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A Message from Regional Chief Adamek

Gunalcheesh, Shāwnithan, Nia:wen for all of the well wishes to myself, my partner Scott, and our families on the recent birth of our daughter. We have been overwhelmed by the love and kind words from people across the Yukon and beyond, and are spending time soaking up all of the early moments spent with our new baby girl.

I am now taking a pause until December 1st, 2023, from my work-related duties. During my leave I will have a proxy, former AFN Yukon Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim, attend meetings in my absence. Mary Jane will support the important work of the Regional Office at the direction of Yukon First Nation Chiefs and will be supported by the AFN Yukon Regional Office team to ensure that the work of our office continues smoothly while I am on leave. I am very grateful to Mary Jane for stepping up and supporting the work of our office in my absence and allowing me to take time to spend with the newest addition to our family!

While I am taking some time away from my work-related duties, I continue to be incredibly proud of the work that we are seeing come together at the hands of Yukon First Nations. Our Regional Office was incredibly proud to submit a recommendations report to Canada which brought together the invaluable insights and feedback of Yukon First Nations leadership, Elders, Youth, women, 2SLGBTQIA+ folks, and citizens on the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Yukon and Canada more broadly. This submission could not have been completed without the dedication and contributions of all those who participated in the engagement process of this work. We also got to celebrate the First Nations Graduation in June, where Yukon First Nations students were honoured and acknowledged for their hard work and pursuit of education.

I also want to thank the AFN Yukon Regional Executive, which continues to guide the work of the Regional Office. Their support and guidance have been integral to the continuity of the work that our office does to support the needs and priorities of Yukon First Nations, and I continue to be grateful for that leadership. While I enjoy my special time on leave, I will also look forward to reconnecting with so many across the territory upon my return and in the meantime, will continue to support and celebrate the successes of the Yukon Region in the ways that I am able to. Much love and thank you again for the well wishes!

Regional Chief Kluane Adamek, Aagé

A Look Back

April 2023

- 2 **AFN National Executive Meeting**
- 3 **ACE Meeting (Ottawa, ON):** representatives from the AFN Yukon Regional Office attended the AFN National Advisory Committee on Climate Action and the Environment (ACE) to discuss important priorities to address climate action and national strategies.
- 4-6 **AFN Special Chiefs Assembly (Ottawa, ON):** the AFN Yukon Region team, along with a delegation of Yukon First Nation Chiefs, leaders, and proxies travelled to Ottawa to join the AFN Special Chiefs



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Assembly. First Nations leaders from coast to coast to coast joined the SCA to discuss regional and national priorities, engage with federal leadership, and vote on important resolutions to move the work of the AFN forward.

- 12 AFN Yukon UNDRIP Implementation Roundtable Event for Leadership and Technicians (Virtual/Mt. Mac, YT):** A dialogue session was held both online and in-person to hear from Yukon First Nation leadership and technicians in order to gather their perspectives, priorities and feedback for UNDRIP implementation.
- 13 AFN Yukon UNDRIP Implementation Roundtable Event for Elders and Youth (Virtual/Mt. Mac, YT):** A dialogue session was held both online and in-person to hear from Yukon First Nation youth and elders in order to gather their perspectives, priorities and feedback for UNDRIP implementation.
- 13 AFN Yukon UNDRIP Implementation Roundtable Event: Women / 2SLGBTQIA+ (Virtual/Mt. Mac, YT):** A dialogue session was held both online and in-person to hear from Yukon First Nation women and 2SLGBTQIA+ people in order to gather their perspectives, priorities and feedback for UNDRIP implementation.

May 2023

- 1 AFN Yukon Draft Submission of UNDRIP Engagement and Recommendations Report:** AFN Yukon submitted an initial draft of its recommendations report to Canada, complete with 20 recommendations for the federal government's National Action Plan on the implementation of UNDRIP. This draft report was completed using input gathered from Yukon First Nations via an online survey, virtual open house, three separate in-person and virtual roundtable sessions, and other forms of written feedback received by the AFN Yukon Regional Office.
- 5 Red Dress Day Walk and Lunch (Whitehorse, YT):** Vuntut Gwitchin Elder Lorraine Netro and AFN Women's Council Yukon Region Representative Carissa Waugh attended the Whitehorse walk for Red Dress Day on behalf of the AFN Yukon Region. The walk honours missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, as well as the families who continue to fight for justice for their loved ones who have faced systemic and gender-based violence.
- 9-10 UNDRIP Report Review Sessions (Virtual):** The AFN Yukon Region team hosted four online feedback sessions over the course of two days for Yukon First Nations to join and provide feedback on the draft submission of the UNDRIP Engagement and Recommendations Report to Canada. The draft recommendations were presented to participants, and they provided feedback, revisions, and additions to the report that they wanted to see incorporated into the final submission to Canada.
- 12 AFN Yukon Executive Meeting**
- 15 AFN Yukon Final Submission of UNDRIP Engagement and Recommendations Report:** following the UNDRIP Report review sessions, the AFN Yukon team revised the UNDRIP Engagement and Recommendations Report with additions and changes requested by Yukon First Nations, and sent in the final submission to Canada. The final submission includes 23 action-based recommendations to guide the federal government in its implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the Yukon and Canada. The final report can be found on the AFN Yukon Region's website.
- 26 AFN Executive Committee Meeting**
- 31 Kets'ádań Kù Site Clearing Celebration (Burwash Landing, YT):** Site clearing celebration for the Kets'ádań Kù school building project on behalf of the AFN Yukon Region, where Kluane First Nation, Burwash Landing and Destruction Bay community members were invited to attend and witness the beginning of construction on the Kets'ádań Kù school building.



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June 2023

- 2 **AFN National Executive Meeting (Virtual)**
- 2 **Yukon First Nations Graduation:** Yukon First Nations students celebrated their many achievements during the First Nations Graduation ceremony, where the AFN Yukon Region sponsored the Environment and Climate Stewardship Award.
- 7 **MMIWG2S+ Implementation Plan Review Gathering (Carcross Haa Shagóon Hídi/Virtual):** The Yukon Advisory Committee anticipates publicly releasing the Implementation Plan for Changing the Story to Upholding Dignity & Justice: Yukon's Strategy on MMIWG2S+ on June 6, 2023. Following this release, the Committee will host a technical gathering to review the Implementation Plan with contributors and partners. Women's rep Carissa Waugh registered to attend virtually.
- TBC **Regional AGA Preparation Session**
- 9 **Swearing in Ceremony as Yukon Commissioner for Adeline Webber**
- 9 **AFN National Executive Meeting (Virtual)**
- 13 **Results from the Yukon COVID-19 Recovery Research Program:** HB/JM to confirm with MJJ on participation
- 14 **CSIS Brief on Foreign Interference:** The AFN Yukon Region team virtually attended a briefing on the potential threats of foreign interference in the Yukon, specifically as it relates to election processes and cybersecurity.
- 16 **AFN National Executive Meeting (Virtual)**
- 23 **AFN National Executive Meeting (Virtual)**
- 27-29 **CYFN General Assembly Meeting (Champagne and Aishik First Nations traditional territory)**
- 27 **Visit with Minister of Justice David Lametti:** Proxy Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim met with Minister of Justice David Lametti to discuss important justice-related priorities in the Yukon Region, including UNDRIP and the federal government's National Action Plan for UNDRIP, community safety and policing in First Nations, and the recent federal legislation on bail reform (Bill C-48).
- 28 **AFN Special Chiefs Assembly (Virtual):** The SCA was dedicated to fulfilling the mandate of AFN Resolution 03/2023 Investigation and Audit of AFN's Financial and Management Policies, which included reporting to First Nations-in-Assembly on the findings of a human resources investigation led by an independent investigator and the holding of a Special Chiefs Assembly to address the implications of the investigation involving the AFN National Chief and AFN staff. Some Yukon First Nations attended virtually while others appointed a proxy. AFN Yukon Region staff attended the SCA virtually to support Yukon First Nation participants.