



Director Kari Johnson

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Biography

Kari Johnston is a first-term Councillor for the Village of Haines Junction. Located within the Traditional Territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations in an area known as Dakwākāda, just over 600 residents call Haines Junction home. Residents and visitors to the area, enjoy the picturesque views of Kluane National Park from their doorstep, revel and play in the abundant backcountry and delight in the generosity of neighbours and hospitable community.

Raised in Toronto and educated at the University of Waterloo (2005), Kari moved to the Yukon in 2007 after an adventurous summer as a river guide in 2006 while on leave from her job in fundraising for a large research hospital in Toronto. Since leaving Toronto, Kari has had a varied career which has allowed her to travel throughout the Yukon, NWT and Northern BC and work in a variety of resource-based industries (mining, hunting, tourism and agriculture.) In 2012, she moved to Haines Junction with her family after purchasing undeveloped agricultural land to build a home and a future. Upon arriving in Haines Junction, Kari enjoyed several years working in adult education for Yukon College and started a successful business partnership in catering and wholesale bakery products.

Being an active member of the community is important to Kari. For many years now, she has been the co-chair of the Yukon's territory-wide daffodil campaign. She's also the board of directors of the Champagne Aishihik Community Corporation and Yukon Development Corporation. An outdoor enthusiast, she was Chair of the Village of Haines Junction Culture, Parks and Recreation Committee for many years and she led the committee through the Recreation Plan and Implementation guide. She also volunteers for the St. Elias Chamber of

Commerce; is the community's monthly reporter for CBC A New Day; and, co-organizer of the Junction Community Market.

With a passion for life-long learning, you'll often find Kari sifting through the Yukon Archives, used bookstores, personal archives and municipal records to better understand the historical context for how planning decisions were made in Haines Junction.

