



YUKON REGION

A Message from Acting Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim

On behalf of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Yukon Region, I would like to say Shāw Nithän to all of the Yukon First Nation Chiefs and leaders who have supported my transition into the role of Acting Regional Chief, and who continue to support the AFN Yukon Regional office as we have moved through another busy summer. I also want to thank the AFN Yukon Regional Executive, who guide the Regional Office and provide support which is vital to the work that our office does to support the interests and priorities of Yukon First Nations.

The Yukon Region continues to prove to be a leader in countless ways. I was proud to lead and support the Yukon delegation of Youth, Chiefs, Elders and leaders who travelled to Halifax (Kjipuktuk) for the AFN AGA in July. Yukon First Nations leaders spoke with great strength, unity and purpose as they supported the passing of important resolutions and ensured Northern voices were heard. I am looking forward to continuing to work together with these incredible Yukon leaders to support the AFN Yukon Regional Office.

Acting AFN Yukon Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim

A Look Back

July 2023

- 7-9** **35th Annual Yukon Hand Games Championships:** the AFN Yukon Region provided sponsorship for the Annual Yukon Hand Games Championships.
- 9** **AFN National Executive Meeting (Halifax/Kjipuktuk)**
- 10-14** **AFN National 44th Annual General Assembly (Halifax/Kjipuktuk):** Acting Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim led a delegation of Yukon First Nations Youth, Chiefs, Elders, and leaders at the AFN AGA, meeting with First Nations leaders from across the country to set strategic direction based on regional and collective needs and priorities. The Chiefs in Assembly provided the AFN Executive with strategic direction through discussing and voting on several resolutions, including a resolution on health moved and seconded by Yukon First Nation Chiefs.
- 28-30** **Haa Kusteeyi (Atlin, BC):** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek attended the Haa Kusteeyi celebrations on traditional territory of the Taku River Tlingit First Nation. This year's celebration theme was "Culture is Healing," which ties in with their big announcement of their 140-year-old Chilkat Robe, collected in a Tlingit community in the 1800s, being returned to their community. Upon its return, the robe arrived safely in Whitehorse, on June 7, 2023, greeted with singing and drumming.



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- 10** **Joint Task Force North (Virtual):** Acting Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim and AFN Yukon Region team members attended a virtual meeting with Joint Task Force North, one of six regional joint task forces of the Canadian Armed Forces situated in key locations across Canada who are responsible for conducting Canadian Armed Forces operations.
- 10** **Liberal Northern and Prairie Caucus Retreat:** Acting Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim and members of the AFN Yukon team joined a meeting with the Prime Minister's Office PMO Office to discuss key regional issues and priorities.
- 22** **AFN-Infrastructure Canada Reaching Home Joint Technical Working Group (Virtual):** members of the AFN Yukon Region team attended the "Reaching Home" meeting between the AFN and Infrastructure Canada, where they discussed First Nations needs and indicators under the Reaching Home Results Framework.
- 29-1** **AFN Yukon Region Staff Retreat (Tagish, YT):** AFN Yukon Region team participated in a 3-day team building retreat in Tagish, focusing on team building and strategic planning for the regional office.

September 2023

- 6-7** **NCCABC's-Indigenous Ways on Ending Gender Based Violence Forum**
- 14** **Announcement of Expanded AFN Yukon Partnership with Mastercard Foundation and Yukon University:** The Mastercard Foundation is expanding its partnership with Yukon University to continue to transform education and support Indigenous youth success in the Yukon through the EleV Program. The AFN Yukon Region has partnered to pilot a YFN post-secondary graduation ceremony to recognize the achievements and celebrate the success of all Indigenous post-secondary students in the Yukon.
- 19** **Mastercard Foundation/Yukon University "Leading from the North for the North: Indigenous Solutions to Global Challenges Panel" (Whitehorse, YT):** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek participated in the Leading from the North for the North: Indigenous Solutions to Global Challenges Panel, where she discussed various northern priorities of Yukon First Nations, including the work of the Yukon First Nations Climate Fellowship and their work on the Reconnection Vision.
- 25** **Proposed AFN Languages Allocation Discussion:** Acting Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim attended and participated in a meeting of regional representatives, including other representatives from Yukon First Nations, to discuss the AFN's languages funding allocations and language-related needs in the Yukon.
- 25** **AFN Executive Committee Meeting**
- 26** **Yukon Forum (Dawson City, YT):** Acting Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim attended the Yukon Forum meeting with leaders of the Government of Yukon, Yukon First Nations and the Council of Yukon First Nations.
- 28** **AFN Yukon Executive Meeting**
- 24-30** **Walking Warriors for Lost Children (Dawson City and Whitehorse, YT):** Acting Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim and Elder Lorraine Netro attended the Walking Warriors for Lost Children on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. The walk began in Dawson City, ending in Whitehorse with a gathering at Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre.