

HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS



**Report of Executive Council for
the month of December 2013**

**For review and consideration at the
Executive Council Meeting
on Wednesday, December 11, 2013**

A. EMERGING ISSUES

(1) SHEILA CHARLES

- The National Historic Site Cost Share Application for the Kii?xin development and application to NETP for 2014 Guardian training still needs to be completed and ready for any recall opportunities. Hopefully we do not miss out on the financial opportunities.

(2) JEFF COOK

- Set up meeting with various provincial ministries in Victoria
- Attending Conflict Resolution Workshop
- Issue with poaching of Elk in the Bamfield / Klanawa Valley 25,000 reward along with NTC
- HFN 20 year Strategic Planning
- Signed amended Foreshore Agreement
- Signed G2G Agreement

(3) JACK COOK

- Maa-nulth directors meeting – Port Alberni (HDC boardroom)
- Conference call – Maa-nulth office (Oct 08)
- Own Source Revenue (OSR) workshop (Oct 08)
- CMHC meeting – Nanaimo (Oct 09)
- RCMP 1/4ly report
- Meeting & interview with MNP
- HFN/ PAPA announcement (Oct. 24)
- CMB conference call
- Regular Executive Council meeting
- Conflict Resolution workshop
- Finance meeting
- Trustee workshop
- Special Executive Council meeting
- NCN Language Authority - Tseshahht
- Nananiiqsu AGM

(4) TOM HAPPYNOOK

Fisheries

- The international Pacific Halibut commission meetings are coming up in January 2014. These negotiations between Canada and the US determine the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for the year resulting in an impact for both our Food Fishery and Commercial fishery.

Treaty Implementation

- We are getting push back from Canada on another program we were trying to access.

Intergovernmental Relations

- We will need to prepare for our one on one meeting with Minister Rustad in January 2014.

Media and Communications

- We need to create a communication department.

B. PROGRESS ON KEY INITIATIVES

SHEILA CHARLES

- Since our last Executive Council meeting my time has been spent attending meetings and conferences.
- October 29 Ex Council meeting, Oct 30 Conflict resolution workshop, Oct 31 & Nov 1 Worked in Pachena, Nov 5 Special Ex council meeting – Parksville, Nov 6 cancelled CDC meeting due to lack of materials, Nov 7 NIC aboriginal Education Advisory Council meeting – NIC Courtney, Nov 9&10 EC Strategic Planning, November 13&14 Indigenous Child at the Center Forum Richmond, Nov 15 special ex council meeting, Nov 20 meeting with MNP, Nov 30 People's Assembly, Dec 4 Conflict Resolution, Dec. 5 CMB meeting in Long Beach

Health

- Dr. Gabor Maté is coming to the Friendship Centre in February 2014 for a full day presentation. His topics are Addiction, Mind/Body & Health, Childhood Development and Parenting, AD(H)D. Kathy has kindly agreed to purchasing 10 tickets for HFN citizens to attend.
- I was recently contacted by Dave Frank enquiring if HFN is still interested in doing a sweat in Pachena. I said yes and scheduled one for late January. Weather permitting I'm thinking we may want to schedule one for the spring.

Education

- The NIC Aboriginal Emergency Fund has now been fully expended, and will no longer be providing \$700 per student experiencing unanticipated financial hardship. This one time funding in the amount of \$87,100 was provided by the Ministry of Advanced Education in August of 2012. A total of 116 students college wide accessed the fund in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013, and 99 between April 1 and November 2013. The grand total of students supported by this fund is 215.

Housing/Social Services Housing

- At the FNCFWC I have been attending it is reported that the only way to fix problems with (DAA) Delegated Aboriginal Agencies is to draw down social services jurisdictions. As I reported in my previous council report there are several funding opportunities for prevention and support. I have still to connect with Jody Wilson for insight and direction.

CMB

- Jack attended the end of season WCT meeting and chaired a private session with our guardians to find out how they feel about their positions and work duties and all around relationship with Parks Canada employees. It was reported that all is good and are not looking for any changes to their duties.

JEFF COOK

- John Jack is currently attending the Asia Trade Mission
- Ongoing discussion on various organizations regarding Deep Sea Port Development
- Specific Claims Tribunal
- James Edwards has been appointed as Executive Director
- Attended NTC Strategic Planning Session
- Attendance at People's Assembly for 2013

JACK COOK

- Continue with Maa-nulth directors meeting from Sept 30th.
- Conference call with FNFA & AANDC directors re joint letter from Tsawwassen, Sliammon and Maa-nulth for pool borrowing for low cost infrastructure financing. Follow up call to follow meeting in Tsawwassen mid Nov.
- Work shop for finance staff (Kim C attended) to ensure understanding of reporting requirements of OSR.

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- CMHC – Maa-nulth meeting to discuss and find common ground on how to meet eligibility requirements for Maa-nulth nations to use CMHC low cost financing for social housing projects.
 - Meet with RCMP, provided 1/4ly report on services to HFN, visits to Anacla
 - Meeting and interview with MNP to discuss review on HFN organization structure
 - PAPA & HFN announcement of the partnership for the feasibility study for the possible new Container Trans-shipment Hub in the Alberni inlet.
 - CMB conference call re 2013 Annual Review
 - Regular Executive Council monthly meeting business
 - Participated with Staff and council in the Conflict Resolution workshop
 - Regular monthly Finance meeting
 - Attend Trustee workshop with finance committee mbrs, coordinated by Maa-nulth
 - NCN Language Authority meeting. Brief info provided by nation reps present on language activities at each community. Review of the first two phases of the program/ projects to date for the new participants. Discuss where to go and what to do with the third and final phase funded from First Peoples.
 - Nananiqsu AGM. Directors, signers for chqs, financial report, info from Lisa Watts re: workshop on medical experiments at AIRS set for Dec 11th.
- CHARLIE CLAPPIS
 - Peoples Assembly planning
 - Social Club Planning
 - Bamfield Community School Association Strategic Planning
 - HUU-ay-aht Active Living Society Equipment Grant
 - Training: Excellence Seminar Series Completion
 - Training: Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Council/SportsMedBC Leadership training-2014 Grants
 - TOM HAPPYNOOK

FISHERIES

- Fishing season is over.
- HFN Government approved the Foreshore Agreement and the two Letters of Expectation related to the Enforcement Agreement.
- The Joint Fisheries Technical Committee and the Joint Fisheries Committee will not be meeting in December 2013. The next meetings are scheduled for January 2014.
- I continue to participate on the Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee, the Joint Fisheries technical Committee, Joint Fisheries Committee: Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha'wiih and co-chair West Coast Aquatic.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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- In September I requested a meeting the the new Minister of MATT. It turned into an event to sign off on several agreements on December 3, 2013 at the Tseshah Greatroom. We will still get a chance to meet with the Minister one on once sometime in January 2014.
 - I continue to attend the Maa-nulth First Nations Directors. I also continue to remain in touch with various government agency contacts.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

- We no longer have a designated communication officer. This issue will have to be addressed as soon as possible.
- Through the HUU-ay-aht treaty implementation committee work we are identifying issues that will need to be communicated to our citizens to provide them with a better understanding of the opportunities and benefits that they will get from the treaty.