



YUKON REGION

A Look Back

October 2020

- 2** **Yukon Forum CYFN Executive**
- 7** **Climate Change Call with CIRNAC:** Regional Chief Adamek and AFN YT RCCC participated in an introductory climate change call with CIRNAC (Mark Hopkins and staff) to discuss organizational climate change agendas as well potential opportunities and areas of alignment.
- 7** **AFN Yukon Executive Meeting**
- 16-19** **Kluane First Nation Annual General Assembly (Burwash Landing, Yukon):** Regional Chief Adamek was invited to attend the KFN AGA, where she provided an update on the work of the ACE, the AFN Yukon Regional office as well as regional and national climate initiatives.
- 20** **Canada Green Building Council 'Building Lasting Change' 2020 Forum (video conference):** Regional Chief Adamek provided an opening and keynote address for Health & Livability: Pillars of Green Building (Session 5). She presented on the impacts of climate change in northern communities, the need to explore energy alternatives and the importance of Indigenous knowledge and social impact investing as part of climate solutions.
- 21** **CANDO 27th Annual National Conference 'Navigating Through Economic Uncertainty' Climate Workshop (video conference):** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek and Graeme Reed, co-delivered a session (Workshop B) focused on exploring and applying a First Nations Climate Lens in Canada's post-COVID economic recovery.
- 23-26** **ACE Update & Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Meeting (Old Crow, Yukon):** Regional Chief was invited to Old Crow to participate in a meeting regarding ANWR and to provide an update on the work of the ACE as well as AFN Yukon regional climate initiatives. Elder Lorraine Netro gave the opening prayer and with support of AFN, helped to organize a community dinner as part of the meeting.
- 28** **AFN Yukon Executive Meeting**
- 29** **First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Implementation Team**

November 2020

- 2-3** **CYFN Leadership Meeting**
- 10** **AFN Yukon Virtual Annual Chiefs Summit (video conference):** The AFN Yukon Region hosted its annual Chiefs Summit to provide leadership with important portfolio updates and information. A fulsome climate change update and presentation was jointly provided by AFN YT RCCC and CYFN climate staff regarding the YFN Climate Vision & Action Plan and the YFN Climate Action Fellowship. Members of the Yukon First Nations Climate Action Gathering Steering Committee introduced themselves to YFN's leadership.
- 10** **AFN Yukon Summit:** Ministers Miller, Bennet, and Vandal attended virtually.
- 13** **Round Table on Parks Canada (teleconference):** Regional Chief Adamek and staff from the AFN National Environment sector participated on the Parks Canada Round Table with Federal Officials including the Minister of Environment.
- 25** **Full ACE Zoom Meeting:** Regional Chief Adamek (ACE meeting co-chair) and AFN YT RCCC participated in the ACE meeting to provide regional updates and contribute to the important discussions, dialogues and updates from the national office.
- 26** **2020 Future of Good Summit (video conference):** Regional Chief Adamek presented as a speaker in the Climate Leadership for the Decade (Plenary 5) fireside chat session and shared insights regarding her role as the AFN National Climate Change & Environment portfolio holder, and the intersections between



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climate change and the social impact sector. Group discussions followed on topics of social and ecological crisis, racial justice and the future climate action.

December 2020

- 2-3 **CYFN Leadership Meeting**
- 4 **AFN Yukon Executive Meeting**
- 7 **AFN Executive Committee Meeting**
- 8-9 **AFN Annual General Assembly (video conference):** The AFN YT team participated virtually in the AFN AGA to observe resolutions as directed by Chiefs in Assembly, receive updates on the work of the AFN and to share information. The AFN YT office hosted two virtual YFN caucus sessions and meetings including a session attended by Justice Minister and Attorney General of Canada, the Honorable David Lametti.
- 10 **Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Declaration Ceremony (KDCC Whitehorse, Yukon)**
- 11 **Yukon Forum CYFN**
- 15 **AFN Executive Committee Meeting**

Community Visits, Events and Meetings

Regional Chief Adamek and AFN Yukon Regional staff typically visit and attend events and meetings in various Yukon First Nation communities to share information from the office and to hear from community members about their national priority items. Over the last several months however, these in-person visits to Yukon First Nation communities were limited because of the restrictions on in-person gatherings. When safe to do so, Regional Chief Adamek travelled to communities, and some of these included:

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