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A Message from Regional Chief Adamek

On behalf of the AFN (Assembly of First Nation) Yukon Region, I raise my hands to all the Youth, Elders, Chiefs, and communities who continue to demonstrate what it means to be a Yukon That Leads! We were excited to hold the AFN Yukon Chiefs Summit in late May to bring together Chiefs and leaders from Yukon First Nations to discuss areas of challenges and priority for their communities. The AFN Yukon Regional Office received direction from Yukon First Nations to embark on a path to identify long term sustainability and planning, including a possible merging of regional organizations.

I want to thank the AFN Yukon Regional Executive, who continue 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.

Gunalcheesh, Shāwnithan, Nia:wen for an incredible first half of 2024!

Regional Chief Kluane Adamek, *Aagé*

A Look Back

April 2024

- 10** **AFN Executive Committee Meeting**
- 12** **Carcross/Tagish First Nation Honouring Ceremony (Carcross, YT) I:** Regional Chief Adamek attended the C/TFN Honouring Ceremony to honour incredible leaders and citizens who helped C/TFN become the Nation that it is today, and the leaders who continue to advance the Nation's path forward.
- 16** **Federal Budget Debrief for AFN Executive Committee:** Regional Chief Adamek attended a meeting to receive debrief information on the federal budget announcement.
- 22** **Meeting with Parliamentary Secretary Duguid:** Regional Chief Adamek joined a meeting with Terry Duguid, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister and Special Advisor for Water, to discuss challenges and priorities surrounding water for Yukon First Nations.
- 22** **Plastics Treaty Meeting (Ottawa, ON):** Regional Chief Adamek met with Minister Steven Guilbeault (ECCC) as part of the fourth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-4) to advance the development a global agreement on plastic pollution by the end of 2024.
- 24** **AFN Yukon Languages Update:** AFN 2SLGBTQ+ Council Yukon Region representative Duane Aucoin, who also leads language work for TTC and the AFN Yukon Region, and Tina Jules hosted this update on First Nations language work being done in the region. Mary Jane Jim also attended on behalf of the AFN Yukon Regional Office.
- 25** **Roundtable discussion with Minister Martinez Ferrada (Whitehorse, YT):** members of the AFN Yukon Region team attended a roundtable with the Honourable Soraya Martinez Ferrada, Minister of Tourism



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and Minister responsible for the Economic Development Agency of Canada to learn more about priorities and initiatives moving forward.

- 29 **Technical Briefing for Executive Committee: AFN Budget & Contract Obligations:** members of the AFN Yukon Region team attended this technical briefing and update regarding the AFN's budget and contract obligations.

May 2024

- 6 **7th Annual Arctic Indigenous Investment Conference (Whitehorse, YT):** Regional Chief Adamek delivered opening remarks at the 7th Annual Arctic Indigenous Investment Conference.
- 7 **Arctic Inspiration Prize Awards Ceremony (Whitehorse, YT):** Regional Chief Adamek attended and presented an award with Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Chief Amanda Leas at the AIP Awards Ceremony.
- 8 **AFN Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)**
- 9 **First Nations Climate Leadership Session (Virtual/Carcross, YT):** Mary Jane Jim attended this First Nations Climate Leadership session virtually, on behalf of the AFN Yukon Region.
- 16 **CYFN Leadership (Whitehorse, YT):** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek joined the CYFN Leadership Meeting to share updates on the AFN Yukon Region Office's priorities and areas of focus related to CYFN's work.
- 21 **AFN Yukon Executive Meeting (Whitehorse, YT)**
- 22 **Yukon First Nations Chiefs Summit (Whitehorse, YT):** the AFN Yukon Region hosted a Yukon Chiefs Summit for leaders from across the territory to gather to discuss the key challenges and areas of priority for their First Nations, both individually and as a collective.
- 28-29 **Chiefs' Committee on the United Nations Declaration Act (UNDA) (Vancouver, BC):** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek and the AFN Yukon Region's technician on UNRIP and UNDA attended this meeting to learn
- 29 **Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Chief and Council Meeting (Virtual):** Regional Chief Adamek joined the THFN Chief and Council Meeting to hear more about the First Nation's ongoing initiatives and any requests from Chief and Council for support from the AFN Yukon Regional Office.
- 31 **2024 Yukon First Nations Graduation Ceremony (Whitehorse, YT):** AFN Yukon Knowledge Keeper Council representative Chuck Hume attended the Yukon First Nation graduation ceremony to celebrate the class of 2024!

June 2024

- 3 **AFN-Canada First Nations Priorities – Permanent Bilateral Mechanism Leaders Meeting:** Regional Chief Adamek attended this meeting between the AFN and federal government regarding the creation of a permanent bilateral mechanism between First Nations and federal leaders.
- 3 **DNV Youth Gathering (Whitehorse, YT):** Regional Chief Adamek attended and met with First Nations Bank of Canada President and CEO, Bill Lomax.
- 4-11 **Tlingit Haida Tsimshian Celebration (Juneau, Alaska):** Regional Chief Adamek and the AFN Yukon Region team joined the Tlingit Haida Celebration and met with Tlingit and Haida Council President Richard Peterson and his team members regarding collaboration on various files.
- 11-12 **2024 Gathering on Indigenous Laws (Wendake, QC):** members of the AFN Yukon Region team attended these sessions on the diversity, development and protection of Indigenous laws across Turtle Island.
- 19 **WAWC Annual General Meeting:** AFN Women's Council - Yukon Region representative Carissa Waugh attended the WAWC AGM on behalf of the AFN Yukon Region.



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- 21 National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre:** Regional Chief Adamek and AFN Yukon Elder Mary Jane Jim attended the celebrations for Indigenous Peoples Day in Whitehorse at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre!
- 25-27 CYFN General Assembly:** Regional Chief Adamek, along with AFN Knowledge Keepers Council representatives Mary Jane Jim and Chuck Hume, attended the CYFN General Assembly hosted by the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council at Helen's Fish Camp, Yukon.