



# CAFN Youth Council Re- port 1

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# Executive Summary

## Objective

The objective of the Youth General Assembly (YGA) was to engage community youth in the process of establishing a CAFN youth council. This was achieved and the following youth have agreed to be active Youth Council Representatives;

Nygel Boyle  
Shanita Brown  
Luke Campbell  
Kim Chambers  
Lester Gladue  
Dustin Mazur  
Andy Pauls  
Heather VanBibber

It was decided at the YGA May 2007 that the Youth Council would be comprised of CAFN youth from each CAFN community. The term of council representatives would be a 2 year appointment. The council would meet 4 times a year for planning and reporting, with sub-working groups that could meet as needed. The council wants a budget and honorarium, with someone designated as their coordinator for administrative help. Also, the youth council values building a working relationship with the Elders Senate.

## Goals

Youth established respectful guidelines by which to abide to when communicating as a group. These included; listening to others without interruption, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to share and that one person does not take up all of the speaking time.

In addition many recommendations were offered by the youth at the YGA.

**Ways the youth council can reach youth:** Newsletter, website, Email, meetings, surveys, votes, school presentations, text messenger, radio, letters

**Ways youth can be heard by the Youth council:** Toll free number, picketing, spokes person, website, email, chat room, surveys, letters, someone to talk to at school(s)

**Options for youth:**

- o Tire swing (12)
- o Pool open all year round (11)
- o Diving board/Tarzan rope
- o Gymnastics (1)
- o Hot tub (4)
- o Expand education benefits to citizens in Alaska (2)
- o Skateboard park
- o Youth can in Takhini
- o Computers and internet in the youth centre
- o Bigger playgrounds
- o ATV activities for kids
- o Movie theatre
- o Clothing store/mall
- o Stick gambling - drums/trips
- o Canoe camp/trips
- o Spear making (1)
- o Joint cultural activities with youth in Haines - Chilkat/Dakwakada dancers (1)
- o Trip to Edmonton, Vancouver, Disney (37)
- o Vancouver for Dream catchers Conference (2)
- o Youth involved in next IRS gathering
- o Music room with instruments and teaching (4)
- o Morse soccer practices
- o Golfing, volleyball (3)
- o Sports centre/equipment room
- o Youth dances ! Break dancing (1)
- o "Amazing Race" and "Survivor" activities for kids
- o Bigger skate park (5)
- o Outdoor pool
- o Movie theatre (2)
- o BMX Park (6)
- o New hoops (basketball)
- o Clothing store (2)
- o Wal-Mart
- o More employment opportunities (1)
  - Quad and ski-doo testers
  - Coffee shop
  - Restaurants
  - Sports and recreation
  - Biking club
- oMore movies
- oYouth center for younger youth and older youth (1)
- oMore specialized education (ie. art)
- oMore traditional carving
- oLanguage development programs
- oTraditional drum making (4)
- oHunting (training) (1)
  - Bison hunting
  - Gaffing
  - Soapstone carving
- o Tetherball
- o Capture the flag
- o Survivor
- o Football (tackle)
- o Music (in school, special club)

- o Travel Trips (in school) (2) - Edmonton (2), Disneyland, old crow, Juneau (2), Florida (16), Hawaii (2), water skiing (1).
- o No school, more malls (6)
- o More camps (1)
- o More traveling outside Yukon (Inuvik, Edmonton, Tuktoyaktuk, Calgary) (2)
- o New basketball court (2)
- o Internet café (1)
- o More dances - Whitehorse, Haines Junction, disco, 80's, Hawaiian) (7)
- o New pool - for winter also
- o More sports at the school
- o Places to watch movies
- o Pizza nights
- o More activities (stick gambling, to town more often, . . . swimming, movies, shopping)
- o Rock climbing - build one in Haines Junction (1)
- o A little more hiking around nature
- o Native crafts - clothing accessories, tools, language, hunting, fishing, trapping, etc. (6)
- o Outdoor soccer net (1)
- o Snowboarding, skiing/crosscountry
- o After school activities like the youth center
- o Jazz, tango, ballroom dancing (3)
- o Baseball, girls/boys hockey, summer and winter
- o More school trips
- o Awareness : drunk driving - hear from people who were actually in one (1)
- o Basketball hoops and mesh
- o Kids dd drive cars (12)
- o No school (11)
- o Shopping mall
- o Movie theatre
- o Youth centre needs to be open
- o Exercise facility
- o Own facility with indoor basketball
- o Bigger skateboard park
- o Music - lessons, Fiddle (1)
- o Earn now to be a DJ
- o Dance lessons
- o Gatherings - tournaments
- o More dance "Dakwakada" Juneau trips (1)
- o Newer "Dakwakada" dance songs - make our own songs
- o Make a CAFN National Anthem (1)
- o Archery practice and shooting range - NAIG (3)
- o Recreation center-own big facility (4)
- o Exchange group, experience other life styles - exchanges
- o Travel and research College/University to attend dafter graduation
- o Baseball diamond
- o Music lessons - guitar, drum, bass, with a good teacher (1)
- o To be listened to (1)
- o Nets on the soccer goals at school
- o More soccer tournaments
- o Road trips - Vancouver, Hastings St. to teach about drugs (19)
- o Winter jobs, winter camping/training (1)
- o Ski Resort - "Powder King, Whistler"
- o Running competitions
- o Native performers up here, "War Party", "Don Burnstick" (1)

Youth shared their values:

- o Acceptance (5 votes)
- o Autonomy
- o Commitment (5)
- o Challenge (8)
- o Experiment (2)
- o Fun (37)
- o Independence
- o Love (11)
- o Opportunity
- o Recognition
- o Respect (5)
- o Satisfaction
- o Success (5)
- o Truth (5)
- o Accountability
- o Belonging
- o Control
- o Freedom (32)
- o Fulfillment
- o Loyalty (1)
- o Reliability (1)
- o Safety (5)
- o Structure
- o Understanding
- o Achievement (1)
- o Appreciation
- o Consistency (1)
- o Efficiency (2)
- o Fairness (5)
- o Honesty (4)
- o Knowledge (1)
- o Privacy
- o Responsibility (1)
- o Reputation
- o Security (1)
- o Trust (10)
- o Openness (2)

**Action**

The first CAFN youth council meeting will be held on **Monday July 16**, as pre-determined at the Youth GA.

The proposed meeting will be held at **The Junction Youth Center** (right beside the day care)

**Arrive at 12:00 pm**, lunch will be served and the meeting will start at 1:00 pm

The topics to be explored at the meeting will include;

- o How the youth council will operate
- o Discussion on responsibility and commitment
- o Assess what kind of youth are missing on council, such as considering older youth, type of education as well as cultural and language experience. Determine which communities still need representation. Then decide how to bring in these youth to sit on youth council
- o Name of the council
- o Explore how to gain a clear youth message for the CAFN GA at Kathleen Lake this year
- o How to work with the Elders Senate
- o What's next? Schedule time line and future meetings,
- o Decide on how and who will send out message(s) to community youth.

### **Resource and Support People in the community**

Chief Diane Strand, CAFN Chief  
 Josh Darbyshire, CAFN Youth Councilor  
 Mike Evans, CAFN Youth Coordinator  
 Rose Kushniruk, CAFN Lands  
 Andrea Bailey, CAFN Restorative Justice Coordinator  
 Ken Kane, CAFN Communications  
 Marie-Jo Willson, Facilitator, Job Coach and Education Assistant  
 Amy McKinnon, CAFN Communications  
 John Fingland, CAFN Heritage  
 Mary Anne Carroll, Education Development Officer  
 Monica Primozic, Teacher  
 Sharmane Jones, CAFN Housing and Municipal  
 Trish George, CAFN Finance  
 Moose Jackson, CAFN Elder Councilor