



YUKON REGION

A Look Back

April 2021

- 8** **Indigenous Clean Energy 'Day in the Life' Film Series:** Regional Chief Adamek filmed a segment for the Indigenous Clean Energy 'Day in the Life' Film Series to highlight her role and the work of the AFN YT Regional Office. The film series aims to uplift and empower Indigenous youth as future leaders and change makers in the clean energy sector.
- 8** **Visit to Whitehorse Individual Learning Centre:** Regional Chief Adamek and the AFN Yukon Regional Climate Change Coordinator brought pizza lunch for the students and staff at the Individual Learning Center (ILC) and shared highlights of the AFN Yukon Regional Office, the role of the Regional Chief as well as reflections on navigating high school, graduation and opportunities for the future. Emily shared about the YFN Climate Action Fellowship and other exciting climate initiatives.
- 12** **Net Zero Advisory Body (NZAB) Meeting (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek and Regional Climate Coordinator met virtually with AFN National environment team discuss her invitation to participate as a member to Minister Wilkinson's Federal Net Zero Advisory Body. This independent group of experts has a mandate to engage with Canadians and provide advice to the Minister on pathways to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.
- 13-15** **ACE Strategic Planning Sessions (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek, Regional Climate Coordinator and members of the ACE committee participated in a two-day strategic planning session to identify priority areas and opportunities for continued momentum and progress on climate action and the environment from coast-to-coast-to-coast.
- 15-18** **YFN Climate Action Fellowship 1st Gathering (Marsh Lake, YT):** The YFN Climate Action Fellowship safely gathered for the first time in person at Marsh Lake in Southern Yukon to come together in circle to connect, listen and share with one another. Regional Chief Adamek, respected Elders and climate experts joined the youth fellows over the three-day emergent retreat to share art, stories and reflections on climate action and the path ahead.
- 19** **COP 26 Planning Meeting with Indigenous Clean Energy (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek, Regional Climate Coordinator and AFN staff Graeme Reed met virtually with Indigenous Clean Energy staff to discuss the opportunity of collaborating on a session for the upcoming COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland.
- 21** **Presentation to FH Collins High School Social Justice Club:** Regional Chief Adamek and Regional Climate Coordinator met with the FH Collins Secondary School Social Justice Club to share about the work of the Regional Chief, the AFN Yukon Regional Office and climate initiatives in advance of Earth Day.
- 22** **Earth Day Walk with FH Collins Social Justice Club:** Regional Chief Adamek and AFN YT Team Members joined the FH Collins High School Social Justice Club on Earth Day for an afternoon walk outdoors around the Millennium Trail, along the Yukon River in downtown Whitehorse. Students painted rocks and took photos of the scenery to acknowledge and celebrate the beauty of planet Earth.
- 22** **AFN Yukon Executive Committee Meeting**
- 27** **The Role of Women in Ending Racism and Discrimination Towards First Nations:** Regional Chief Adamek joined Regional Chief Ghislaine Picard and other panelists to talk about the role of women in ending racism and discrimination towards First Nations.
- 30** **The Role of Law in Tackling Today's Environmental Challenges:** Regional Chief Adamek joined a panel to discuss how law and First Nations knowledge may be used to address climate change.

May 2021



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- 1 **Coffee with Kluane Episode #1:** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek launched a radio show in partnership with local Indigenous radio station CHON FM titled “Coffee with Kluane” to highlight local Yukon First Nations leaders doing important work within communities. This episode focused on youth leadership and students graduating from the Yukon University’s Indigenous Governance Degree.
- 5 **Community Visit to Kluane First Nation:** Regional Chief Adamek visited Kluane First Nation and Kluane Lake School to meet with students, Chief, and Council.
- 6-7 **Community Visit to White River First Nation:** Regional Chief Adamek visited White River First Nation to meet with community leadership including newly elected Chief Chasse.
- 11-12 **CYFN Leadership/General Assembly**
- 13 **AFN Yukon Annual Summit**
- 25 **Community Visit to Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation:** Regional Chief Adamek visited Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation to discuss community priorities and visit Tantalus Community School where she spoke with students.
- 27 **High Level Expert Seminar on Climate Change Impacts of Expanding Situations of Vulnerability on Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Populations and Latin American Migrants (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek participated as a speaker on this seminar to share and provide important reflections on behalf of the AFN YT Regional office, regarding the correlation between climate change and increased vulnerability impacts to marginalized populations.
- 31 **Memorial for 215 Children:** Regional Chief Adamek and the AFN Yukon team joined the Whitehorse memorial for the 215 children discovered at the former Kamloops Residential School, including a Sacred Fire at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.

June 2021

- 1 **Coffee with Kluane Episode #2:** Regional Chief Adamek hosted Elders and leaders to discuss recent discoveries of unmarked graves at former residential schools.
- 9 **Indigenous Women’s Panel:** Regional Chief Adamek was asked to join a panel on Indigenous women’s leadership and the importance of matriarchs.
- 16 **AFN Yukon Chiefs Summit (Video-conference):** The AFN YT Leadership summit was hosted virtually and in person to bring together YFN Leadership to provide updates, advance priorities and give strategic direction to the AFN Yukon Regional office and Regional Chief Adamek.
- 23 **Prep Meeting for Upcoming FPT Minister’s Meeting on Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek, Regional Climate Coordinator and AFN Environment Staff Curtis Scurr & Ben Green-Stacy held a prep meeting in advance of the FPT Minister’s Meeting on Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity to discuss key messages and priorities. Additional Meeting Dates: June 25
- 23/24 **AFN Yukon Annual Summit**
- 25 **Residential School Walkers Send-off:** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek delivered remarks as part of the send-off for the Yukon Warrior Walkers, a group of people walking from Whitehorse to Tk’emlúps te Secwepemc in honour of the 215 children found buried at the former Kamloops Residential School.
- 28 **FPT Ministers Responsible for Biodiversity, Conservation and Wildlife Meeting with National Indigenous Leaders (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek and support staff (Regional Climate Coordinator and AFN Environment Staff Curtis Scurr & Ben Green-Stacy) joined the important dialogue, discussion and panelists to advance First Nations priorities, rights and interests in Canada’s Biodiversity, Conservation and Wildlife agenda.