



# YUKON REGION

## A Message from Regional Chief Adamek

As Summer 2024 ends, we are reminded that with each new season, there are teachings to be shared, and successes to celebrate. I want to thank Yukon First Nations for their continued leadership and steadfast advancements to create positive change in the region, and beyond. I also hold my hands up to the AFN Yukon Executive Committee, who continue to provide guidance and support to the AFN Yukon Regional Office team.

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

We truly are, 'A Yukon that Leads'

Gunalcheesh, Shāwnithan, Mahsi Cho,

Regional Chief Kluane Adamek, *Aagé*

## A Look Back

### July 2024

- 8-12** **Assembly of First Nations Annual General Assembly (Montreal, QC):** Regional Chief Adamek 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.
- 16** **AFN Yukon Region–BCAFN Clean Water Act (Bill C-61) Update Meeting:** The AFN Yukon Region and BCAFN co-hosted a virtual meeting and info session to update Chiefs, leadership, and technicians on the First Nations Clean Water Act (C-61) which is currently in the Committee stage in the House of Commons. The meeting shared key updates with leadership, including BCAFN's legal analysis, and sought feedback on the draft bill to inform next steps for advocacy in the parliamentary process.
- 18** **AFN Yukon Region–CYFN (Whitehorse, YT):** Regional Chief Adamek and members of the AFN Yukon Office and Grand Chief Johnston and members of the CYFN Executive Council Office met to discuss the reunification file
- 23** **IFPT on the Status of Women (Winnipeg, MB):** Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women held their 42<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting. Ministers discussed best practices and discussed innovative approaches to ending gender-based violence, including involving men and boys, addressing misogyny and promoting positive masculinity.



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- 25-29 Moosehide Gathering (Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Traditional Territory):** AFN Yukon Elders and Council Members attended this year's Moosehide Gathering on Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in territory to share and celebrate culture, enjoy performances, share meals, dancing, drumming, singing and more.
- 29 Meeting with ISC on FNCFS Program (Virtual):** Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) requested to meet with Regional Chief Adamek to discuss and seek guidance in developing an approach to engage directly with YFN leadership on the implementation of the Reformed First Nations Child and Family Services (FNCFS) Program to complement any AFN planned engagement on the Final Agreement.
- 30-1 CYFN General Assembly (TKC Fish Camp):** Members of the AFN Yukon Region team joined the CYFN General Assembly to share regional office updates and information about engagements on the Final Settlement Agreement (FSA) and the advancement of the long-term vision of the AFN Yukon Regional Office and working in collaboration with CYFN.

## August 2024

- 2 AFN Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)**
- 2 Salmon Day 2024 (Marsh Lake - McClintock Bay Resort):** Regional Chief Kluane Adamek attended this year's Salmon Day at Marsh Lake, enjoying the opportunity to connect with community, share meals and cultural performances, and more.
- 9 AFN Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual)**
- 27 Regional Water Coordinator Meeting:** The AFN Yukon Regional Water Coordinator attended this monthly meeting, bringing together Regional Water Coordinators from across the country to discuss updates and issues related to the development of the federal government's legislation on safe drinking water for First Nations.
- 27 AFN Executive Committee Meeting**
- 28 CYFN Meeting, First Nations Climate Leadership recommendations:** YFN Leaders met to review the Yukon's draft chapter for the First Nations Climate Leadership Initiative. FNCL, Yukon First Nations are working to develop recommendations for the federal government on how to better support First Nations climate leadership.

## September 2024

- 5 Banff Forum (Whitehorse, YT):** Members of the AFN Yukon Region team joined the Banff Forum, which brings together leaders from different levels of government, business, law, academia, science, technology, media and the arts to discuss relevant issues facing Canadians.
- 10-12 Meeting with Ian Ketcheson, Vice President, Indigenous Relations:** meeting to discuss priorities and provide updates on Indigenous policy developments at IAAC. Ta'an Kwäch'än Council Chief Amanda Leas and Ross River Dena Council Chief Dylan Loblaw attended on behalf of AFN Yukon Region.
- 17 Regional Water Coordinator Meeting (Virtual):** The AFN Yukon Regional Water Coordinator attended this monthly meeting, where AFN staff shared further updates on Bill C-61 and its status at the INAN Committee stage.
- 18-22 Reconnection Vision Governance and Implementation Meeting:** The Reconnection Vision ambassador team met to discuss development of a governance structure to support implementation of the Reconnection Vision.
- 26 AFN Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual):**
- 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Orange Shirt Day**