



# YUKON REGION

## A Look Back

### July 2021

- 5 **Coffee with Klwane Episode #3:** Regional Chief Adamek hosted Indigenous leaders from Yukon and other parts of Canada to discuss health, different approaches to healing and wellness, and the importance of healing for mind, body, soul and spirit.
- 5 **AFN Yukon – National Chiefs All Candidates Forum (Video-conference):** The AFN Yukon Regional office offered YFN Chiefs an opportunity to see and hear from all the AFN National Chief candidates, and to provide a platform and opportunity for Q&A with the candidates in a safe and virtually-inclusive environment.
- 6-8 **AFN Annual General Assembly:** Regional Chief Adamek and AFN YT staff members worked to support YFN's Leadership's participation in the AGA including online voting support for the National Chief election process and sharing current info and updates. The purpose of the AGA is to provide strategic direction based on the needs and priorities of First Nations; the theme of this year's event was 'Building our Future'. Through the Chiefs in Assembly, First Nations Leaders have a venue to provide direction to the work of the AFN, the National Chief and Executive Committee by way of resolution.
- 8 **AFN Yukon Regional Caucus Session (Video-conference):** The AFN Yukon Regional office organized a virtual caucus session for YFN's Leadership to dialogue and share information and updates regarding the AGA and AFN National Chief election.
- 14 **Climate Change and Indigenous Values Interview:** Regional Chief Adamek participated in an interview with the local newspaper (Yukon News) to share insights and perspectives on the topic of climate change and Indigenous values.
- 21 **Net Zero Advisory Body (NZAB) Meeting (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek joined the NZAB members and secretariat to discuss Canada's priority items related to achieving a net-zero future. This includes the creation of reports and providing expert advice that would help inform Canada's targets and emission reduction plans that are required by the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (Bill C-12). The NZAB is an independent group of experts that has a mandate to engage and consult with all Canadians to advise the Minister on pathways to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

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- 9 **Warrior Walk conclusion in Kamloops, BC:** Yukon Warrior Walkers arrived in Kamloops, British Columbia to conclude their journey from Whitehorse in honour of the 215 souls discovered by Tk'emlúps te Secwepemc First Nation and the thousands of other children that continue to be recovered across the country. AFN Yukon Knowledge Keepers Council representative Elder Mary Jane Jim travelled to Kamloops to participate in the event.
- 13 **Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment Prep Meeting (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek, AFN YT Climate Coordinator and members of the AFN Environment team had a preparatory



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- meeting and briefing session in advance of the upcoming CCME meeting. The CCME is a minister-led intergovernmental forum for collective action on both national and international environmental issues.
- 19** **Community Visit to Teslin Tlingit Council:** Regional Chief Adamek and AFN YT Climate Coordinator were invited to attend the TTC AGA. Regional Chief Adamek provided a portfolio update and shared about the work of the regional office. Additionally, she shared highlights of the AFN YT annual report and resolutions matrix. Climate Coordinator, Emily McDougall, provided a high-level update on the work of the YFN Climate Action Fellowship and Reconnection Vision & Action plan.
- 20** **Community Visit to Na-cho Nyak Dun First Nation:** AFN Yukon Regional Chief Adamek visited NND to join a community meeting, share regional updates and priorities with community leadership and staff.
- 20** **Community Visit to Selkirk First Nation:** AFN Yukon Regional Chief Adamek joined Selkirk First Nation leaders, Elders and Youth in the signing ceremony of the Huchá Hudän Management Plan.
- 24** **AFN Yukon Chiefs Summit:** 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. Members of the YFN Climate Fellowship and Steering Committee provided a comprehensive update on the Fellowship journey, approach and seasonal planning for the reconnection spaces.
- 24** **BYTE Climate and Youth Mayoral Forum:** AFN Yukon Regional Chief Adamek was invited to moderate a forum where candidates for Mayor of Whitehorse spoke directly to youth specifically about questions on climate change and climate action.
- 26-30** **On the Land Gathering - Wéinaa: YFN Climate Action Fellowship 3rd Gathering (Atlin, BC):** The YFN Climate Action Fellowship safely gathered for the third time in person in Atlin, BC to further connect and explore ideas, concepts and components for the YFN Climate Reconnection (Vision & Action) Plan. Participants were joined by local Leaders, Elders, knowledge keepers, steering committee members and climate experts to listen, learn and ask questions. Participants participated in cultural activities included cutting, smoking and canning salmon, gathering medicines, picking berries, beading, creating art and spending time to reflect on the land.

## September 2021

- 8** **Net Zero Advisory Body (NZAB) Meeting (Video-conference):** Regional Chief Adamek joined the NZAB members and secretariat to discuss Canada's priority items related to achieving a net-zero future. This includes the creation of reports and providing expert advice that would help inform Canada's targets and emission reduction plans that are required by the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (Bill C-12). The NZAB is an independent group of experts that has a mandate to engage and consult with all Canadians to advise the Minister on pathways to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. Additional meeting dates took place on September 24
- 10** **Action Canada Fellowship Luncheon and Presentation (In-person):** Regional Chief Adamek and Climate Coordinator Emily, joined the Action Canada Fellows for lunch during their visit to Whitehorse, and shared critical perspectives about important aspects of First Nations history that should be included in immigration policy for newcomers to Canada in regards to Truth and Reconciliation. Action Canada is an independent, non-partisan and non-profit organization that offers a Fellowship for Canadian public policy and leadership development.
- 13** **Coffee with Kluane Episode #4:** Regional Chief Adamek hosted the fourth episode of Coffee with Kluane where she connected with Elders and leaders to discuss art, education, and cultural connections.



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- 14 **AFN Climate Touchpoint (Video-conference):** Meeting with Regional Chief Adamek, AFN YT staff and Environment Staff to discuss potential outward facing comms pieces to collectively advocate and share positioning of First Nations on priority issues related to climate change and the environment.
- 17 **Community Visit to Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation:** AFN Yukon Regional Chief Adamek and members of the AFN Yukon Region team joined LSCFN's Annual General Assembly to hear from Chief, Council and citizens regarding LSCFN's priorities and the important work they are doing to advance their solutions as a nation.
- 22 **Community Visit to White River First Nation:** AFN Yukon Regional Chief Adamek and members of the AFN Yukon Region team traveled to WRFN, joined by AFN Yukon Youth Council representative Jessica Mazur, students from the Nelnah Bessie John School and Whitehorse Individual Learning Centre for a day of activities and discussions on the land.
- 25 **National Chief Visit in Vancouver, BC:** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek and Yukon First Nations Chiefs and representatives met with National Chief RoseAnne Archibald to discuss Yukon First Nations priorities, share about the great work being done in the territory, and the work still to do to advance Yukon First Nations interests and priorities at all levels.
- 27 **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Panel "Yukon's story of self-government and values-based leadership:** AFN Yukon Regional Chief Adamek joined a panel on Day 1 of Reconciliation Week to share about the leadership of Yukon First Nations in areas of self-government and values-based leadership. The session was part of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's programming during Reconciliation Week, marking the first ever federally recognized National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- 28 **'Phyllis' Orange Shirt' School Book Reading (In-person):** Regional Chief Adamek and Senator Pat Duncan jointly presented to students of Elijah Smith Elementary School to share Phyllis Webstad's book "Phyllis' Orange Shirt". The book reading was part of Truth and Reconciliation dialogues taking place at the school that week to begin sharing the true history and legacy of First Nations and residential schools in Canada.
- 29 **FH Collins School Visit:** AFN Yukon Regional Chief Adamek and team were invited to FH Collins Secondary School to present a keynote speech to students from grades 8-12 on Reconciliation Week, Orange Shirt Day, and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- 30 **National Truth & Reconciliation Day:** Regional Chief Adamek and AFN YT Staff participated in various events throughout the Territory to commemorate the first-ever National Day for Truth & Reconciliation, to reflect on the painful history and lasting impacts of residential schools to First Nations in Canada.