MINUTES OF PEOPLE’S ASSEMBLY
November 19-20, 2016
Port Alberni, British Columbia

The People’s Assembly was called to order at 10:52 a.m.
Derek Peters administered the Speaker’s Oath, Huu-ay-aht Oath and Citizenship Declaration.

1) Adoption of Agenda

VERBAL MOTION re Adoption of Agenda PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-01

2) Presentation of Huu-ay-aht First Nations Annual Report, including 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements

Jameel Sayani from MNP presented the audited financial statements.

3) Appointment of Auditor

Councillor Connie Waddell nominated BDO to be appointed as auditor.
WRITTEN MOTION re Appointment of BDO as Auditor PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-02

4) Presentation of Tribunal Annual Report

The Speaker presented the Tribunal Annual Report.

Lunch Break at 12:00 pm
Session resumed at 2:27 pm

5) Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Report

Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses CEO Gary Wilson presented the Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Report and responded to questions from citizens.
6) **Granting of Forestry Tenures**

Chief Councillor Robert Dennis, Tayii Ḫaw̓ił Xiišin Derek Peters and legal counsel Rob Botterell made a presentation regarding two anticipated forestry tenures on Huu-ay-aht lands and answered questions.

a) **WRITTEN MOTION re Approval of 50,000 cubic metre Forestry Tenure PASSED BY CONSENSUS**

Resolution #PA-2016-03

b) **WRITTEN MOTION re Approval of 20,000 cubic metre Forestry Tenure PASSED BY CONSENSUS**

Resolution #PA-2016-04

Councillor John Jack read an update from the LNG Advisory Committee prior to going In Camera.

**VERBAL MOTION Re Going In Camera at 3:26pm**

Resolution #PA-2016-05

7) **Proposed LNG Project Update**

8) **Western Forest Products Update**

**VERBAL MOTION Re Coming out of Camera at 4:20pm.**

Resolution #PA-2016-06

Session adjourned for the day at 5:33pm

Session resumed at 9:55am on November 20, 2016.

9) **Executive Council Report on 2015 Citizens’ Motions**

Chief Councillor Robert Dennis presented Executive Council’s report on the 2015 Citizens’ Motions.

10) **Citizen Motions**

i) **Buffer Zone on Main Line Road**

Jeff Cook made a presentation regarding establishing a buffer zone along the Main line road.

**WRITTEN MOTION re Buffer Zone on Main Line Road PASSED BY CONSENSUS**

Resolution #PA-2016-07
i) Legal fees transparency
Brittany Johnson made a presentation regarding the importance of transparency in the process for selecting legal counsel.
Following discussion, the proposed motion was amended.
WRITTEN MOTION re Legal Fees Transparency PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-08

iii) Selection process for legal counsel
Brittany Johnson made a presentation regarding the process for selecting legal counsel.
WRITTEN MOTION re selection process for legal counsel PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-09

iv) Food fish distribution
Brittany Johnson made a presentation regarding the food fish distribution program.
WRITTEN MOTION re Food Fish Distribution PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-10

v) Attendance at People’s Assembly
Brittany Johnson made a presentation regarding the costs associated with the People’s Assembly and the need for attendance at the voting sessions.
WRITTEN MOTION re Attendance at People’s Assembly PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-11

vi) Short-term solution to Anacla Housing Shortage
Sarah Johnson made a presentation regarding the need a short-term solution to the pressing need for increased housing in Anacla.
WRITTEN MOTION re Short-term solution to Anacla Housing Shortage PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-12
vii) Make April 1st a Huu-ay-aht Statutory Holiday

Tom Happynook made a presentation regarding the possibility of making April 1st a Huu-ay-aht Statutory Holiday in recognition of the significance of the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement.

WRITTEN MOTION re Make April 1st a Huu-ay-aht Statutory Holiday FOLLOWING VOTE DID NOT PASS

viii) Review of Wildlife Harvesting Regulations

Duane Nookemis made a presentation regarding the need for a review of Huu-ay-aht’s legislation in respect of harvesting wildlife.

WRITTEN MOTION re Review of Wildlife Harvesting Regulations PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-13

ix) Increase Citizen Access to Natural Resources

Duane Nookemis made a presentation regarding increasing the ability of Huu-ay-aht citizens to harvest natural resources for small-scale economic purposes.

WRITTEN MOTION re Review of Wildlife Harvesting Regulations PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-14

x) Increase Funding for Post-secondary Students

Duane Nookemis made a presentation regarding the importance of supporting Huu-ay-aht students during their post-secondary education.

WRITTEN MOTION re Review of Wildlife Harvesting Regulations PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-15

xi) Reduce Costs Associated with Government Travel Expenses

Duane Nookemis made a presentation regarding reducing the costs to government associated with travel by members of government and government employees.

WRITTEN MOTION re Reduce Costs Associated with Government Travel Expenses PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-16
xii) Upgrade Cookware at the House of Huu-ay-aht

Kristen Young made a presentation regarding the need for better cooking equipment at the House of Huu-ay-aht.

WRITTEN MOTION re Upgrade Cookware at the House of Huu-ay-aht PASSED BY CONSENSUS

Resolution #PA-2016-17

xiii) Complete Improvements at Soaring Eagle Centre

Kristen Young withdrew the motion.

11) Adjournment

The People’s Assembly was adjourned at 12:18pm