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***Report of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL for the month of
August***

**For review and consideration at the
Regular Executive Council Meeting
On October 6th 2016**

Chief Councillor Robert Dennis:

I. Update on Past Issues;

Issue	Update
1) Review of Committee Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee area of duties and responsibilities overlap with other committees. • Task – review current committees and structure and consult with the rest of Executive Council by the end of August. • Draft report to Executive Council by September 29. • On Monday August 8, 2016 held first discussion with ED regarding issue. • Preliminary thoughts are to go with four standing committees only and call the others working groups.
2) Appointment of External Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Jack appointed at the Thursday July 28, 2016 meeting. • Additional pay to be discussed further. • Work to be done in consultation with Chief Councillor.
3) MFN Fishery Advisor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Council agreed it to be an HFN person. • Robert to set up meeting with Executive Director so that the necessary funds can be located to support the involvement of HFN person.
4) Affordable Housing Issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • very urgent matter. • Received e-mail from Councillor Trevor Cootes regarding HFN citizens leaving HGB employment due to the lack of housing. • Matter to be reviewed and considered at August Executive Council meeting. • Seek Connie’s support to bring forward under her portfolio and accelerate sub-division.
5) Specific Claims	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • obtain report from lawyers what the Specific Claims damage settlement is for.
6) 1.2 million cubic meter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon my research I discovered that since 2001 no timber was harvested from what was called HFN treaty land selection area. • This meant that available wood was not cut. • Sought opinion from Stan Coleman if my assessment was correct. • Sought the services of Bruce Blackwell and Chris N to do timber supply analysis to determine potential uplift. • BW and CN brought finding to Hawiik Council who subsequently recommended a 5 year harvesting plan of 240,000 m3 annually. • Chief and Council recommended for review and consideration at the next People’s Assembly for November 2016.

7) LNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Council has agreed to honor the LNG decision of the 2014 People’s Assembly. • Executive Council has appointed negotiating committee completer with resources and secured funding from SLNG. • HFN negotiating team in active negotiations and undertaking the work to meet the 14 conditions.
8) Fishery Renewal and Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through HFN engagement sessions the HFN citizens have identified fishery renewal and enhancement as a priority. • HFN Executive Council put the necessary resources in place to address this issue. • Executive Council will look at all fish streams in the territory to identify the required fishery renewal and enhancement work required for other salmon streams in the territory.
9) Executive Council Strategic Planning and Budgeting	<p>A. the big picture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free from colonization • Children to grow up in safe, healthy and connected to home and culture • Home will be a safe and appealing place where 50 % of our people choose to live. • Land to provide sustainable wealth that respects HFN values of conservation. • Strong economy and major employer in territory. <p>B. Budgeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we need to review 2016-17 budget to align with strategic plan? • In September hold meeting with Finance Committee to begin planning for 2017-18 budget year. • The 4 Year plan – to maintain existing government administration costs, increase own source revenue, • The 10 Year plan • The 2033 Plan

II. Emerging Issues

- 1) Communication – Executive Council Quarterly Updates – decision to have quarterly newsletter, June 30, September 30, December 31 and March 31
- 2) Language strategy – will circulate the draft plan developed by Kathy Waddell.
- 3) Community Hall concept – it has been said that the old hall down at the Anacla community was the heart of the people. We may want to consider rebuilding a small community hall to replace the torn down one. A 30’ x 60’ structure may be big enough. I suggest forming a small working group to begin the planning and development of the proposed hall.

- 4) Budget Planning – I’ve asked Connie to take the lead on developing the 2017-18 budget based on the strategic plan that needs to be developed for review and consideration at the 2016 HFN People’s Assembly.
- 5) Shortage of workers – we have a shortage of workers due to the lack of accommodation for workers. We need to do something before next season, my briefing note of June 2016 addresses that, ED needs to implement the decision.
- 6) HFN failed to achieve our Somas Sockeye salmon allocation. Ask ED to review why this happened and identify measures to ensure we catch our sockeye salmon allocation. ED and/or NR person to report on current fish plan.

Councillor Sheila Charles:

A. Emerging Issues

B. Progress on Key Initiatives

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CMB

- *Plans are in the works to bring a Bear Aware Program to the community and Campground in regards to the recent bear issue in Anacla. This will help in preventing future bear issues and learning to live with wildlife **(Did not receive follow up if this event occurred during my time off?)***
- *On July 23rd, George Green the new Vice President for Parks Heritage Conservation and Commemoration his branch includes the Indigenous Affairs Branch, along with Helen Davies, Field Unit Superintendent will be visiting Kiix?in with an HFN guide. This will be a great opportunity to receive advise, ideas, tips when we apply for the 2nd phase funding for Kiix?in Revised the TOR vision statement and added guiding principles to update **Postponed till possibly September (Still no word if and when he is visiting)***
- 2014 Annual Board Review supported and passed by Executive Council
- 2015 Annual Board Review Draft is complete. Last Draft has been reviewed by the board. It’s a large document and we are trying to make it clear and easy read
- *Next CMB meeting scheduled for September 14th in Port Alberni. At this meeting we plan to focus on reviewing the CMB why it was formed, if it’s doing what was first intended, discuss if its vision needs to be adjusted. We hope for Robert and Derek to participate so the board can hear in their words their vision for creating the CMB pre-treaty **(This is still in the works, however the last 2 meetings scheduled have been rescheduled. Still trying to nail down a date)***
- There is a funding source that could be applied for by First Nations. It’s called the Aboriginal Species at Risk Funding. That is something that could be worked on but the HFN would have to apply for it. It is applicable to lands that are managed by First Nations. PC could potentially assist with the creation of an application. The dune where the planting is located on HFN Traditional Territory in the front there still is some evasive grasses growing.

Citizen Development Social Services

- *At the next EC meeting the CDSSC sent a motion in regards to Alternative Health Care & Traditional Healing & Home Care Service Program Policy for approval. This program is funded through Specific Claims and LNG (**Motion passed**)*
- A recommendation motion is coming to the next EC meeting for approval in regards to the generational funding. **Steelhead gave their support for the Children's Playground in Anacla much needed upgrade and the canoe project for 2017. Motion passed by council**
- The CDSSC reviewed and recommended the Social Development Policy Draft to Council to be presented at the next EC meeting for approval. **Motion passed and will also be looked at by lawyer if there are additions for Social Services**
- Council moving forward with the Social Services Project Motion
- Kathy, Crystal and I met with RCMP Services Review Staff Sergeant BOURNE to go over the LOE and working relationship with the Port Alberni RCMP. Lots of great input for improvements
- Kuu as Crisis Line, Darci, met with the CDSSC to give a presentation on creating a Suicide Prevention crisis policy with Kuu as Crisis Line. Excellent information especially that they offer all NCN nations debriefing which is something Huu-ay-aht has been needing

Other business:

- Attended the Port Alberni, Pachena, Victoria Community Engagement Sessions
- Attended the Scoping Team Meeting September 20, 2016
- Attended NTC AGM 1st day
- Paddled Klee Klee Ha with team Huu-ay-aht for the film crew
- The CDSSC met on September 26th, 2016

Councillor Ben Clappis:

Portfolio:

- Citizen Development Committee (Employment, Education and Trades)

Aug 2nd went on a field trip with the Paawaats group to Dianna Island; the Bamfield Marine station hosted this trip.

There was 5 from kids from Anacla and 2 from Bamfield. We arrived and 25 students were already there and camping.

A couple of the professors talked of the archaeology dig that was due awhile back in that exact spot. Two of the students were then doing their thesis and are now professors.

We spent 21/2 hours in this beautiful spot we also got to watch a huge grey whale breaching and slapping its tail.

Our children had a blast out there.

I've also been helping an entrepreneur check out claims at Sugsaw, Michigan mainline, Spencer and also claims on Tofino-Ucluelet side.

They were Island Timberland blocks we were in looking for value. We added wood for making coffee, dinner and also conference tables.

These are called live edge tables and we were also looking for rounds, burls and such.

This person (entrepreneur) got a one year permit from ministry of forest and also a 6 month permit from Island Timberlands and he has some orders on the go.

I'm helping this person out in these areas so we have no problems because I have my permits.

Education employment and training -looking ahead for what kind of training our citizens might need when and if LNG goes through.

At committee meetings we've talked about entry level jobs and what would help a citizen get an entry level job such as a Driver's license, First Aid Industrial, First Aid WHMIS, and other Driver's licenses class 1 to 4 for the transportation industry.

Aug 22-27th we had 5 of our people take the small vessel operator course they would be able to run water taxi crew boat if LNG plans on using that transport.

They also can run fishing charters with this certificate, and they also got their Radio Operator and Med 3 Certificate. Congratulations to Kim Macdonald, Don Prevost, Shawn Mack, John Dennis and me.

Forestry – we have had Marena R. working for Meridian and for the past while Tyler N. has been on board, has been and will be working in Port Alice.

As of Aug 2-4 Scott M. also works with Meridian and is enjoying his new job

I had a week off for holidays at the end of August.

Councillor Trevor Cootes:

Portfolio:

- Economic Development
- CMB co-chair

Overview:

- Grow and diversify new and existing businesses in Huu-ay-aht traditional territory
- Expand the economic potential of tourism within the Huu-ay-aht traditional territory (hahuuḷi)
- Support citizen entrepreneurship
- Develop business partnerships and joint venture agreements
- Promote employment of Huu-ay-aht citizens in secure, high paying jobs
- Explore economic potential in natural resource research and development

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Sarita Run of the River project, Barclary Group, Stan C have brought Huuayaht EDO bringing Cynthia up to speed on project and secured funds through NEDC for Impact Study, Interconnection study, and a Testhole study, \$81,000 needed from HFN or HGB and has been added as item to Aug 4, 2016 EC meeting.
- EDC has directed Motel Feasibility study and Business plan has go through consultation process and to come back to EC on Aug 4, 2016
- HDC Board Chair and Op Board chair received letter from Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Dated June 23, 2016

- Signed Batstar MOU, at House of Huuayaht with owner operator Blake Johnson, have seen immediate benefits from MOU, with Batstar guests going on fishing charter with Huuayaht citizen James Nookemus, also have HFN staff Ed Johnson contacting Blake for kayak rentals for youth, will work with Batstar over October 2016 to develop agreement for the 2017 season.
 - Ken Tourand been working HGB on templates on structure to improve how we go about doing business, around compliance issues. HDC chair will be meeting with Ken to discuss his findings. Had phone meeting with Ken to discuss his work with HGB and get his view on the Op Board, CEO and Managers.
 - Started process with EDO to compile documents and financial statements for the NSDC. Reports will be developed to be brought to the HDC board on quarterly basis also docs gathered will assist in opportunities for EDC. *Documents are being gathered*
 - EDO developing Business Plan for Pawaats
 - EDC directed EDO in March 2016 to develop Prospectus and Executive Summary to EDP, EDO is currently completing final draft will be brought to September EDC meeting, *tabled in September to October*
 - EDO is currently completing selection criteria for New Business Opportunity will be brought to September EDC meeting Finalized
 - EDO will bring final draft for Citizen Entrepreneurship Grant to September EDC meeting.
 - PAPA – negotiations ongoing
 - LNG – negotiations ongoing
- WFP 1.2m3 – negotiations ongoing

Emerging Issues:

- A need to bring briefing note EDC to start the process of developing/approving a Tourism Strategy/Marketing Strategy
- Housing for HGB staff is critical. HGB lost two citizens due to lack of housing for staff with families. Support the EC motion from Sept 26.

Councillor John Jack:

Treaty Implementation – Progress Report

Federal Fiscal Approach: Items have moved along quite quickly, to the dismay of some of the Nations participating in the process. The nations more directly involved with the Land Claims Agreement Coalition expressed a need to communicate to the federal ministers of INAC and Finance that there needs to be a unified and joint approach to the entire financial relationship between the Crown and First Nations, not something that's been separated up into silos. The idea that we cannot talk realistically about making our relationship better if we may only speak to fiscal transfers, and not revenue-sharing, taxation or access to pooled borrowing. I am personally in agreement, and decided to bring the letter idea to last month's Council meeting. Council agreed to authorize Robert's signature to be added to the list of other Nations expressing the same concern. At this stage, my concern is mostly political. I believe that while this letter will satisfy the need of political leadership in FNs, I don't think the message will be particularly powerful for the INAC and Finance Ministers. I believe playing true to contributing in good faith to the process as it is laid out will help just as much, but I also believe we should be creating our own bilateral relationship with the federal government – bureaucratic and political.

Real Property Tax: We had originally planned to meet to establish everything regarding the Tax Authority, but having not heard back from BC yet, it was suggested by legal counsel to take our time and aim at doing it right for the next fiscal year.

Real Property Tax Coordination Agreement: Executive Council passed the amendment to the RPTCA that closes what amounts to a dead end of references to the District of Ucluelet's tax rates. Now, we can set our maximum tax rate at either the District of Ucluelet's rate; or, if it's set at zero, to the rate identified in the rural taxation act of BC.

Groundwater Negotiation Team: I have missed the first meeting due to having to fill in at a LNG Negotiation meeting. We may want to revisit who represents us there, but I'm willing to give it another try. I was planning on following up with some Maa-nulth subject-matter experts to catch up.

Treaty Implementation – Emerging Issues

Government-to-Government Forum Agreement: Maa-nulth has asked us where we are at with this particular agreement. I have expressed our concern regarding whether this will replace or impair our ability to forge free-standing bilateral relations with BC, but have yet to hear back.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report

ACRD-SD70 AVRA Negotiation: ACRD's negotiations with SD70 on the AVRA Lands continue.

Union of BC Municipalities in Victoria: To be held from September 26 to 30, I have registered with the ACRD to head to Victoria for the conference. Last year, I had to leave mid-week due to the birth of my daughter, and this year, I hope to bring her around there for a one-year tour. Once again, I will participate in sessions, voting, meetings and other conference-related items to put forward a HFN, FN and ACRD set of interests. As ever, the ACRD is covering the cost of my going to the event.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Emerging Issues

West Island Woodlands Advisory Group (WIWAG) Involvement: Incidentally, I had to skip out on the WIWAG meeting due to other HFN-related concerns. Time allotment has become an issue.

UBCM Elected Officers: I am contemplating running for a Director-at-Large or other such position with the UBCM. Before I do so, I would like input from Council on whether you believe it is a wise use of time.

LNG Advisory Committee – Progress Report

I helped present at the update to HFN Executive Council and Ha'wiih, it seemed to go well.

LNG Advisory Committee – Emerging Issues

No emerging issues on my end. Next LNG Advisory Committee meeting slated for a half-day on August 11 or 12, and a two-day session in the week of the 22nd to go into fuller detail regarding the environmental parameters worksheet.

Law & Policy Development Committee – Progress Report

Legal Counsel: HFN Legal Counsel sat down with me, and each of Council, to go over the items we need to address from (1) now until the end of this fiscal, and (2) the beginning of the next fiscal and beyond. I would imagine the BLC report from July 28 should be sufficient.

Law & Policy Development Committee – Emerging Issues

No emerging issues to report. One emergent question: is there a need to amend the Budget this year?

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External Relations – Progress Report

I have been named to be the HFN's lead on "External Relations" which is mostly about our relationship with the Province of BC and the Government of Canada, but also including HFN's relationships with larger associations and organizations as well as HFN's relationship with businesses and other such concerns. I would suggest that we roll representation to the ACRD into this portfolio. I will be working with the Chief-Councillor, Legal Counsel, Council and the Ha'wiih in the development of a cohesive approach to this file given the importance of the opportunities presented by renewed and new relationships with the aforementioned groups.

External Relations – Emerging Issues

Nothing to report in emerging issues, yet.

John Jack: Special Assignments or Projects

Port Alberni Port Authority: PAPA requested a letter of support, has it been completed?

Councillor Connie Waddell:

Portfolio
Finance
Capital and infrastructure
Treaty Implementation

Overview

August was a quiet month with the rotation of staff and Executive Council on leave. I spent my time between the Port Alberni and Anacla offices. It was important that I was available to the Finance Department for cheque signing. Support letters also were required for Economic Development and Government Services. Networking with the citizens was my priority in the office.

Progress on Key Initiatives

Finance

The process was followed in selecting an auditor for a recommendation to Executive Council. The beginning stages of a six month review of the budget. Reviewing the LNG budget for amendments.

Capital and Infrastructure

Doug Neff (NTC) is now working with the administration. Stephen Rayner is his main contact. We are hoping to access additional funding through him. Trail project contract is complete and work will begin October 17. They will start with clearing trees and then move to building the lower section. Cemetery contract is tendered and work will begin the third week of October. Sewer project will have a detailed design for your review. Subdivision is on track and additional funds will be added to FNIP. Septic for lower Anacla review and repair. We have received only one quote. An additional RFP will be going out to seek an additional two. An RFP for the trucks will be going out the first week of October. Purchase date will be two weeks following. Treaty Implementation is new for me and I will be attending my first Maa-Nulth Directors meeting on October 11.

Emerging Issues

Recommending an Auditor to Executive Council. Setting a date for a Treaty Implementation Committee meeting. Firewood for elders