

# Huu-ay-aht First Nations

## Report to Executive Council

**Title –** West Coast Emergency Planning Committee

**Type of Decision –** Approval

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### **Issue**

Huu-ay-aht First Nations has the opportunity to be involved with a West Coast Planning Committee. There has been a few attempts since 2006 to initiate such a group that would involve all the key players on the West Coast from ACRD, First Nations, Parks Canada, RCMP, Coast Guard and others. The ACRD is hoping for an endorsement letter from any organizations that support the idea of this committee.

### **Background**

This group has had troubles getting off the ground due a lack of a “home” for this group. There has also a revolving door of people that are involved from the different groups and agencies. The main purpose of this group to meet to discuss how everyone could work together before and after a disaster happens that could affect all of the west coast communities. Communications is one of the biggest worries within the group.

### **Discussion**

There is an attempt of asking all groups that support the work of this committee to make a small contribution of up to five hundred dollars each to get the committee off the ground. This would most likely go towards an ACRD staff person to administer some of the coordination of the group. Currently Ucluelet and Tofino have offered space for these meetings and the ACRD has offered the funds to pay for a facilitator. This group would be very similar to the Mid Island managers’ meetings that take place but with a west coast purpose. I believe that our location is possibly the furthest from the core of the west coast communities but could definitely benefit from being involved with this group. If and when a disaster happens the west coast communities would be our closest communities by water if the roads are effected. Future implications could be further contribution on an annual basis if we decide at a later date to continue.

### **Options**

Option #1- Support this group

Option #2- Do not support

### **Recommendation**

Option # 1