

HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS



Report of Executive Council to People's Assembly on Appointment of Auditor

**For consideration at the session of the
Huu-ay-aht First Nations People's Assembly
on Saturday, November 30, 2013**

Prepared By: Executive Director

Date: October 29, 2013

BACKGROUND:

At the December 8, 2012 People's Assembly Motion #2012-216 was passed by consensus appointing Presley & Partners as auditor for HUU-ay-aht First Nations for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. The necessary steps to complete the appointment were to be completed by December 15, 2012.

Presley & Partners has identified that they will not have sufficient resources throughout the summer months to meet our audit and reporting requirements and effective January 15, 2013 resigned as HFN Auditor. Please see the attached letter from Presley & Partners.

As per section 38 (1) of the *Financial Administration Act* and in accordance with section 5(a) of the Purchasing Policy Regulation, Meyers Norris Penny has been appointed as the Interim Auditor.

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED to appoint Meyers Norris Penny as auditor for HUU-ay-aht First Nations for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 and further to recommend that Executive Council ensure that any remaining steps to complete the appointment of Meyers Norris Penny are completed by Friday, December 20, 2014.



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January 15, 2013

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Attention: Finance Committee

Dear Sirs:

We have now completed all the year end audit and financial and tax reporting for the Nation, five limited partnerships and five corporations.

For the second year in a row, the audit, accounting and tax reporting has been significantly more than what we originally proposed to do, resulting in significant additional fees to you and a poor recovery of our time. Also, the timing of the 2012 audit of the HDC partnerships in November this year with a two week turnaround for the audited financial statements made it difficult for us to provide your organization with the service that you should expect.

This year, we will not have any audit students available after June 2013 until the winter. Looking ahead to the audit of the 2013 fiscal year, anticipating similar time required and the readiness of the accounting in HDC, we regret to inform you that we must resign from the 2013 audit.

I have much respect for your Nation and the people who we have worked with and would like to continue working with you, however, we believe that another audit firm with more resources throughout the summer will better serve your audit and reporting needs.

Please call me if you wish to discuss this.

Respectfully yours,

PRESLEY & PARTNERS

Brenda Kelm, C. A.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO SECTION 36(2)(b) OF THE *FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT*:

Executive Council intends to nominate Meyers Norris & Penny for appointment as auditor for HUU-AY-AHT First Nations for the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 at the November 30, 2013 regular session of the People's Assembly.