

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Executive Council Meeting
March 18, 2013

Administration:

- The visit from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development on February 22, 2013 went well.
- The visit from Esketemc on February 26 and 27 was very successful. The presentations were well received and our guests enjoyed the tour of HUU-ay-aht lands.
- Preparations for the Spring Session of Legislature on March 18, 2013 are underway.
- Working with all directors on the Budget 2013/2014 Budget.
- Working on development of a family and child support protocol to immediately assert HUU-ay-aht jurisdiction; and the development of comprehensive plan to negotiate the assumption of all available Treaty self-government jurisdictions related to children and families.

Finance & Government Services:

- Over the last month work has focused on finalizing the 2013/14 budget including the development of the 3 year financial plan and the capital plan.
- A draft budget and schedule was established and approved by Executive Council for the acquisition of new office space and a new employee benefits provider was selected with implementation underway.
- Work has begun to review stale dated accounts receivable to determine which, if any, debts to the Nation need to be written off.
- Work has also begun on a review of compensation and benefits for Council in response to the request at the 2012 People's Assembly.

Human Services:

Education:

- Soaring Eagle has had a steady group of interested learners; The After School Club Program is well attended and Maggie has been going to the Community School to teach the children drumming and dancing. Clara has been helping with supervision and program facilitation.
- Ten people attended the Gun safety workshop in February.
- We received the information files on students from NTC Education department this week.
- The 2nd draft of our Local Education Agreement with SD70 has been reviewed. There is a meeting with SD70 on Friday March 15 and a Community Info Session on March 20.

Health:

- Health Director (FNHC) training was attended in February.
- We are working with NTC Teechuktl (Mental Health) Services to offer a couple of mental and spiritual health workshops including Sweat Lodge training, vision boards, IRS healing, and grief and loss.

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- We currently have 7 people on Social Assistance, 2 people on Social Assistance Disability and 1 person accessing Child and Youth Social Benefit.

Cultural:

- In the process of organizing another drum making workshop for the Anacra citizens.
- Six Huu-ay-aht Youth will be traveling to the “Gathering Our Voices youth conference”. We will be using the Family Violence Prevention funding to send these young people to the conference in March. Cheryl and Maggie will chaperone the group.
- At the February Nananiqsu meeting, the elders agreed to decline the Prince George Elder’s Conference and to focus on fundraising for the TRC event in Vancouver for September instead.

Paawats:

- There are 4 – 6 consistently attending children.
- We have switched the Paawats hours back to the Language and preschool program (10 am to 1pm, Tuesday to Thursday) to adjust for current demographics and cost efficiency.
- Clara will be helping out with the after school program. As well, Clara is planning to attend the Chief Atahm Language Conference this April.
- The NETP funding reports are up-to-date and we expect a site visit on March 20. We will be participating in the application process for 2013 & 2014 for the continuation of the NETP grant.

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- This partnership is expected to continue in 2013/2014. We have just completed our applications for funding.
- HFN’s obligation under the Vancouver Foundation funding is complete and final reports will be done over in March. Kathy is still supporting the program through continued participation in the Aboriginal Early Child Development Committee in Port Alberni.

Communications:

- Outreach Communications Liaison is the Huu-ay-aht Core and Values Indicator Lists. The survey has been edited and entered into Survey Monkey and will be going live in the next week.
- Communications stories including – From Houses to Homes, and Updates on Community Rounds are available on line at huuayaht.org

Director of Human Services:

- USMA – 2nd draft of USMA protocol agreement is available.
- Will be presenting a workshop to the Anacra/Bamfield Communities on public speaking.
- Working on NETP reporting and proposal for next year.
- Working with PAFC on Success by 6 funding reporting and proposals for next year.

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- We have a young woman from Germany doing an Internship with us for the month of March. Her main focus will be working with the Nananiqsu to create a HUU-ay-aht Language Dictionary.

Public Works & Community Infrastructure:

- Johnson Ginger is in his fourth week as Director of Public Works and Community Infrastructure and is working towards familiarizing himself with staff and procedures.
- Edward Johnson Jr. is now the Full Time Public Works supervisor; the HFN small water tech position is now available. This is a PT position at three days/week.
- Johnson Ginger and James Edwards are working on the budget for the Public Works Department.
- There are two outstanding Capital projects 2012-2013 to be completed by April 1, 2013:
 1. Road upgrade to LA and UA: \$40,000.00
 2. Tri-plex renovation(s): \$10,000.00
- CMHC housing: re: cement and sidewalks. This project is to move forward by April 1, 2013. The last CMHC house is now being rented by an HFN citizen. The house will be ready for occupancy by April 1, 2013.
- Reviewing options for solving the back-up generator issue. There is a possibility of having a timer put on the generator so it does not turn on everything at once as this is what causes the fuses to blow.
- Reviewing options for shoring up the area on Pachena River where the HFN canoe is located.

Lands & Natural Resources:

- Advised by Director of Natural Resources that he had nothing to report other than his unhappiness with the budget process.