources Officer



Please welcome Kathleen Brown to the CAFN Human Resources team as our new Human Resources Officer. We look forward to working with Kathleen as she takes on key roles in the areas of recruitment, policy, job descriptions, and other crucial HR areas.

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Mike Evans
Property Manager

Greetings! My name is Mike Evans and I have been a resident of Haines Junction since 2006. After building my house from the ground up, training as a carpenter and completing my Masters of Arts in Organizational Development, I am excited to join the Housing, Property Management



and Municipal Services Team to assist in the delivery of important housing-related projects for Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. When I am not working I enjoy spending my time in the bush and paddling rivers with my fiancé, Courtney Quinn.

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Byron Edgar
Community Wellness



Greetings,
*I am Byron Edgar from the Wikwemikong Un-
ceded First Nation. I am Ojibway / Odawa
first nation and currently live in Ottawa
Ontario. I was invited to your community to
help out in a few dif-*

*ferent areas, working specifically with the youth
and the men in the community, but I am here for
all community members. I have been involved with
Community Development for the past 33 years and
my travels have brought me to many First Nations
within Canada and the U.S.A. I have been involved
with health and wellness with our people, working
with children right up to our elders. I will be in your
community until mid December to do some pro-
grams within the community. I am also available to
do home visits as well.*

*I am a father of two and a grandfather to three. I
come from a large family, two of my family mem-
bers have been here during the past year to do com-
munity development work as well, Bea Shawanda and
Niso. I look forward to meeting and working with
as many as I can while I am here in your community.*

Thank you.

PLEASE ALSO WELCOME:

***Governance Coordinator Heather Van-
Bibber, Information Technologist Andrew
Moore, Accounts Payable Barb Allen, and
Community Wellness Coordinator Charlene
Hume, who are currently helping out in
term positions with CAFN.***

***And welcome back to Language Coordina-
tor Millie Joe and Information Technologist
Wes Kinney, who recently returned from
leave.***



It was a busy summer for Dakwakada and its subsidiaries. The following is an overview of the last few months. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: paul@dakwakada.com.

Dakwakada Development Corporation (DDC)

A recent article in Uphere Business Magazine profiled Dakwakada as a model First Nations Economic Development Corporation from the Yukon. It was excellent exposure for DDC and gained significant recognition in the Territories.

DDC sponsored the CAFN Dakwakada Trailblazers who competed in the Klondike Road Relay. The team consisted of Sherry Wabisca, Les Walker, Natalie Oles, Luke Campbell, Brian MacDonald, Paula Banks, Lane Currie, Ian Robinson, Lawrence Ignace and Odessa Epp.

Dakwakada and Champagne Aishihik Trust held a joint community update meeting in Champagne at the community hall on October 19.

Northern

It was a slow start to the season as construction starts were at an all-time low. Things started to pick up in July with a lot of custom home builds and renovations. The summer season did finish stronger than anticipated, particularly with the strong contributions from the Alaska operations.

It is anticipated that once fall comes to an end and winter begins it will create another rush of window and door orders for the renovation market. This is also the time that we are sitting down with the larger contractors and working on budget numbers for next year's projects.

An emerging market for Northern is Inuvik where an all time record with sales of over half a million dollars was achieved over the summer and is still increasing. This market will be further explored over the winter.



Dakwakada Development Corp

A group of 16 CAFN guests enjoyed a tour of Dakwakada's facilities at Northern, Kilrich and Castle Rock this October.

Kilrich

As with Northern, the first quarter was somewhat disappointing in comparison with recent history due to very little late winter construction activity. There was a lot of uncertainty regarding how the Yukon market was going to look for this year.

The slower pace allowed Kilrich to concentrate more on increasing efficiency and improving/expanding product lines. Kilrich worked hard on making new contacts and enhancing our current relationships with builders throughout the north. Kilrich opened key accounts in Dawson City, Inuvik, Watson Lake, Dease River, Lower Post, Mayo, Carmacks and Carcross.

The second quarter commenced at a similar pace to the first quarter. There was a lack of new housing and almost no government infrastructure work. This certainly impacted the business, however, we successfully concentrated more effort on the "Do it Yourself" builders and renovation sectors. By providing a wider variety of specialty products via special order, we reaped larger profit margins and were able to supplement our typical revenue sources. This resulted in a very healthy second quarter with revenues higher than the projected budget and provided optimism going into the third quarter.

Business was back to usual by the third quarter. All of Kilrich's staff and equipment was pushed to our maximum capabilities as the construction sector bounced back. Numerous new housing, commercial, and industrial projects were launched throughout the north.



Guests aboard the CAFN bus during the Dakwakada tour October 11, 2013. Participants came from Haines Junction, Canyon and Takhini to join the tour.

With approximately one quarter of Kilrich's sales now moving outside of the Whitehorse area, we feel that we are sustaining our goal of being Yukon's building material leader.

By the end of September, we are projecting our revenues and profits for the year to date will be higher than budgeted and only marginally lower than the previous year. Kilrich is proud of this accomplishment, considering the level of decline early on in the year.

Over the winter, planning will take place for the 2014 year. We have completed a broad market analysis of Yukon, NWT, and Northern British Columbia. It proves that although we have had great success in our core markets, there may be a significant amount of untapped revenues if we are to enhance and develop our business further.

Kilrich and a team of financial and marketing consultants are now using this knowledge to develop a business plan for the next five years. Suggested items include expanding the store front and show room, developing an online ordering catalogue, enhancing 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.

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

Castle Rock Enterprises

Castle Rock's (CRE) utility operations in 2013 were hindered by the lack of deep and shallow utility projects being let for tender. To make up for this shortfall an emphasis was placed on tendering private and developers' underground projects. Previously, this marketplace has been the bread and butter for CRE and will continue into the future. CRE has been proven to be a major competitor in the Deep and Shallow Utility construction Industry.

Castle Rock developed a paving division including an asphalt plant and mobile equipment to provide competition within the Territory for paving projects. The paving division has continued to perform well and has expanded Castle Rock's revenue and reduced the recent downturn in deep and shallow utility project work. Castle Rock has a 10% discount for CAFN members for any of their paving needs.

Castle Rock now has numerous capable operators, key superintendents and a workforce that takes pride in their work and keeps production levels and quality at high levels. An excellent example of this is the "Whistle Bend Subdivision Surface Works Project Phase 1 & 2" where the staff of CRE maintained high quality workmanship and production, thus proving the ability of a CAFN owned company to complete a \$13 million project on time, even though CRE was delayed by a year because of delays by the Deep and Shallow Utility contractor.

Castle Rock has already won the parallel runway reconstruction project for 2014; a \$2.5 million stabilized base and paving projects; a \$600 thousand landscaping project; two developers' deep, shallow and surface work projects worth \$1.3 million; and continuing residential and landscaping projects. Castle Rock will continue to cross-train more of its own employees in all aspects of CRE operations, including the highest skill positions that supervise site workflow and operations. Over the winter CRE will focus on preparing for the upcoming construction season and deriving further efficiencies from the operations.

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HJEDS GREENHOUSE PROJECT

The Haines Junction Employment Development Society (HJEDS) Greenhouse Project has completed another successful season thanks to the support of the community, CAFN Chief and Council and the CAFN government and the Village of Haines Junction (VHJ). We would also like to thank the Yukon Government's Department of Health and Social Services for its ongoing financial support. We cannot thank you enough for your faith in our project and for the substantial contributions you have all made, whether it was to attend one of our lunches at our site or to purchase our products or to help us with one of our projects. It was a pleasure to serve you and to work with you. A huge kwānaschis to you all!

Since our new board was established in January, 2012 we are proud of what we have accomplished. We have moved the project from the VHJ Maintenance Compound, erected one of our greenhouses, prepared the ground for a February startup and built many quality wood products. We have re-established this project as a permanent fixture in our community and see a bright future ahead.

This season, the project was led by Meta Williams, our Trainer Coordinator, and by Percy Allen, our Job Coach. They did a fantastic job building the group, planning the work and motivating the employees. Their commitment and leadership inspired us all. Our employees this year were Glenda Miersch, Jenna Jackson, Scott John, Kevin Belcourt, Frederick Stick and Donna Belcourt. Thanks to you all for an excellent season.

Over the course of the winter, we will be hosting several fund raising events, including a Christmas Dinner over the holidays, a Chili dinner in February and an Easter Bingo. Please come out to these events to enjoy some home cooked food and to have some fun.

We are also planning our Annual General Meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th, 2014 starting at 6 p.m. It will be a potluck dinner so come on out and join us to make plans for the 2014 season. We need to find more people to serve on our Board, so if you would like to be involved in the ongoing management of a project dedicated to the support of people through employment, please consider putting your name forward and come out to our AGM. For further information, please contact one of our Board members. Present Board members are: Mike Crawshay, Chair, Will Jones, Secretary/Treasurer, Marie Davies, Ines Hartmann, Sheila Kushniruk, Miles Morton and Vera Owlchild.



CAFN Lands and Resources

This past summer, fencing was installed around the gravesites at Canyon Creek as well as gravesites at the old village in Aishihik.

EDUCATION SUPPORT UPDATE

WHITEHORSE ESW PROGRAM UPDATE

Äk'än dzenù shäkwäthän (Good day).

I hope everyone is having a great start to the school year!

In recent months, as the Whitehorse Education Support Worker, I have been very busy working one on one with students and doing class harvests. Also, I've been preparing for the various clubs at different schools including First Nations Dance club at Jack Hulland and Hand Games club at Jack Hulland, Hidden Valley and Takhini Elementary.

In September, I hosted an open house night at Jack Hulland and had a great turn out! Everyone enjoyed the extremely hot chili I made, although some people couldn't handle the heat and had salad and hot buns instead.

Please stay posted to the CAFN website and Facebook page for more events happening through the ESW program. I would also like to remind everyone there is tutoring funding available for your children. The Elementary Student Recognition Program is still running on a monthly basis, as well. Check the website for more details.

Our language is important, and I encourage everyone to *Dän k'e kwäshe* (speak Southern Tutchone/speak Indian Way) with our youth!

I look forward to working with you and your children!
Nigha Shäw nithän.

For more information, please contact:

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

Congratulations to Britney Au, who earned most valuable player (MVP) during the Super Volley Tournament where her team, the Vanier Crusaders, won first place. She is in grade 12 and has been dedicated to volleyball through all of high school.



Congratulations to Amy Hannon-Beattie (grade 12) on achieving the Principal's List at Vanier Catholic School for the first term of the 2013-14 school year. She is one of the top 10 students at Vanier achieving a grade point average of higher than 80%.



Thank you for beadwork display items

This year at Porter Creek Secondary, the opportunity to create a display was offered. When I sent an e-mail to all CAFN staff looking for beadwork for this display, I received a reply from our Direc-

tor of Human Resources, Stewart Breithaupt. As it turns out, Stewart is husband to a talented woman, Irene. Stewart dropped off a Super A paper bag filled with Irene's beaded gloves and mukluks. This allowed for a beautiful display. I would like to thank Stewart and Irene for helping to bring First Nation culture into the school.

Jennifer Chambers
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAFN BOARD & COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Champagne and Aishihik Needs You!

NEW! Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee: CAFN is seeking five CAFN Citizens to sit on this Committee for one and two year terms. The Language, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (LCHAC) will provide advice and recommendations on the delivery of Language, Culture and Heritage programs and services, and on programming at Da Kų Cultural Centre. *Please note: This opportunity has been extended as CAFN has not yet received enough applications to appoint the full committee.*

DEADLINE TO APPLY: December 10, 4:30 p.m.

Champagne Aishihik Trust Board: CAFN is seeking one CAFN 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 or experience is required; applicants must be CAFN Citizens; and applicants must provide a criminal record check.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: December 13, 4:30 p.m.

Alsek Renewable Resources Council (ARRC): CAFN is seeking one applicant to nominate to the ARRC for a three year term beginning May 2014. The ARRC is the primary instrument for local Renewable Resources Management in the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Traditional Territory and is made up of CAFN and Yukon community representatives. Applicants to the ARRC must reside in the CAFN traditional territory.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: December 13, 4:30 p.m.

Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee: CAFN is seeking one Citizen to nominate to the Yukon Salmon Sub-Committee for a five year term. This committee is the main instrument of salmon management in Yukon and makes recommendations on the management of Yukon River salmon, including the Alsek Drainage.

DEADLINE TO APPLY: December 13, 4:30 p.m.

To apply for any of these board and committee opportunities, please complete and submit a CAFN Boards and Committees Application Form with your resume. Application forms are available at www.cafn.ca/committee.html or at the 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

YOUTH CENTRE HOURS

**Tuesday: 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM
7:30 PM to 10:00 PM**

Wednesday: 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Thursday: 2:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Friday: 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Saturday: 7:00 PM - 12:00 AM

For more information, please contact:

Shannon Maloney
CAFN Youth Centre Coordinator
(867) 634-524
smaloney@cafn.ca

Or join **CAFN Youth Programs - the Youth Junction** on Facebook.

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 MARSHAL THANK YOU



CAFN thanks the Fire Marshal's Office (Protective Services Branch of Yukon Community Services), for the development of community fire protection safety awareness signs. The signs were designed, produced and donated by Government of Yukon, then installed by CAFN staff in the communities of Takhini, Champagne, Canyon and Haines Junction. Through this joint effort, our goal is to improve awareness to promote life safety and fire protection in our communities.

ELDERS FUEL REMINDER

REMINDER: Please ensure your oil tanks are clear of snow and clutter. Also, be sure to provide a small stool or ladder so fuel delivery personnel are able to reach the tanks. Thank you!

Jacqueline Chambers

Community Care Coordinator

Elders Fuel Coordinator

Champagne and Aishihik First Nations

(867) 634-4012

(867) 634-5219

ST. ELIAS SCHOOL COUNCIL NOTICE

St. Elias School Council would like all parents and community members to know that Yukon Education is initiating the 2014- 2017 School Calendar Consultation. School Council, along with the Government of Yukon, is seeking input and advice from parents and their school communities on the proposed school calendar including the following issues:

- A three year school calendar
- School start dates
- Length of the Spring Break

Information on the school calendar consultation process, including an online survey, is available on Yukon Education's website:

www.education.gov.yk.ca

If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to contact any member of the St. Elias School Council - Jacquie Chambers, Millie Joe, Yvonne Eleniak, Vanessa Pasula and Jeannine St. Marie. St. Elias School Council appreciates your input and feedback.

KEEPING SAFE FROM THE "SILENT KILLER"

As colder weather approaches, we want to remind everyone to have furnaces and other fuel-burning appliances in their homes inspected by authorized service personnel, to prevent the serious hazards of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

What Is carbon monoxide?

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, tasteless and toxic gas, and is often referred to as the "silent killer". When inhaled it inhibits the blood's capacity to transport oxygen throughout the body. It can poison the body

quickly in high concentrations, or slowly over long periods of time.

What are symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?

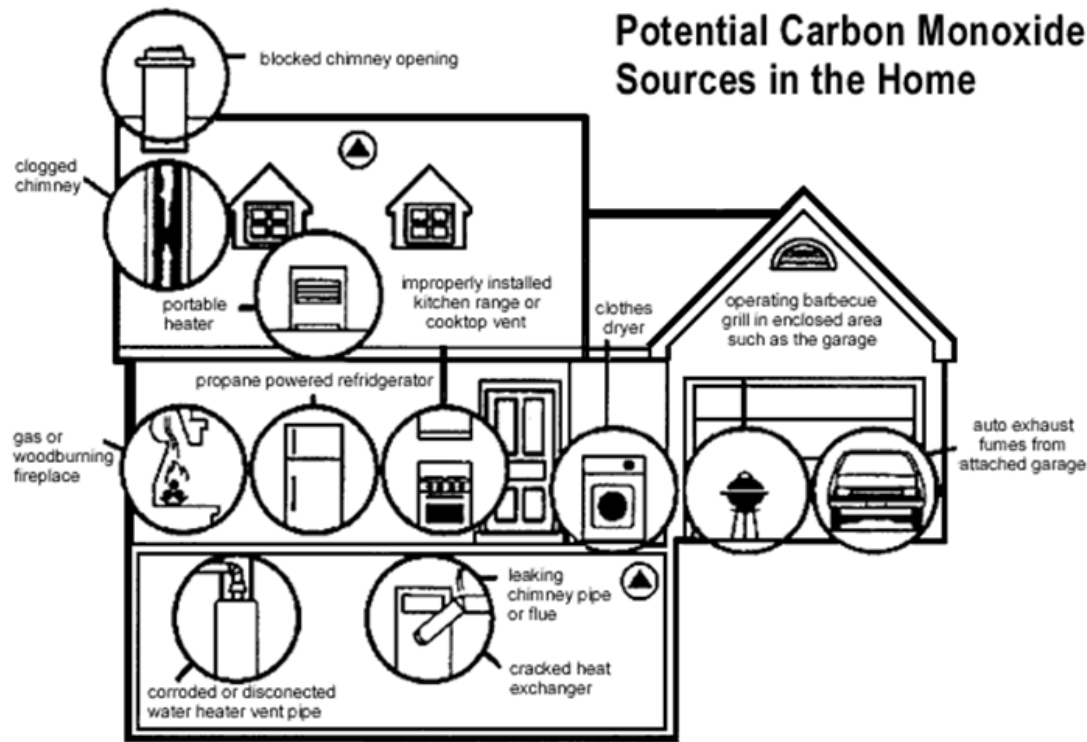
Exposure to CO can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness and even loss of consciousness. In severe cases, CO poisoning can cause brain damage and death. The elderly, children and people with heart or respiratory conditions may be particularly sensitive to CO.

How is carbon monoxide generated in the home?

Carbon monoxide is a by-product of incomplete combustion of fuel such as natural gas, propane, heating oil, kerosene, coal, charcoal, gasoline or wood. This incomplete combustion can occur in any device that depends on burning for energy or heat, such as furnaces, room heaters, fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves or grills, and any gas powered vehicle or engine. Automobiles left running in attached garages, gas barbecues operated inside the house, grills or kerosene heaters that are not properly vented, or chimneys or vents that are dirty or plugged may create unsafe levels of CO.

When properly installed, maintained and vented, any CO produced by these devices will not stay inside the home.

Potential Carbon Monoxide Sources in the Home



What are some danger signs?

- You or other members of your family have symptoms of CO exposure (see above).
- You notice a sharp, penetrating odour or smell of gas when your furnace or other fuel-burning equipment turns on.
- The air is stale or stuffy.
- The pilot light of your furnace or other fuel-burning equipment goes out.
- Chalky white powder forms on the chimney/exhaust vent pipe or soot build-up occurs around the exhaust vent.

How can unsafe levels of carbon monoxide be detected?

Carbon monoxide detectors monitor airborne concentration levels (parts per million) of carbon monoxide and sound an audible alarm when harmful CO levels are present.

Be sure that your detector has been certified to the Canadian Standards Association CAN/CGA 6.19 standard or the Underwriters Laboratories (UL) 2034 standard.

If you suspect carbon monoxide in your home...

If you or anyone else in your home is experiencing the symptoms of CO poisoning, ensure that everyone leaves the home immediately, leaving the door open. Call your local fire department or 911 from a neighbour's telephone.

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If your CO detector sounds, do NOT assume it to be a false alarm. Open all doors and windows to ventilate the home. If you cannot find the problem and the alarm continues, contact the fire department. If there is a strong smell of natural gas in your home, evacuate immediately, leaving the door open, and contact your local gas utility.

If no symptoms are experienced, reset the detector and check to see if the alarm activates. If the detector sounds a second time, call the local fire department for their assistance.

If the detector does not sound a second time, check for common conditions that may have caused a CO build-up (see the accompanying illustration) or contact a qualified heating contractor to check your fuel-burning equipment.

To keep safe, please remember:

- The dangers of carbon monoxide. Your knowledge and actions may save lives.
- CO detectors are a good second line of defence, but do not eliminate the need for regular inspection, maintenance and safe use of fuel-burning equipment.
- Take the time to learn about the use of CO detectors in your home to ensure you are using this equipment properly and effectively.

The Office of the Fire Marshal is part of a Carbon Monoxide Awareness Committee (comprised of representatives from industry, government, fire services, public utilities, standards and certification agencies and appliance manufacturers) that is dedicated to an ongoing, coordinated approach to protecting the public against CO hazards through greater awareness and understanding.

Home heating safety information is available on the Technical Standards and Safety Authority website at www.tssa.org



Champagne resident Mickey Beattie shoes a horse in preparation for a hunting trip to Squirrel Creek this summer.

Photo courtesy of Jacquie Chambers.

December 9 - Christmas Dinner at Takhini, 4-8 p.m.

December 12 - Christmas Bingo! at Da Ku Cultural Centre. Doors open at 4 p.m. and games begin at 6 p.m.

December 14 - Second Cousins concert, 7:30 p.m. at the St. Elias Convention Centre.

December 19 - School Christmas Concert, 7 p.m. at the St. Elias Community School.

December 20 - Open House at Nāts'ekhj Kū, 12 p.m. till evening.

December 23 - January 3 - CAFN offices closed.

December 28 - Haines Junction Homecoming Hockey Tournament, please register at the rink or bank or phone 634-2363 for more details.

January 7 - Back to School, St. Elias Community School.

Mondays - CAFN Education and Community Wellness staff at Takhini from 1 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Tuesdays - Family Game Night, Haines Junction, 7 to 9 p.m. at Nāts'ekhj Kū.

Wednesdays - Elders Tea and Fitness Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Nāts'ekhj Kū. 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, community hall, 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursdays - Family Movie Night, 7 to 9 p.m. at Nāts'ekhj Kū.

Nāts'ekhj Kū (Healing House) Fitness Room Hours:

Monday thru Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Please note, all weekly programs will suspend during the holidays and resume in the New Year.

For more details visit www.cafn.ca/events.html

SPECIAL GREETINGS

Kwìdlj dzenù sòthän nch'j!

Happy Birthday!

On October 6, Happy 5th Birthday to Cashis Copper William Narcisse Peter.

Love, Mom, Dad and 2Pac (the dog)

Happy Birthday to:

Nevada Joe - September 26

Nevaeh Joe-Carlick - October 1

Sending Birthday Greetings to Cousins:

Cameron Jim - August _

Jeremiah Jim - November 1

Grandma Vivian - November 1

Bethany Jim - November _

Lots of love from, Aunty Millie, Nathan, Nevada and Nevaeh!

Happy 1st Birthday to my Granddaughter, Kayla Fraser, on September 27.

Love, Grandma Anna.

A big Happy 15th Birthday to Sarina Primozic on September 25! Have a great year!! Love Mom, Pat, Natane and Anthony.

Happy Birthday to Mom/Angie on November 14.

We love you lots! Kaylea, Ron, Bronx.

Happy 85th Birthday to my wonderful Grandpa Roy Wabisca. I love you! Love, Kaylea.

Birthday Greetings to:

Bonnie Chambers - October 19

Thierry Oles - October 19

Happy Birthday to:

Bev Rissanen (Chambers) - November 20

Happy Birthday to:

Marion Telep - December 4

Grace Southwick - December 5

Candace Walker - December 5

Glenna Southwick - December 11

Nicki Telep - December 13

Roy Wabisca - December 21

Dick Dickson - December 21

Joe Knight - December 22

Mike Telep - December 25

Lena Smith-Tutin - December 30

Fran Oles - December 31

From the Wabisca, Telep, Bratt and Knight families.

Happy 24th Birthday on November 5th, Dustin Mazur!

Love Dad, Mom, Jessica and TJ.

Happy Birthday to:

Charles Hume - October 1

Scott Hume - November 11

Barbara Hume - December 3

From Dwayne, Charlene, Dustin, Jessica and TJ.

Happy Birthday to:

Jordana, Justine, Lydia, Auntie Carol Buzzel, Sandra

Jim, and Ian Jim for October, November, and December!

Martha Smith - October 21

No matter how hard I try, no matter what I do, I would never be able to show you how much I appreciate everything you've done for me. You are my friend, you are my strength. I wish you a very Happy Birthday, Mom! Love, AnnMarie.

December 24th - Happy Birthday to my brother, Robert Jackson. Have a great day!

Luv, Elly, Monty, Jorja and Josh.

December 25th - A very Big Happy Birthday to my niece Miss Shelby Jackson. Have lots of fun!!

Love, Auntie Elly, Monty, Jorja and Josh.

Happy 9th Birthday to Lauren McKinnon on December 24! Love, Mom, Dad and Douglas.

And a very Happy Birthday to Craig McKinnon this December 28th. Love from, Amy.



**Happy 5th Birthday for
Cashis Peter on October
6th!!!!**

**Hope your day is as
awesome as you are!!!!**

**Love from your Aunties
Steph and Kathy**

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

Extra Special Greetings:



Congratulations to Phyllis Smith, who was selected to receive the Yukon Minister of Justice Community Safety Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service. She was recognized during a dinner in Whitehorse on November 27, 2013.

Congratulations to Lenna Charlie, who volunteered in South Africa and Fiji this summer, and recently presented with BYTE in Yukon about her valuable experiences abroad.

Happy 50th, Bonnie Booooooo! We would like to wish you a spooktacular birthday on October 19!

Love, her mom Frankie, her sons Nate & Eddie and everyone else: Ruth, Donna, Curt, Steve, Michele, Odessa, Jason, Tina, Greg, Rachele, Chris, Nick, Skylar, Kael, Brielle, Jayla.



Congratulations to Blanche Pilkington on being profiled on Career Professionals of Canada. Blanche is a Resource Room Advisor/Facilitator with Horton Ventures Inc. in B.C. For more details visit www.careerprocanada.ca.



Congratulations to Kyra Chambers on her skill with horses. Kyra is shown here participating in 4H Hands and Hooves testing this summer.

The Champagne and Aishihik Education Department recognizes Reanna McKenzie-Hubbard with an Award of Achievement. This summer, Reanna was hired as a Camp Leader during CAFN's 2013 Summer Camp. She hiked over 30 km and canoed more than 50 km alongside many young attendees and camp counselors.



Reanna maintained a strong and positive attitude. Her determination was noticed by peers, attendees and many community members. Congratulations, keep up the great work!

It's A Boy!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Margaret Chiblow & Chris Williams on the arrival of **Connor Alfred Richard Williams** born November 14, 2013 in Whitehorse, Yukon

It's A Girl!

CONGRATULATIONS



Welcome Alison Rose Sky Allen Stick
7lb 13 oz
Born September 15 at 8:15pm
in Whitehorse, Yukon
Proud parents Fred Stick Jr. & Shannon Allen

Return Address:

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Destination Address:



Attendees at a two day YESAA (Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act) Forum at Da Kų Cultural Centre this October. The objective of the forum was to brain storm on how to increase First Nation involvement within the YESAA process. CAFN proudly co-hosted the forum and representatives of 12 First Nations, Yukon, Canada and YESAB. The forum was successful with the participants fully enjoying Da Kų and their stay in Haines Junction.

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Stories, photos, greetings and artwork are welcome.

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