



# 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 role of Acting Regional Chief in 2023. As the year comes to a close, Regional Chief Kluane Adamek is beginning her transition back into the role on a full-time basis, and will be resuming her duties in the new year!

I want to thank the AFN Yukon Regional Executive, who has supported the Regional Office and the work that our office does to support Yukon First Nations. The Yukon Region continues to prove to be a leader in countless ways and as the year comes to a close, I reflect proudly on the leadership that Yukon First Nations have displayed this year.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season, and a wonderful end to 2023!

Acting AFN Yukon Regional Chief Mary Jane Jim

## A Look Back

### October 2023

- 3-4** **CYFN Leadership Meetings:** A/RC Mary Jane Jim joined the Council of Yukon First Nations Leadership meetings.
- 5** **Chiefs Committee on Languages Meeting (Ottawa, ON):** LGBTQQIA2S+ Council Yukon Region representative Duane Aucoin attended the AFN National LGBTQQIA2S+ Council meeting in Ottawa, gathering with representatives from other regions across the country to discuss priorities at all levels.
- 12** **Meeting with Regional Director General and Minister of Northern Affairs (Yukon University, YT):** A/RC Mary Jane Jim joined a meeting with federal Minister of Northern Affairs Dan Vandal and Regional Director General to discuss Northern priorities and challenges pertinent to Yukon First Nations.
- 13** **2023 Leadership Committee meeting (Whitehorse, YT):** A/RC Mary Jane Jim attended the 2023 Arctic and Northern Policy Framework (ANPF) Leadership Committee Meeting. Minister Dan Vandal co-hosted with Yukon Grand Chief Peter Johnston to speak to the Government of Canada's commitment to implementing the Arctic and Northern Policy Framework in collaboration with Arctic and northern partners.
- 13** **Meeting with Premier Pillai (Whitehorse, YT):** A/RC Mary Jane Jim met with Premier Pillai on key regional issues and the territorial government's role in supporting Yukon First Nations priorities.
- 16** **2nd Accountability Forum for Yukon's MMIWG2S+ Strategy:** A/RC Mary Jane Jim provided opening remarks at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Accountability Forum for Yukon's MMIWG2S+ Strategy. The forum offered signatories to the Strategy with a chance to publicly reaffirm their dedication to the Strategy. It served as a platform for signatories to come together to exchange updates, actions, and progress related to the strategy's implementation.



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- 17** **CAFN Executive Council Meeting (Virtual):** A/RC Mary Jane Jim joined the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Executive Council meeting virtually to engage with CAFN leadership and citizens on their First Nation's priorities and accomplishments.
- 18** **Kluane First Nation 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Self-Government:** A/RC Mary Jane Jim attended the celebration of Kluane First Nation's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of their Self-Government Agreement.
- 25-26** **AFN YR Annual Summit (Whitehorse, YT):** The AFN Yukon Region hosted the Yukon First Nation Annual Summit, which was attended by Chiefs, Councilors, youth, and proxies from Yukon First Nations to discuss key regional priorities including salmon, UNDRIP implementation, northern security and defense, implementation of Final Agreements, and more.

## November 2023

- 1-2** **JCCA Meeting (Virtual):** Members of the AFN Yukon Region team attended the Joint Committee on Climate Action (JCCA) meeting where partners discussed strategies for strengthening First Nations climate leadership.
- 8** **AFN National Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)**
- 20-21** **AFN Women's Initiatives Check-In (Virtual):** Members of the AFN Yukon team joined a strategic planning meeting to discuss AFN Women's initiatives and priorities.
- 22** **AFN National Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)**

## December 2023

- 3** **AFN National Executive Committee Meeting (Ottawa, ON)**
- 4-8** **AFN Special Chiefs Assembly (Ottawa, ON):** The AFN SCA was held in Ottawa, Ontario, bringing together First Nations Chiefs and leaders from across the country to deliberate and vote on several important resolutions impacting First Nations rights and priorities. During the SCA, Chiefs-in-Assembly also voted in new AFN National Chief Cindy Woodhouse. A delegation of about 40 Yukon First Nations Chiefs, proxies, youth, elders, and citizens travelled to Ottawa for the SCA, while some Yukon First Nations attended virtually. AFN Yukon Region staff attended the SCA to support Yukon First Nation participants, and during the SCA, Regional Chief Kluane Adamek began her transition back into her role following her parental leave.
- 13** **WWF Canada Annual General Meeting (Virtual):** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek attended the Annual General Meeting for WWF Canada as a Board member.
- 18** **AFN Yukon Region Office Closure:** the AFN Yukon Regional Office closed for the holidays.