

**HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS**  
**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 10, 2013**

**TITLE:** Spring Session of People's Assembly

**TYPE OF DECISION:** Executive Council to call Spring Session and approval of related matters

**SUBMITTED BY:** Law Clerk

**ISSUE:**

Executive Council to call Spring session of People's Assembly and Executive Council approval of related matters.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:**

Executive Council is required by Huu-ay-aht legislation to call a regular session of the People's Assembly at least once each calendar year (s. 79(1)(a) Government Act). Executive Council may call one additional regular session in each calendar year. (s. 79(1)(b) Government Act). It is Executive Councils intent to have two regular sessions of the People's Assembly (Spring & Fall Session) It is recommended that Executive Council call a Spring session in Port Alberni for June 22, 2013 at a location to be determined.

Johnson Ginger was appointed the Acting Speaker by resolution #2012-171 at the October 26, 2012 Regular Executive Council meeting. As per Government Act section 41 (3) an acting Speaker holds office until another Speaker is appointed or the Speaker returns to office after the temporary absence.

Once the People's Assembly is called, the Executive Director and Law Clerk will oversee completion of preparations and the development and distribution of materials for the People's Assembly. Please refer to the draft Agenda in the Appendix and note:

1. New government members must re-take their oaths (s. 5(3) of *Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Act*).
2. The People's Assembly is a good opportunity for Citizens to re-take their citizenship declaration (s. 5(1)(b)) of the *Citizenship and Treaty Enrolment Act*).
3. The mail-out for the People's Assembly is a good opportunity to refer citizens to minutes of the previous People's Assembly and distribute a report on any actions taken in response to resolutions.
4. The auditor must be appointed at the first People's Assembly called in a fiscal year (s. 34 *Financial Administration Act*).

5. A call for Citizen motions must be made and Citizen motions must be distributed and a report on each motion must be prepared (s. 86 of the *Government Act*).
6. Executive Council is required to prepare and distribute a written report on any substantive matter listed on the session's agenda (s. 89(1) of the *Government Act*). It is recommended that EC delegate authority to the Executive Director to prepare any reports that become necessary.

## **RECOMMENDED PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MOTION**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Executive Council calls for a regular session of the People's Assembly to be held on Saturday, June 22, 2013 beginning at 10 am in Port Alberni at a location to be determined.
2. Executive Council approves the draft agenda items set out in the Appendix to this report and authorizes the Executive Director and Law Clerk to make changes as appropriate to finalize the proposed Agenda for distribution to Citizens.
3. Executive Council delegates to the Executive Director, in conjunction with any committee and/or legal counsel as the Executive Director deems appropriate, the task of preparing written reports on any substantive matters placed on the People's Assembly Agenda.
4. Executive Council authorizes and directs the Executive Director and Law Clerk to take all other actions and prepare all other materials as necessary and appropriate, all in accordance with Huu-ay-aht law, to hold a People's Assembly on Saturday, June 22, 2013.

**APPENDIX**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening prayer
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. New Government Member Oaths
5. Citizen Oaths
6. Strategic Plan
7. Appointment of Auditor (notice attached)
8. Reports on all Citizen Motions passed at the December 8, 2012 People's Assembly
9. Citizens Motions & Reports (attachments)
  - (a) To be identified
10. Other Items?
11. Adjourn

**NB**

- (a) Additional attachments to the Agenda must include a list setting out all proposed motions.