



## Huu-ay-aht First Nations

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Dear Huu-ay-aht Citizen:

Thank you to those citizens who were able to attend the November 17, 2012 People's Assembly. Unfortunately we did not achieve quorum and were unable to conduct business. As per the *Government Act*, section 77 (c) at least 25% of eligible voters must be present at a session. We require a minimum of 117 citizens to attend in order for the session to begin.

There are four branches of Huu-ay-aht Government: (1) People's Assembly (2) Legislature (3) Executive Council (4) Ha'wiih Council. It is of utmost importance that decisions and recommendations are made at the People's Assembly so that the government can continue to conduct business.

There are a number of very important business items that, according to our laws, must be presented to citizens including:

1. Information of Huu-ay-aht finances and strategic objectives for the next 12 months; and
2. Committee Annual Reports.

There are also a number of very important business items that, according to our laws, must be approved or reviewed by citizens including:

1. Appointment of Auditor;
2. Amendments to Legislation

We did receive a lot of feedback from citizens on what we could do to make the People's Assembly more attractive and we are pleased to advise that the next People's Assembly is scheduled for **Saturday, December 8, 2012**. Details of the session are as follows:

1. Timing:

12:00 noon- Lunch

1:00 pm - Session called to order

6:00 pm - Dinner

2. Location:

You can attend the meeting in Anacla, Port Alberni, Nanaimo or Burnaby. We will provide in-city transportation to the sites for all citizens upon request.

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| Anacla:       | House of Huu-ay-aht |
| Port Alberni: | Echo Centre         |
|               | 4255 Wallace Street |

Nanaimo: To be confirmed

Burnaby: Executive Hotel & Conference Centre  
4201 Lougheed Highway

3. Community Visits:

Within the next week, we will provide dates and locations in which Council members will be visiting all the communities to review the proposed agenda and materials with citizens for the upcoming People's Assembly. We will try to answer any questions you may have.

4. Proposed Agenda & Materials:

Please keep the proposed agenda and materials previously distributed and posted on our website for the People's Assembly called for November 17th. We will use the same materials. If you no longer have the materials we will have extras available at the community visits.

The timing of the People's Assembly was brought up and it was suggested that it be held at a different time of year. One of the reasons for the November People's Assembly are the amendments to Legislation. All amendments must first be approved by the People's Assembly then to committee for preparation (Dec/Jan), approved by Executive Council and distributed to Citizens in February. Finally three readings must take place at the Legislature in March.


We understand the need for additional meetings and are planning a special session in June 2013.

The costs associated with holding a People's Assembly are high and we ask that only Huu-ay-aht Citizens attend the December 8, 2012 session.

We are also reviewing all other suggestions and hope that you will be able to attend on December 8, 2012.

Sincerely,



 Connie Waddell  
Executive Council / Law Clerk