Report of Executive Council on
People’s Assembly on Treaty
Settlement Land & Quorum
Requirements

For consideration at the session of the
Huu-ay-aht First Nations People’s Assembly
on Saturday, June 22, 2013

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BACKGROUND:

At the December 8, 2012 People’s Assembly the following two citizen motion was passed:

MOTION #2012-220:

WHEREAS part of the reason that quorum was lost at the Fall 2011 People’s Assembly and not achieved at the November 17, 2012 People’s Assembly was the location of the People’s Assembly;

BE IT RESOLVED that the People’s Assembly approves the amendment of Section 77 (b) of the Government Act to remove the requirement that People’s Assemblies be held on Huu-ay-aht lands and further recommend that Executive Council ensure that the remaining steps to enact this amendment and bring it into force are completed by March 31, 2013.

MOTION #2012-211:

WHEREAS quorum was lost at the Fall 2011 People’s Assembly and not achieved at the November 17, 2012 People’s Assembly in part due to the 25% eligible voter requirement;

WHEREAS Executive Council is taking steps to ensure Huu-ay-aht Citizens are provided with information, materials and community briefings earlier for further People’s Assemblies;

WHEREAS Huu-ay-aht Citizens have a right and responsibility to participate in People’s Assemblies;

BE IT RESOLVED that the People’s Assembly approves the amendment to Section 77 (c) of the Government Act to change the quorum requirement to 20% of eligible voters and further to recommend that Executive Council ensure that the remaining steps to enact this amendment and bring it into force are completed by March 31, 2013.

INFORMATION / UPDATE

The Part 3 “Governance Amendment” of the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2013 passed by Huu-ay-aht Legislature on March 28, 2013 captures the context of Motion #1 and #2 as follows:

PART 3 –GOVERNANCE AMENDMENT

Government Act

4 Section 77 of the Government Act, HFNA 2011, is amended
(a) by repealing paragraph (b), and
(b) by striking out “25%” and substituting “20%” in paragraph (c).