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REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Title: Huu-ay-aht Citizen Development Regulation

Type of Decision: Approval to amend Citizen Development Regulation

Submitted by: Sheila Charles, Chair, Citizen Development Committee

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ISSUE

Approval to amend *Citizen Development Regulation*.

BACKGROUND

The *Citizen Development Regulation* was enacted in Spring 2012. The purpose of this regulation is set out below:

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this regulation is to establish an administrative review that will assist in encouraging and enabling Huu-ay-aht citizens to reach their full potential.

Under this regulation a Citizen Development Review Officer is appointed who develops baseline data on citizen achievement, e.g., education and training levels, by reviewing existing data and conducting surveys as needed. Section 8 of the regulation sets out the balance of the process:

Citizen development policies, programs and legislation review

- 8 (1) After conducting a citizen development survey, the review officer must prepare a further report on citizen development reviewing the survey results, and information obtained from the following sources:
 - (a) a review of policies, programs and legislation in the areas set out in the Schedule;

- (b) written input on citizen development, requested from and provided by HUU-AY-AHT citizens;
 - (c) consultation with the committee on citizen development policies, programs, and legislation.
- (2) The review officer's report under subsection (1) must**
- (a) assess whether current policies, programs and legislation encourage and enable HUU-AY-AHT citizens to succeed in the following areas:**
 - (i) preschool education;**
 - (ii) kindergarten to grade 12 education;**
 - (iii) post secondary education, including apprenticeship and skills training offered by post secondary institutions;**
 - (iv) practical skills training and capacity development,**
 - (b) recommend changes to policies, programs and legislation to encourage and enable HUU-AY-AHT citizens to better succeed in the areas set out in paragraph (a), and**
 - (c) make other recommendations for policies, programs, and legislation the review officer considers advisable to encourage and enable HUU-AY-AHT citizens to reach their full potential.**

Citizen progress is monitored and every 4 years a further review is conducted and further changes to programs and policies are considered.

DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION

The Citizen Development Regulation was discussed at a recent meeting of the Committee. Section 3 of the regulation requires that a qualified Citizen Development Review Officer be appointed by June 30th, 2012 for a 12 month period to conduct the necessary research and surveys and prepare the report on citizen development policies, programs and legislation.

For a variety of reasons this appointment has not been formally made. One reason is the scope, cost and importance of this work – the Review Officer's recommendations will guide HUU-AY-AHT Government efforts to significantly and permanently increase education, training and employment levels of HUU-AY-AHT citizens.

It is recommended that the appointment deadline under section 3 of the regulation be changed to June 30th, 2013 and that the Citizen Development Review Officer be able to delegate some tasks to other qualified individuals. Given the importance of this work, it is recommended that sufficient funds be set aside in Budget Act, 2013 to properly fund the required work.

RECOMMENDED MOTION

Be it resolved to direct the Law Clerk to prepare amendments to the Citizen Development Regulation to make June 30th, 2013 the deadline for appointment of a qualified Citizen Development Review Officer and to provide for powers of delegation. And further to direct that Finance Committee to identify options for Executive Council to consider to sufficiently fund this important work.