

RE-ELECT

KLUANE ADAMEK

FOR

YUKON REGIONAL CHIEF



As Regional Chief, I have continued to learn from our leaders, past and present, that we are truly stronger together. We draw our strength from the land, our languages, and cultures. Building on the longstanding knowledge, experience and at the direction of the 14 Yukon First Nations (YFN), we have accomplished a great deal together over the last three years. I would be honored to continue to serve YFN for a second term, and to continue to work to advance regional priorities and solutions at the national level.

2018- 2021 » ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

MODERNIZED AND EFFECTIVE

- Created tools and resources to reflect YFN perspectives and considerations in federal legislation and policies and facilitated roundtables and opportunities to engage YFN to share perspectives, positions and gain information including (but not limited to); water legislation, housing, health, mental wellness, COVID-19, MMIWG2S+, UNDRIP legislation, Indigenous languages legislation, and climate change
- Joint tables with partners including BCAFN, Dene Nation/AFN NWT, CYFN, Central Council, Tlingit, and Haida Tribes in Alaska
- Developed, at the direction of YFN's, a governance model for the regional office that reflects transparency and accountability mechanisms, including the AFN Yukon Terms of Reference, the initiation of the AFN Yukon Executive Committee, and the approval of yearly budgets and audit

RELEVANT AND HEARD

- Built strong intergovernmental relationships between YFN and federal officials and ministers
- Hosted the 2019 Modern Treaties Forum and the honouring of former National Chiefs
- Proven climate action: AFN National lead and dedicated support for the Yukon First Nations Climate Action Fellowship and inaugural Yukon First Nation Climate Gathering
- Served as AFN's National Lead on health during the first wave of COVID-19, and Co-Chaired the COVID-19 Northern and Remote Communities Working Group

UPLIFTED + SUPPORTED

- Being present in communities; spending time with our people, on the land, attending events while continuing to learn, listen and understand the 14 Yukon First Nations priorities
- Prioritized youth voices through 'Year of the Youth' project and the Youth Climate Action Fellowship and created the AFN Yukon Regional Leadership Awards (2019, 2020) in efforts to acknowledge YFN for their accomplishments, contributions, and achievements
- With support from the AFN Yukon Team, hosted nearly 20 Chiefs Summits, including the Annual Summits, between 2018-2021, in addition to quarterly AFN Yukon Executive Meetings



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2021-2024 » PEOPLE, PLACE AND PROGRESS

The path forward for the AFN Yukon Region continues to be directed by the 14 Yukon First Nations, grounded in who we are, and by our collective principles. As part of a new and balanced approach to our shared priorities and goals, I anticipate an additional focus of 'People, Place and Progress', to complement our existing efforts and action. If re-elected, I commit to upholding the spirit and vision of 'A Yukon that Leads', by focusing on the following priorities based on hearing from Leaders, citizens, community and fulfilling the mandate as outlined in the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan.

PEOPLE – “NOBODY LEFT BEHIND”

- Increase support for Survivors of Residential and Day Schools and ensure Canada learns the horrors of Residential School by emphasizing that truth must come before reconciliation
- Advocate for strong policies and programs to keep children, women, and citizens safe and healthy in our communities
- Support to secure increased resources to help respond to mental health and wellness, addictions, and trauma in our communities
- Build upon the existing positive relationships with CYFN and other Indigenous serving organizations to foster a wholistic support system for Yukon First Nations
- Achieve equitable access for Yukon First Nations to all programs, services and resources offered in Canada and Yukon

PLACE – “STRENGTHEN OUR PLACE AND OUR SPACE”

- Promote the full recognition and implementation of modern treaties, self-government, and self-determination for all Yukon First Nations, regionally and nationally
- Amplify the voices of Yukon First Nations exercising their right to implement self-governing agreements, self-determination, and reclaiming jurisdiction
- Ensure that Yukon First Nations' distinct needs are reflected in Federal action plans on climate change, environment and protection of lands and waters
- Build upon the first-ever Yukon First Nation Climate Gathering and Climate Action Fellowship to further advance an Indigenous lens to climate action and the environment
- Press for long-term financial and governance sustainability planning at the Assembly of First Nations

PROGRESS – “SHARING OUR STORIES”

- Advocate for Yukon First Nations to have equitable access to funding programs and services delivered to First Nations across Canada
- Formalize a new mechanism with Federal Ministers to both advance our priorities and increase access to Federal Ministers for Yukon First Nation Chiefs and Leaders
- Solidify an Assembly of First Nations – National Council of Women Chiefs
- Support for YFN Elders, Women and Youth to gather, share and plan in efforts to ensure those voices are reflected in the work of the regional offices of the Assembly of First Nations
- Continue to ensure Yukon priorities are included in federal legislation, budgets, and policies

MEDIA INQUIRIES

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