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May 29, 2015

**Candidates Statements**

Enclosed are statements provided by the candidates in the June 20 Huu-ay-aht First Nation general elections. These statements are provided by the candidates and distributed by the Election Commissioner to all citizens who have a valid mailing address pursuant to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation Election Act, Section 43. All candidates were invited to provide on letter size sheet of paper with campaign information.

There are three candidates for Chief Councillor and they have all provided information for distribution. There are 12 candidates for Councillor and 11 have provided information for distribution.

Candidates for Chief Councillor are:

Cook, Jeffrey Robert  
Dennis, Robert (Sr.) Jack  
Waddell, Connie Mabel Frances

Candidates for Coouncillor are:

Charles, Sheila Marie  
Clappis, Benny Ryan  
Clappis, Molly Gloria  
Cook, Jack Gary  
Cootes, Trevor Lee Michael  
Jack, John Alan

Johnson, Brittany Danielle Marie  
Mio, Kiana Taylor  
Nookemis, Duane Eric  
Waddell, Connie Mabel Frances  
Werner, Kenneth Roy  
Williams, Irene Delores

General voting will be on June 20 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling stations will be established in Anacla at the House of Huu-ay-aht and in Port Alberni at the Barclay Hotel. Mail-in ballots will be sent to all citizens who may vote in person at the polling station or by mail-in ballot.

Kit Spence has been appointed as Election Commissioner and may be contacted by telephone at 1-250-881-0142 or by email at [HFN\\_Election\\_Commissioner@shaw.ca](mailto:HFN_Election_Commissioner@shaw.ca)

Kit Spence  
Election Commissioner

# A Good Leader Does Not Work Alone

Greetings Huu-ay-aht Citizens,

My name is Connie Waddell (Nanaa?aq5) and I am seeking your support for the upcoming Huu-ay-aht election.

I am from the Nookemis, Charles and Edgar family. My parents are Clifford and Rose Charles, my grandparents were the late Edward and Mabel Nookemis, the late Martin and Cecelia Charles and the late Joe Edgar and my grandmother Frances Edgar who currently resides in Ditidaht. I am married to Mark Waddell and have one child Myles Danielsen.

I grew up in Bamfield B.C. and currently reside in Port Alberni. I owned the Bamfield General Store for seven years before starting my career in administration with the Huu-ay-aht First Nations .

Running a successful business of my own and leading our administrative team as the Huu-ay-aht ED allowed me to advance my skills in the areas of strong leadership, communication, collaboration and motivation. It is that diverse experience that **will** benefit either the role of Chief Councillor or Councillor.

As the ED, I led the administration alongside the Chief and Council and I worked with other government agencies and organizations. This experience has allowed me to observe the political body and non-political body in action, thus allowing for a greater understanding of each role.

We voted for a Treaty to have democracy, the right to say and be heard within our Nation. A strong understanding of what that means to each Citizen is important to me. Everyone has a voice and a contribution to make; this is our Treaty. Working collectively as a whole Nation is what will reflect I believe we voted for, which is accountability and transparency. **Hi-shook-ma-tsa-waak**

I would like the opportunity to be able to become your political leader. Families and all aspects of our Natural Resources is our future, Huu-ay-aht would not be here without either one. This encompasses a wide variety of matters but when broken down into a long term plan it is achievable to find ways to overcome some of our obstacles and to build on to our successes. **Uu-a-thluk**

Strength comes in numbers and a strong leadership, practicing **lissak** will provide unity for all.

I look forward to meeting with you over the campaign period and answering any questions. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I have not been able to contact you.

Respectfully,

Connie Waddell

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**Blending Traditional and Modern  
will make us stronger.**



**Listening more than speaking  
is key to hearing your concerns.**



**Be healthy, be joyful and  
be courageous.**

# **Jeff Cook, Yaalthuu-a For Chief Councillor** *Together we are building Tomorrow*

**Hello Huu-ay-aht Voters,**

**It has been a pleasure and a rewarding experience serving you as your elected Chief Councillor for the past four years. As part of a brand new Government since 2011, our staff, committees and the elected council have overcome a huge learning curve. At the same time, your Government has worked hard to maintain and improve services to our Citizens. Some examples are food box program, taking over our own education planning, Crisis Grant Program and the purchase of the Market in Bamfield.**

**In addition, we are still working on several initiatives, such as drawing down of foster care from other agencies, encouraging Citizens and their families to move home, getting road improvements (paved or chip sealed) to the Anacla/ Bamfield area and attracting new economies to our region.**

**As a Huu-ay-aht Citizen, a long-time foster parent and as Elected Chief Councillor, my most important goals has always been to improve the quality of life for Huu-ay-aht of today as well as future generations.**

**I have endeavored to worked hard for the community and for all of Huu-ay-aht and if re-elected will continue to work hard for all of our best interests.**

**With your support, I look forward to continuing the important work of our Nation. Please take the time to vote and support me and the rest of Council as we move forward.**

**With respect and kindness,**

**Jeff Cook**

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Meet & Greet Community Sessions**

When we think of the future, we should be thinking of how we can accomplish the goals of our ancestors. Think to yourself **"WHO CAN DO THAT FOR OUR NATION?"** What can we do to ensure we are self-sustaining and independent? How do we be the answer our ancestors were searching for? The answer is: Be successful at everything we do. Yes we may have failures but, let's learn from them and strive for better together!



We are all in the same Chupats

We have learned so much over the last 4-years. The hope is that our leader for the next four years has the following traits and characteristics:

- Strong Morals
- Community Minded
- Protective of Family and Children
- Iisaak
- Responsible Management
- Hard Working
- Reliable
- Open-minded
- Honest & Transparent
- Supportive
- Dedicated to betterment
- Culturally Aware
- Honourable
- Leads by Example
- Listens to concerns

*My hope is that with your support and vote, I can be the answer to our own questions and expectations. Be the person that will lead us into the future to be self-sustaining, independent, strong, vibrant in culture and forward thinking for generations to come.*

## Meet & Greet Sessions

June 8th Vancouver, Location TBA 5:00-7:00pm



June 11th Nanaimo, Swalana Lagoon Park 5:00- 7:00pm

*Join me for snacks, drinks and enjoy public play areas for children and an Open Session to ask Questions, Enquire about Goals or Offer Input*



**I would be delighted to meet with you for a Family Group Info Session or a 1-on-1 Session**  
**Please call to make arrangements**  
**250-735-1772 (Jeff)**  
**250-918-9220 (Sherri)**

# Elect Robert Dennis Sr.

For Chief Councilor, for the people, I commit to:

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- 1) Meaningfully involving the Hawiih (Hereditary Chiefs) in government.
- 2) Making a strong and diversified economy work today, utilizing all our potential economic opportunities.
- 3) Creating jobs for HUU-ay-aht - make sure our people are working.
- 4) Sustainably managing HUU-ay-aht First Nation (HFN) Land and Resources.
  - Making sure sacred sites in the territory are protected.
  - HUU-ay-aht forestry values are considered;
  - Making sure the environment is protected.
  - Review and consider HFN Land Use Plan.
- 5) Ensuring a open and transparent government, eliminate in-camera meetings.
- 6) Making sure all public officials are working for the benefit of the people.
- 7) Developing a Plan to make the treaty works for the people - by including them in developing priorities, budgets and strategic plans.
- 8) Developing a plan to return all HFN children in care to their family's roots.
- 9) Fully utilizing our Government building in Anacla.
- 10) Review HFN laws to ensure they are working for the people.

**Make Self-government work - involve the people.**

**Major Decisions to be made by the people by referendum**

## **“Huu-ay-aht will be a successful and wealthy nation.”**



### **Sheila Charles**

#### **Who I am**

I am Sheila Charles (Naʔaaʔaqs), a Huu-ay-aht Citizen currently living in Port Alberni. My parents are Uchucklesaht tayii haʼwiltʰ Clifford Charles and Rose Charles (Nookemus). I grew up in Bamfield on the Coast Guard base where my dad worked for 37 years. I spent a great deal of time in Anacla visiting with my Nanny Mabel and Grandpa

Edward Nookemus, growing up alongside my cousins. My Grandpa Martin Charles lived with us at the Bamfield Coast Guard base. I enjoyed the teachings and values that my grandparents instilled in me. I have been able to take those lessons and make them a part of who I am.

I have been on Council for the past four years and I am running for re-election so I can continue to make a difference; to be a stronger voice for positive change for the Huu-ay-aht Nation.

#### **Why I am running for office**

The experience of the past four years and my love for my Nation has convinced me to run for re-election. I have a lot to offer through my vision, skills and experience. I want to continue giving back to the Nation that has given me so much.

#### **My Leadership Vision**

Huu-ay-aht is a successful and wealthy nation. Our citizens are well educated and employed in fulfilling jobs. Our Nation is made up of healthy families and healthy individuals.

Now that we are independent, it is critical that we focus our services where they are needed most. I also believe that we have to continue building a transparent government, one which all citizens have the opportunity to participate in. I believe that we have to make sure that decisions made about our land today do not limit opportunities for our future generations.

We will continue our journey to self-sufficiency. We will continue to build our economy with our natural resources. I believe there are other opportunities Huu-ay-aht can pursue to diversify our economy. I see tourism as a potential way to show off the beauty of our territory, our Huu-ay-aht hospitality and our traditions and culture. This will create more immediate jobs for our people.

#### **What I bring to the position of Councillor**

I offer the following skills and experience as my qualifications for this position:

- Four years' experience as a Councillor
- Exceptional communication skills and a good listener
- Well organised
- Motivated self starter
- Strong roots in community
- Knowledge of our culture and territory learned from my grandparents and on the land
- Health care experience which highlighted how critical wellness is to community health
- Tourism experience to share with Huu-ay-aht entrepreneurs

## **“Huu-ay-aht will be a successful and wealthy nation.”**

- Experience working in various positions for Quu-as on the West Coast Trail and Parks Canada in Pacific Rim National Park Reserve
- Community planning experience talking to citizens about your thoughts and dreams and building a plan to achieve them

### **My commitment to you**

I will support programs that encourage families to be independent and strong.

I will ensure that our traditions and culture are integrated into all Huu-ay-aht activities.

I will invite youth to be involved in government and decision making to develop the next generation of leaders.

I will commit to making sure our citizens are informed about what the Nation is doing. I will make myself available to listen to you.

I will make sure that decisions about our land are sustainable and benefit our people now and in the future.

I will work my hardest to create real employment opportunities for our people.

### **Want to find out more**

I would love to talk to you more about my ideas. Please contact me . . . .

Respected Huu ay aht citizens

My name is Ben Clappis and as you know I am running for council, I'd like to take a few minutes to share my background

My mother was late Annie Clappis and my father was late Andy Clappis

I have lived in Anacla since 1981, my plans are live in our homeland of Anacla till I leave this earth

My wife Clara and I raised six children here in Anacla; I have been on council in the past. In the 14-15 years which I enjoyed working and looking out and helping Huu ay aht people My portfolio was community Human Service which is Health and Education ; also the liaison with NTC in health , I was on the board of directors for 12 years

I was an alternate for Robert Dennis at BC Chiefs First Nation Summit FNS and also Chiefs of Canada assembly of first nation AFN for the 14- 15 years in Intergovernmental Affairs , I have some knowledge of business outside of Huuayaht , however still focus on Huuayaht business.

I was fully involved in negotiating a Treaty for Huu ay aht through all my terms, to signing day April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

At FNS involved with taken other health service from Canada which is done and completed and taken over by a formed First Nation Health Authority.

Negotiated for the Bamfield Government wharf for our people, to tie up our boats without problems. This deal with Minister of Transport gave HFN a lump sum of money. In result we now own the Government Wharf in Bamfield. Jobs were created for Huuayaht citizens.

I also sat as a liaison for North Island Collage developing programs for First Nations, I also work with School District 70 in Port Alberni, as a liaison

In the last four years I've been working in the shake and shingle business. just recently I have been trained through Western Forrest Products to drive logging trucks , I have a class one licence.

The treaty was negotiated for all Huu ay aht people and Huu ay aht people should be treated equal and fairly

Are new elected government should work for are people

If I'm elected for council I would like to carry on the work I've done in the past terms for all Huu ay aht citizens

Sincerely Ben Clappis

MAY 26<sup>th</sup>/15





**Molly Clappis for  
Huu-ay-aht Government Council  
Saturday June 20, 2015  
“Leading Change through Unity”**

**A little bit about me;**

I am the daughter of Ben & Clara Clappis. My partner is Brian F. Lucas, and we have three (HFN) children, Christopher, Dorian & Madison. Raised in the community of Anacla, with grandparents guiding me and preparing me to be a young lady representing our community. Culture is a part of our day to day life, song, dance, language, and always learning our family roots. I role model to my children, sobriety, balance, spiritually, mentally, physically and emotionally. We are a unified family, and I will continue to listen, learn and share my experiences and uphold our traditional teachings.

**Our Guiding principles that I live by;**

Huu-ay-aht Oath  
Hish-uk-tsawak (everything is one)  
Uu-a-thluck (taking care of future generations)  
Iisak (respect)

**4 pillars to unity**

**Communication**, guidance from our Elders & Ha’wiih  
**Trust**, build unity in our community while engaging our youth  
**Honesty**, accountability  
**Compromise**, to find the balance; hear all Huu-ay-aht citizens,



**My Motivation and Goals for Council:**

- Active member of HFN Finance Committee
- Active citizen with meetings, People’s Assembly, learning about laws & acts
- Education & training
- Upholding our Huu-ay-aht guiding principles
- Culture & Language
- Balanced budget
- Presence in our home lands of Anacla and communicate with all citizens
- To be a healthy, motivated government, working together for our people

I would like to hear from you, I can be contacted by email; [sweetcashes@gmail.com](mailto:sweetcashes@gmail.com) by phone: (250) 720-2199, klecko-klecko, all my relations

**“A strong foundation for present and future generations”**



# Jack Cook

I would like to first say Thank you for voting for me in June 2011 election, to the first officially Elected Huu-ay-aht Executive Council under the Maa-nulth Treaty. It was an honour to represent all Huu-ay-ahts Citizens as a Council Member of Huu-ay-aht Government.

I have put my name forward as a candidate, to once again be a representative for all Huu-ay-aht Citizens as an elected Member of Council of Huu-ay-aht Government.

For those that do not know me, my name is Jack Cook. I'm from the Cook/ Moses family. My family includes my wife for 42 years, our three children, Susan (grandchildren, Hailey and Ethan), Herbert and Hazel (grandchildren Daniel and Hanna). I grew up, went to school and graduated in Port Alberni. I also resided in Bamfield, Anacla, Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Victoria and Vancouver.



As a Member of the Huu-ay-aht Executive Council since June 2011, my portfolios included: Chair of Nananiiqsu Grandparents Cultural Society and Finance committee. I was the alternate Chair for the Cooperative Management Board with Parks Canada, Infrastructure Committee, Treaty Implementation and the Huu-ay-aht representative as Director at Maa-nulth Treaty Society.

While on Council, I have always made myself available to Citizens and Staff. Should I be re-elected, I will continue to be available and willing to sit with you, to listen and talk with you regarding your concerns.

For six months (1993-1994), I was the interim Manager for the Huu-ay-aht (Ohiat) First Nations Band Office in Anacla.

Prior to treaty, I was involved in the drafting of Emergency Preparedness Plans, research, reviewed, developed and drafted Education Policies and Procedures for K to 12 and Post-Secondary Education; Forestry; Terms of Reference for Huu-ay-aht Economic Development; Finance and Treaty Implementation Committees for the Huu-ay-aht Government. I also assisted with enrolling citizens. I also sat as a committee member on the Economic Development Committee.

My experience includes an extensive career in Employment and Training Outreach and Human Resources Programs for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal People with the Federal government. I then worked as a Program Coordinator at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council/NETB (10 years) setting up, delivering and reviewing the Employment and Training Programs for First Nation Communities and Organizations. This gives me an understanding of how the Federal government thinks and works.

I am asking for your support and to vote for me to be a Member of Executive Council for a second term. I will continue to use my knowledge and skills to work tirelessly for all Huu-ay-aht Citizens.

Please feel free to call me at (250) 723-1683 or email: [thecs@shaw.ca](mailto:thecs@shaw.ca)

Thank You,

Jack Cook

# ELECT TREVOR COOTES FOR COUNCIL

My name is Trevor Cootes, my mother is Patricia Dennis and my father is late Levi Cootes. I descend from the Dennis family and Williams family.

I am married to Lyne Cootes we have two children Samantha Rose Cootes and Levi Alexander Cootes.

I will provide strong leadership guided by our Huuayaht Laws, and from our Tye, Hawi, and our elders and engaging with our Huuayaht citizens.

I believe in being proactive, conducting myself with integrity, being consistent, be respectful and mindful of others, resourceful, creative, enthusiastic, determined.

Over the past 20 years I have worked with the HFN Government and the HFN owned Pachena Bay Campground.



## Top Priorities

### **JOBS**

- creating jobs for Huuayaht citizens
- on the job training & mentorship and skill development for all Huuayaht citizens
- employment centre for Huuayaht citizens to access.

### **STRONG HUUAYAHT ECONOMY**

- support and promote our existing HFN businesses
- continuously seek and explore business opportunities that fit our needs and cultural values
- with citizen engagement create a plan over 4 yrs, 10 yrs and 25 yrs.

### **HFN Government/Huuayaht Citizens**

- consistently engage with Huuayaht Citizens
- priority to include our Tye, Hawi and our elders
- be open and transparent
- avoid in-camera sessions
- answer citizen questions/concerns in timely manner

### **NATURAL RESOURCES**

- more citizen engagement in regards to exploring LNG project
- all development to be reviewed & considered by Tye, Hawi and citizens
- develop a forestry plan that is sustainable and profitable

Kleco Kleco, I would like to hear from you; [trevorcootes@gmail.com](mailto:trevorcootes@gmail.com), cell 250-266-0476

***“LEADING CHANGE THROUGH UNITY “***



# Re-Elect John Alan Jack for Huu-ay-aht First Nations Council

Hello! My name is John Alan Jack. I am the eldest son of David McIvor and the late Sandra Jack, the youngest daughter of Ernest Jack and the late Shirley Jack (Chester). I grew up in the Parksville area, but have lived in Nanoose, Qualicum Beach and Port Alberni too. After graduating from secondary school, I earned a Bachelor's Degree with Distinction in the field of Global Studies from what is now called Vancouver Island University. Shortly after, I met Crystal and have been together for over seven years, married for over a year, and we are expecting our first child in early October of this year.



My mother made sure we spent time during summer breaks camping at Pachena Bay. At the time, I was introduced to people and concepts that would become central to my identity today. My direct involvement with Huu-ay-aht began while I was in university. I was invited to play a role on our Constitution, Governance, Finance and Enrolment Committees. From there, I worked as a part of the team that informed our people on the treaty and our plans for self-government, and served as an Enrolment Coordinator, an Assistant to Chief & Council, and as a Communications Coordinator.

## Leadership Experience

In 2009, I ran for Council and was fortunate enough to be voted into office. In my first term, I served as chairperson of Finance, Economic Development, Housing, and Communications. I was a part of the team that brought our Nation out from under the yoke of the Indian Act and into self-government and into the dream of greater independence under the Maa-nulth Treaty. On the Effective Date of the Treaty, we instituted laws to replace those of the Indian Act, and I was involved in the creation of each and every one of them. Our laws mandated that we had to hold an election in the same year, and...

In 2011, I had the great fortune of being re-elected. In this term of office, I held the portfolios of Economic Development, and Law & Policy Development. I was also given the honour and responsibility of representing our Nation at the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) as one of its first representatives from a First Nation. In addition, I have also been named one of Huu-ay-aht's delegates to the joint governing panel overseeing the exploration of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility, a task I have taken very seriously.

*Please Turn Over →*

### **Accomplishments**

In the field of economic development, I worked to ensure that our Nation had a reliable source of revenue moving into the future. In 2008, the financial crisis that started in the USA made a mess of BC coastal forestry. I oversaw the team that helped turn it all around for Huu-ay-aht forestry.

In my time, we saw a steady march out of a \$1.2 million loss in 2010-11 and into a \$3 million profit in 2014-15. In addition, I submitted a motion to our People's Assembly for sustainable timber harvest on our treaty lands that saw our Nation receive over \$1.0 million in stumpage tax and over \$200,000 in profit sharing in the past two years. Beyond forestry, we have expanded and improved the Pachena Bay Campground, bought and operated a restaurant and general store in Bamfield, and have invested much in the training of our people who currently work and want to work for our businesses. For Huu-ay-aht to truly rebuild itself, it is just as important for us to unlock the value in our people as it is to unlock the value in our land and resources.

Working with Council, I have helped to achieve a balanced budget ahead of the schedule mandated by our Financial Administration Act. I had the honour of helping to bring our civil service into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by instituting a living wage policy while still maintaining that balanced budget. We took over and expanded our post-secondary funding to include more than university degrees and into much-needed trades training. Through my involvement at the ACRD and the LNG governing panel, I have done everything I could to create meaningful and constructive relationships with outside governments and businesses. Raising the Huu-ay-aht profile has become a key function of our elected leaders, and I have seen our Nation create a positive, progressive and honest reputation with the world since Treaty.

### **Planning for the Future**

If I am re-elected, I will do my utmost to be part of the team you have selected to lead our community into the future. More specifically, I will work to:

- See to it that Huu-ay-aht people are treated fairly and honestly no matter where they live.
- Enrich and enhance the place of our Ha'wiih (hereditary leaders) by resourcing and supporting them in ways and means appropriate to their stature in our community.
- Expand and enhance programs that deliver healthcare, cultural teachings, education and employment opportunities to our People.
- Ensure that the studies exploring the LNG opportunity are done correctly, comprehensively, and answer the questions that our Ha'wiih, our People and our Government need in order to make a well-informed decision.
- Guarantee that, if the LNG project were to go ahead, the overall benefits to our People are maximized while minimizing the impact on the environment, on our heritage and on our traditional resources.
- Complete a "Made in Huu-ay-aht" long-term tenure that balances economic, cultural and environmental factors for sustainable timber harvest on our lands.

It has been a great honour to be allowed to serve my community these past six years, and I would like the honour of serving you again. *Chuu.*

**Klecko, klecko!**

# Elect Brittany

## For Huu-ay-aht Executive Council



Ukłahmah Hin atin his, my English name is Brittany Johnson and I'm a member of the house of ča-ča-tsii-us. My parents are Larry Johnson and Darlene Leonew. My grandparents are Kenneth Johnson and the late Joan (Mack) Johnson. I was born and raised in Port Alberni. After living in Victoria for the last eight years I've decided to move home and run for Executive Council.

I feel my strength, confidence and communication skills are a great asset as a team member. With so many important issues and decisions in front of us, I'm enthusiastic about helping the community be more involved. I fully believe that through ʔiisaak we will build a strong and culturally unique government.

I'm passionate about helping, being approachable and engaging others in meaningful & productive discussions. I look forward to growing and learning together.

Hišuk ma cawak





ʔukłaamah Kiana huuʔiiʔaqsumah My name is Kiana I am a Huu ay aht woman. My mother is Natane Mio, daughter of the Isaac Joe. Although I've been raised in Ladner, my spirit is strongly connected to nismaakqin, our land. Since the age of 5 my warrior mother has had me on Pulling Together canoe journeys, and that was when the spark was created into discovering who I am, our culture and a burning desire to help others. Most of you have probably never heard of me, so I feel it is only right to explain a brief history. My recent job took place with Indigenous Food Sovereignty at the University of British Columbia, archiving and searching through the Grease Trails History. Also, over the years I have taken place in a sea of political events including, Politics in Canada in Ottawa, Pulling Together Society Planning Committee, as well as Idle No More events here and there. All of these experiences have helped shaped me into the leader I am today. I cannot promise you much, but if elected, I guarantee that listening to all of your opinions, keeping our land healthy, and culture revitalization will be my top priorities. I'm looking forward to meeting you at the all candidates meetings in person, and if you have any questions before hand I would love to answer them more for you at [kianamio96@hotmail.ca](mailto:kianamio96@hotmail.ca) or 604-652-2955.

My name is Duane Nookemis, I am a resident of the village of Anacle, I have worked for HDC as West Coast Trail crew supervisor for the last five years, before that I worked for HFN Fisheries for over fifteen years

I consider myself to be a loyal, hard worker who isn't afraid to do more than is asked of me and I am always willing to learn new things. I like to take a common sense approach to what I am doing. I think these qualities would make me an asset to HUU-AY-AHT Council

I believe one of the core values of being HUU-AY-AHT is how we treat each other, helping each other and taking care of one another. These values were instilled in me by my grandparents Edward and Mabel Nookemis. From a young age this is what they taught me, sending me to help our neighbours such as Annie, Mary Moses, grandpa Alex and Fannie (he always told me he was my grandpa too) so I would go pile their firewood, bring deer meat or do what ever chore they needed help with. I would like to bring this value to our HUU-AY-AHT Council.

I think that we spend too much money on the administration of our government and that we have created a bureaucracy that needs to be streamlined. I would rather we invested more in starting some businesses. I believe there are opportunities in the tourism industry in our territory that we should be taking advantage of.

I also feel that we could take better advantage of work already taking place in our territory such as clearing under power lines, brushing logging roads etc. We already have HUU-AY-AHT citizens trained to run excavators, tree topping and many other skills needed but we allow non-residents to come in and do these jobs.

Our people have used the resources surrounding us for thousands of years for food, shelter and everything else we need. We are allowed to fish and hunt for food yet we are denied access to our most abundant resource yet .... Trees. We allow 100's of logging trucks to haul out of our territory every year, yet we are denied access to this resource by our own government. I think that with proper regulations put in place we should be able to once again use all of the resources available to us. We don't go to the grocery store to buy salmon so why should we have to go to a hardware store to buy a 2x6 that was taken off our land?

These are a few of my thoughts and I look forward to sharing ideas with as many HUU-AY-AHT citizens as I can over the next couple of weeks at the all candidates meetings or over a coffee. If anyone has any questions you can reach me at ([duanenookemis@gmail.com](mailto:duanenookemis@gmail.com))

Something that bothers me is that we seem to have a segment of our society with a tendency to spread false stories, half truths and rumours. These things can have devastating effects on people's lives, jobs and friendships and I believe don't have any business in our government. I believe myself to be tolerant and respectful to people both on and off the job (something else that was taught to me by my grandparents) as are the majority of HUU-AY-AHT citizens. Respect is another one of our core values.

Respectfully,



Duane Nookemis

Hello Acting Huuayaht First Nations Chief And Councillors And Membership! I am Kenneth Roy Werner, most commonly known as Roy to family members and the majority of the HFN Community.

My parents are my late father, Kenneth Roy Werner Sr. and my mother is Shirley Ann Werner (nee: Johnson). My Grandparents are the Late George Johnson and Louise Johnson, my mother Shirley's late parents from Dodger's Cove in Bamfield where my mother was born and raised.

I am currently on the Fisheries Committee for our nation and have held this position for at least 10 years now and I am a commercial fisherman as well on my gill netter, Miss Cheyenne.

I started fishing at a very young age in Grappler Creek with my Uncle Kenny Johnson on his fishing vessel, the Northern Pacific, while in his and his late wife, Auntie Joan Johnson's care. Later on in my life, and for many years, I fished with my late Uncle Ralph Johnson on his fishing vessel, the Fisherbuoy 11 and occasionally with my late Uncle Robert Johnson Sr. on his fishing vessel "Portland Point!". Throughout my life, I earned a position with Captain Larry White on his dragger, the "Dawn Raider as a crew member and an engineer, for at least 6 years. I am grateful and raise my hands to my late Uncle Ralph Johnson and late Uncle Robert Johnson Sr. and my Uncle Kenny Johnson for their teachings, their knowledge and skills which assisted me in becoming a skilled fisherman throughout my years!

I also attended an Inter Urban Campus at Camosun College in Victoria BC and received diplomas and tickets for auto-body/mechanical repairs, auto-body painting, welding and working with diesel engines upon completion of these trades/courses.

Why I feel confident that I would be a benefit to our Chief and Counsellors AND MEMBERSHIP if I am elected?

- a) I have great communication skills
- b) I am a good listener
- c) I am honest and respectful and assertiveness is my priority "both my opinions and your opinions matter."
- d) discretion is my priority

My proposals to our Chiefs and Counsellors for our Nation that I wish to put forth if I am elected is:

- a) a massive emergency generator installed at the House Of Huuayaht that would provide power to our members residing in Anacla so they don't have to suffer from loss of electricity/ food due to frequent storms that we experience on

the West Coast

b) Re: the LNG Project and their experimental studies in our territory for the 4 year period "experimental studies to determine whether the next phase will go ahead or not, (memberships decision of course) I would like to see that each and every member receives a certain amount of money yearly for the period of this 4 year study!

I, Kenneth Roy Werner, am looking forward to the up and coming elections and, if I am elected, I would be honored and privileged to work for our Nation and with the Huuayaht First Nations Members!

In closing, I would like to wish all the other nominees all the best as we move forward as a Nation! Klecko Klecko!

Kenneth Roy Werner