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Official Newsletter of the Dena Kayeh Institute

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Message from Executive Director

We are pleased to share the latest edition of the Né Dūgūzedīchī Newsletter.

As always, our goal is to deliver informative content that reflects the important work we do at the Dena Kayeh Institute. In this issue, we provide an update on our activities over the past nine months and share key information about the Kaska IPCA—Dene K'éh Kusān. We've also included links to information videos explaining various aspects of this exciting Kaska-led stewardship initiative and information on upcoming community engagement sessions.

As fall arrives, we send warm wishes to all fellow Kaska members. May the land and waters be good to us as we head out to our trails, camps, and cabins across Dena Kayeh.

We also want to note for your calendars the upcoming Provincial election on October 19, 2024. This is a critical election as land stewardship, impacts of climate change, and Indigenous-led conservation efforts will be important issues under discussion. Your voice is important in shaping our future.

Shōwe sénlá'
Corrine Porter - Executive Director





Dene K'éh Kusān Update

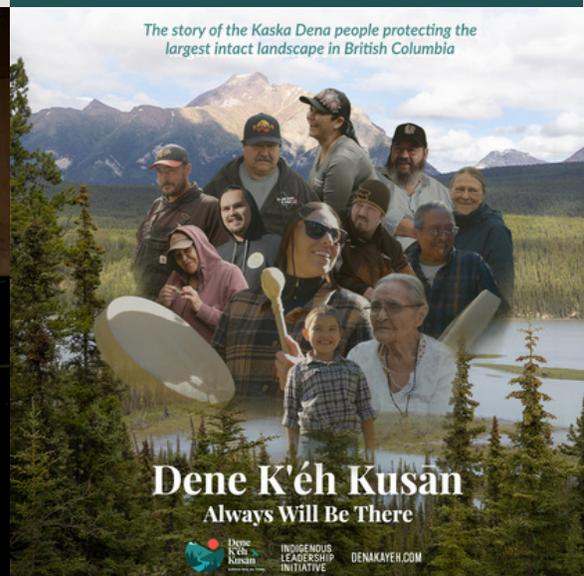
This spring and summer have been very productive, and we've made significant strides with the Kaska IPCA in Northern British Columbia. Over the past year, we've visited each Kaska community, engaging with members and receiving tremendous support and encouragement.

A highlight was the Grand Opening Celebration in Daylu this June, where we celebrated the opening of an important new building for our people. The event was not only a remembrance of our past but also a vision of our journey ahead. The screening of our film 'Dene K'éh Kusān' on the third day captured that vision and our path as a Nation, reinforcing our deep connection to our land - where our ancestors walked, our traditions began, and where we live to this today. It served as a powerful reminder of our collective responsibility to protect and sustain our lands and waters for future generations. Healthy lands mean healthy communities.

"Dene K'éh Kusān represents our dreams and aspirations for the future. It embodies our collective vision for a future where Kaska land thrives, where our cultural heritage is preserved, and where our community stands strong and united. It is a vision where our children and grandchildren can walk the land with pride, knowing that it has been protected and cherished by those who came before them".

Deputy Chief - Daylu Dena Council

Harlan Schilling





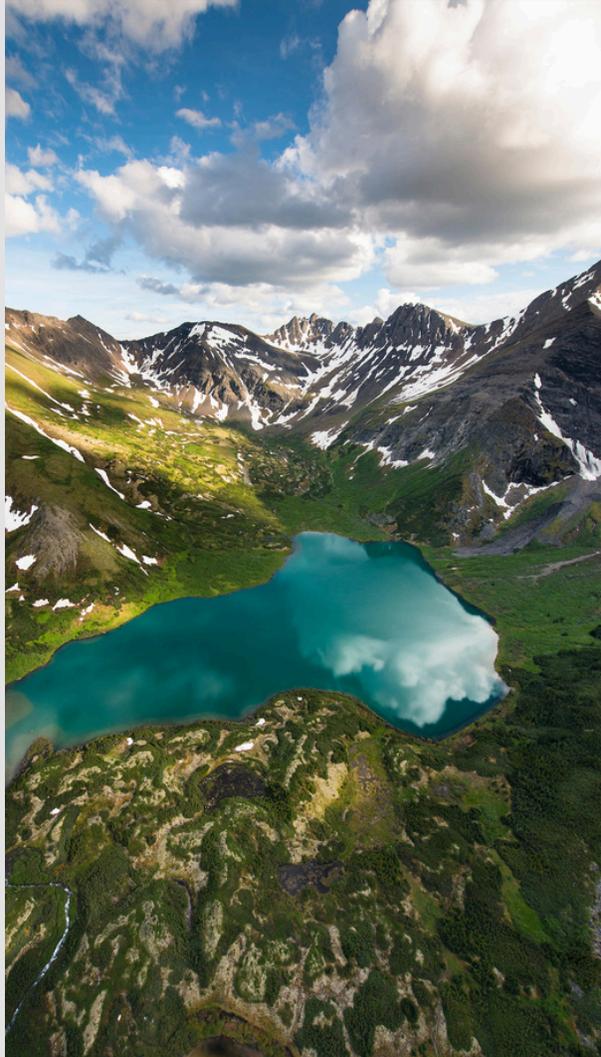
Since 2018, DKI has been at the forefront of advocating for the IPCA, building public and government support for the protection of our ancestral lands. In recent months, with guidance from Kaska's leadership, we have made progress in discussions with the Provincial Government, and we look forward to sharing more details with you in the near future.

In the meantime, we are spending our time amplifying the importance of our Kaska stewardship principles as we determine the work ahead.

Rest assured, we will continue to engage with each Kaska community as we advance this important initiative and keep you informed through our newsletters, website, and social media channels.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for being part of this journey with us. We eagerly anticipate the day when 40,000 sq km of our traditional territory is formally designated as a Kaska Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area!

To sign our statement of support or join our newsletter sign up list - please check out our website: www.denekayeh.com.



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Informational Videos

Below, please take a moment to watch our brand new short informational videos, which provide insights into the concept of an IPCA, explore the opportunity to develop a conservation economy within our traditional territory, and discuss ways to fund our community's conservation efforts through protecting the land.

What is an IPCA?



How Does the Kaska IPCA Supports the Conservation Economy?

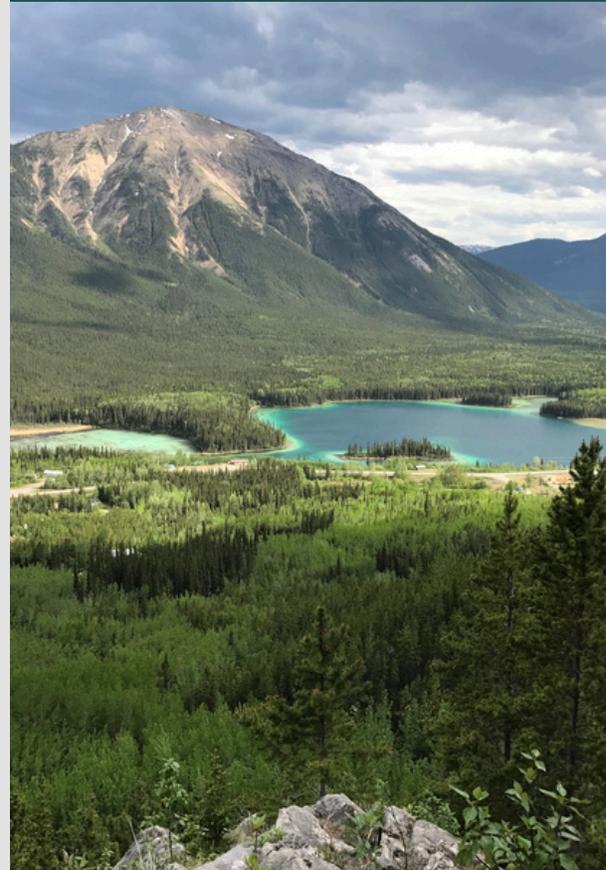


What Are Carbon Credits?



The conservation economy within the IPCA can provide us with amazing opportunities to protect our land and waters while also developing a modern economy for our people that is based on our values.

One of these opportunities is through the selling of carbon credits, where we can empower our communities and utilize profits to generate our own source revenue, all while protecting our intact ecosystems and restoring our forests.





Community Engagement Sessions

Over the coming fall and winter, our team will be engaging with our communities on a variety of different topics to help us develop the management and governance of the IPCA. We will be asking for your ideas, we want to listen to your concerns, and we can't wait to have conversations with our leaders, elders, youth, and community members on what values we want to have guide this important opportunity for our Nation.

Stay tuned for community engagement opportunities for our Kaska members on the following topics:

Dene K'eh Kusān Stewardship Plan,
Kaska Governance of the IPCA,
Co-Management Models,
Conservation Financing and more!



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