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2016 Citizen Conference & PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

November 18 - 20, Port Alberni

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Barclay Hotel – 4277 Stamp Avenue

1:00 - 5:00 **Registration** – Citizens will be able to sign in, register for child minding, pick up materials packages

Open House – At this informal open house, citizens will be able to visit booths with information from the committees and about other matters that will be presented during the formal proceedings on Saturday and Sunday. Citizens can discuss their concerns and share ideas with members of government and staff.

Citizenship Cards – Staff will be available to start the process of issuing citizenship cards to citizens 21 years of age and older. Photos and digital signatures will be collected. Please note the cards to be mailed out following the event.

Status Cards – Staff will be available to issue status cards. Appropriate government issued ID will be required.

5:30 **Dinner, with Ha-ho-pa / Huu-ay-aht History night to follow**

Transportation to and from other hotels to the Barclay will be available for those who require it. *Further details will be provided with your registration package.*

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November 19

Athletic Hall – 3727 Roger Street

7:15 - 8:00 Shuttle transportation will be provided for those who require it from hotels to Athletic Hall. *Further details will be available upon registration.*

7:30 - 9:00 **Breakfast & Registration**

9:00 - 10:00 **Opening Ceremonies**

- Cultural protocols
- Welcome from the Speaker
- Swearing of the Huu-ay-aht Oath

10:00 - 12:00 **Formal Session Agenda:**

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Presentation of Huu-ay-aht First Nations Annual Report
 - a) Executive Council Report, Strategic Plan, Activities and operations of government, financial plan, budget, committee reports
 - b) 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements
3. Appointment of Auditor
4. Presentation of Tribunal Annual Report

12:00 - 12:30 **Our Journey, Our Choice, Our Future Research Project**

Presented by Tayii Ḥawil̓ λiišin Derek Peters, and Heather Castleden

12:30 - 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 - 2:00 **Cultural Treasures huupak^waanum**

The Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing and Deputy Premier
The Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation
Professor Jack Lohman CBE, Royal BC Museum
Have confirmed that they will be attending for this important event.

2:00 - 4:30 **Formal Session Agenda (cont'd)**

5. Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Report
6. Western Forest Products Update
7. Granting of Forest Tenures
8. Proposed LNG Project Update

4:30 - 5:30 **Social Services Project**

5:30 **Dinner, with cultural events to follow**

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Check out of hotels.

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7:30 - 9:00 **Breakfast & Check-in**

9:00 - 12:00 **Formal Session Agenda (cont'd):**

9. Executive Council Reports on 2015 Citizens' Motions
10. Citizen's Motions

- i) Buffer Zone on Main Line Road (Jeff Cook)
- ii) Legal fees transparency (Brittany Johnson)
- iii) Selection process for legal counsel (Brittany Johnson)
- iv) Food fish distribution (Brittany Johnson)
- v) Attendance at People's Assembly (Brittany Johnson)
- vi) Short-term solution to Anacla Housing Shortage (Sarah Johnson)
- vii) Make April 1st a Huu-ay-aht Statutory Holiday (Tom Happynook)
- viii) Review of Wildlife Harvesting Regulations (Duane Nookemis)
- ix) Increase Citizen Access to Natural Resources (Duane Nookemis)
- x) Increase Funding for Post-secondary Students (Duane Nookemis).
- xi) Increase Efficiency of Committee Structure (Duane Nookemis)
- xii) Reduce Costs Associated with Government Travel Expenses (Duane Nookemis)
- xiii) Upgrade Cookware at the House of Huu-ay-aht (Kristen Young)
- xiv) Complete Improvements at Soaring Eagle Centre (Kristen Young)

11. Adjournment

12:30 - 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 **Closing Ceremonies**

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2016 Regular Session of the People's Assembly

will commence with opening ceremonies at

9:00 a.m. on November 19, 2016

and will continue at

9:30 a.m. on November 20, 2016

at the **Port Alberni Athletic Hall, 3727 Roger Street**

Proposed Agenda

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Presentation of Huu-ay-aht First Nations Annual Report, including 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements
3. Appointment of Auditor

Motion to, in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act*, s. 34, appoint BDO, Canada LLP as auditor for the period of April 1, 2016 – March 31, 2017.
4. Presentation of Tribunal Annual Report
5. Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Report
6. Western Forest Products Update
7. Granting of Forestry Tenures

Motion to approve, pursuant to the *Land Act*, s. 27, the granting of a non-renewable forest licence to HFN Forestry LP for the harvest of 50,000 cubic metres of timber from treaty lands, on terms acceptable to Executive Council and authorized in accordance with all applicable laws.

Motion to approve, pursuant to the *Land Act*, s. 27, the harvest of 20,000 cubic metres of timber by HFN Forestry LP from lands owned in fee simple by HFN Lands Corporation, authorized in accordance with all applicable laws.

Motion to approve, pursuant to the *Land Act*, s. 27, the harvest of up to 1,200,000 cubic metres of timber both from treaty lands and under provincial forest licences on non-Huu-ay-aht lands held by HFN Forestry Limited Partnership to a yet to be determined entity or entities, authorized in accordance with all applicable laws.
8. Proposed LNG Project Update
9. Executive Council Report on 2015 Citizens' Motions
10. Citizen Motions
 - i) Buffer Zone on Main Line Road (Jeff Cook)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council require that there be a 50 metre buffer zone on each side of the centre line of the Bamfield - Port Alberni Main Line road from

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which no trees will be harvested in the course of any logging operations on Huu-ay-aht Lands or by Huu-ay-aht business enterprises.

ii) Legal fees transparency (Brittany Johnson)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council direct that:

- a) Huu-ay-aht financial statements specifically identify legal fees,
- b) The annual Budget Act include a specific line item for legal fees, and
- c) The amount of fees paid to each legal firm retained by the Huu-ay-aht be made available for review by Huu-ay-aht citizens.

iii) Selection process for legal counsel (Brittany Johnson)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council put in place an open, transparent, merit-based process for the selection of legal counsel.

iv) Food fish distribution (Brittany Johnson)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council:

- a) Evaluate and report to citizens on the success, effectiveness and efficiency of the food fish distribution program;
- b) Report annually to citizens on the details of the food fish distribution program, including: the program budget, the number of fish distributed, the number of citizens in each community to whom fish were delivered and the number of each species that were delivered in each community;
- c) Review and report on what would be necessary to deliver a successful food fish distribution program, including considering hiring an outside contractor or management team to implement the program.

v) Attendance at People's Assembly (Brittany Johnson)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council:

- a) Put in place measures designed to ensure that citizens who do not attend the voting sessions of the People's Assembly will not be eligible to receive funding for travel, accommodation or other expenses associated with attending future People's Assemblies; and
- b) Consider and implement other measures designed to encourage attendance at the voting sessions of the People's Assembly by all citizens.

vi) Short-term solution to Anacla Housing Shortage (Sarah Johnson)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council develop and pursue options for addressing, in the short-term, the pressing need for increased housing in Anacla.

vii) Make April 1st a Huu-ay-aht Statutory Holiday (Tom Happynook)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council direct that April 1st be a made statutory holiday of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

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viii) Review of Wildlife Harvesting Regulations (Duane Nookemis)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council revise Huu-ay-aht hunting regulations so that they are no more restrictive than the provincial regulations.

ix) Increase Citizen Access to Natural Resources (Duane Nookemis)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council revise Huu-ay-aht resource harvesting regulations so that citizens are given greater opportunities to harvest non-animal resources from Huu-ay-aht lands for small-scale commercial purposes.

x) Increase Funding for Post-secondary Students (Duane Nookemis)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council increase funding to support citizens pursuing post-secondary education.

xi) Increase Efficiency of Committee Structure (Duane Nookemis)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council review the structure of government committees and reduce the number of committees.

xii) Reduce Costs Associated with Government Travel Expenses (Duane Nookemis)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council put in place measures to reduce expenses associated with travel by employees and government members.

xiii) Upgrade Cookware at the House of Huu-ay-aht (Kristen Young)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council authorize funding to upgrade kitchen equipment and cookware at the House of Huu-ay-aht.

xiv) Complete Improvements at Soaring Eagle Centre (Kristen Young)

Motion to recommend that Executive Council make the following directions with respect to the Soaring Eagle Centre:

- a) that the computers be set up and connected to the internet;
- b) kitchen equipment, cookware, serving ware and utensils be provided or upgraded as required; and
- c) that a DVD player and television be provided for use at youth nights.

11. Adjournment

In addition, the following presentations will also be part of the weekend's programming:

- Our Journey, Our Choice, Our Future Research Project Presentation by Tayii Ḥawit̓ ̓i̓i̓š̓in, Derek Peters, and Heather Castleden
- Social Services Project Panel

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