

Huu–ay–aht First Nations  
Report to Executive Council

Title – *Research Partnership*

Type of Decision – Approval

Submitted by: Jeff Cook

**Issue**

The results of our Research Grant application to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Our grant, titled, Journey, Our Choice, Our Future: Identifying, Documenting, and Understanding the Challenges and Indicators of Success on the Huu-ay-aht Path to a Modern Treaty with British Columbia and Canada, was not funded this year. However, the academic reviews were very strong and we are encouraged to apply again in the coming grant competition.

**Background**

Heather has been very effective in conducting research with our community members over the past eight years, with research funds from SSHRC. Through the use of photography, storytelling, and digital media during our Treaty making process. Robert Dennis Jr. and Vanessa co presented to the Canadian Association of Geographers on a speaker's panel to approximately 40 people. About the benefits of community-based participatory research for both university researchers and the community's with whom they partner. This was very well received.

**Options**

Option 1. SSHRC Insight Grant: The maximum value of an Insight Grant is \$500,000, over three to five years.

\*This is what we just applied for; it makes sense if it is just Huu-ay-aht First Nations and I applying; and it is also a quicker in terms of receiving a decision.

Letter of Intent to Apply: August 15th, 2013

Full Application: October 15th, 2014

Notice of Decision: **April 15, 2014**

Option 2. SSHRC Partnership Grant: The maximum value of a Partnership Grant is \$2.5 million over four to seven years.

\*This one makes sense if it is, for example, all five Maa-Nulth Nations and I applying; this would need some in-kind and cash contributions from, for example the Maa-nulth Nations, AFN, Gov't of Canada, Gov't of BC, and Land Claims Coalition.

Letter of Intent to Apply: Feb 15, 2014

Notice of Decision to be invited to submit a Full Application: Spring 2014

Full Application: October 15, 2014

Notice of Decision: **April 15, 2015**

March 2013

Option # 3 Do not apply for the research grant.

Decision

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# Huu-ay-aht First Nations – Written Motion

(Government Act, s. 52)

For ease of reference, this motion may be referred to as:

**Motion Regarding** Our Journey Our choice Our Future

## Motion

BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Council:

1. approves to support the project “Journey, Our Choice, Our Future” identifying, documenting and understanding the challenges and indicators of Success on the Huu-ay-aht Path to a Modern Treaty as submitted by Dr. Heather Castleden; and
2. directs Chief Councillor Jeff Cook to sign a letter of support on behalf of Huu-ay-aht First Nations for the SSHRC Insight Grant or SSRHC Partnership Grant.

## Follow-up action to be taken:

**Date for completion of follow up action:**     n/a    

## Appendices attached to Motion:

Written report prepared by

**Note:** Section 56 of the *Government Act* requires that the report on any substantive matter to be considered by Executive Council must be provided to Executive Council at least 4 working days in advance of its consideration.

The following documents:

**Note:** Any documents or records referred to in the motion **MUST** be attached (*Government Act*, s. 52(5)).

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER

Date:   May 16, 2013    
DATE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING