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***Report of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL for the month of  
February 2017***

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**For review and consideration at the  
Regular Executive Council Meeting  
On April 27, 2017**

**Chief Councillor Robert Dennis:**

<b>Responsibilities</b>	<b>Tasks</b>
a) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feb 16, attended leadership dinner at Victoria Convention Center.</li> <li>• Feb 17 attended HFN-BC and SLNG meeting in Vancouver.</li> <li>• Remained in contact with different government officials regarding HFN Specific Claim.</li> </ul>
b) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remained in weekly contact with Perry Belgarde regarding HFN Specific Claim.</li> <li>• Attended NTC Directors Meeting in Nanaimo.</li> </ul>
c) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended numerous one on one engagement sessions.</li> <li>• Attended HFN Peoples Assembly on February 19, 2017.</li> </ul>
d) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through our own paper maintained systems of communication with HFN citizens.</li> <li>• Through telephone call and e-mail keep in touch with federal and provincial governments.</li> <li>• Attend</li> </ul>
e) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain this through HFN Strategic Plan and Operational plan.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
f) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The constitution</li> <li>ii. Huuayaht legislation</li> <li>iii. Huuayaht policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
g) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued to pursue LNG opportunity.</li> <li>• Successfully reached an AIP with Western Forests Products.</li> </ul>
h) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued to make this part of most HFN functions.</li> </ul>
i) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet weekly with Connie Waddell and Trudy Warner to ensure proper management and administration of HFN government.</li> </ul>
j) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Feb 9, and Feb 24, 2017 Executive Council meetings.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
k) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and</li> <li>ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councillors;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing review of all portfolios.</li> <li>• Ongoing review of the 2017-2019 commitment to Heal our Hahoulthee and bring our people home</li> </ul>
l) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public spokesperson for the Specific Claim issue and the Agreement in Principals reached with WFP and</li> </ul>

Assembly.	SLNG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spoke to the People’s Assembly regarding the commitment document</li> </ul>
m) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Community consultation;</li> <li>2. LNG Project</li> <li>3. Transition Plan</li> <li>4. Committee Meetings</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping in touch with citizen to inform on major projects such as WFP and SLNG.</li> <li>• Focused on the LNG and WFP projects.</li> </ul>

Emerging issues for April.

- I. PROVIDE INSTRUCTION AND WORK FOR LEGAL COUNSEL.
- II. POTETIAL VISIT FROM WFN TO OVERSEE HFN TREATY INITIATIVES AND FORESTRY OPERATIONS.
- III. ONGOING BUDGET REVIEW AND SERVICE DELIVERY.
- IV. Portfolio and committee review.
- V. Ensure operating plans are in place so to ensure proper management and administration of HFN government.
- VI. 2017-18 communication Plan.
- VII. Review of programs and services to see where they may be enhanced.

**Councillor Sheila Charles:**

A. Emerging Issues

B. Progress on Key Initiatives

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**CMB**

1. Next CMB meeting planned will focus on Economic Development. We will be discussing ways that Parks Canada can support us in developing Kiixin and the Cape Beale Headlands plans and any other economic development opportunities
2. Parks Canada is going to provide a letter of support for the welcome figure project at Tsusiaht Falls. Derek likes the idea of the welcome figures at the trailhead (start and finish of our territory)
3. Huu-ay-aht is to send a letter to Parks Canada regarding harvesting for traditional purposes

4. Justin Demoskoff to contact Duane to identify a location at Keeha for the composting toilet. PC needs to do an assessment on the location
5. Parks is to send HFN a copy of the commemorative statement of why Kiixin is a National Historic Site
6. *The CMB plan to hold a focus group session on reviewing the CMB and why it was originally 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*
7. Parks Canada application to NETP for Cultural Interpretation training was a success
8. The reporting process with our guardians concerns PC. We need to correct this for next year. If Parks Canada got audited this would not be considered acceptable reporting. Perhaps in the pre-season training we should include how to create proper reports session.

#### **Citizen Development Social Services**

- The Canoe Project call for bids notice has been posted on our website and hard copies in both government offices
- CDSSCC met to discuss plans for all upcoming Social Service Panel interview meetings with citizens
- One main focus has been getting as many Huuayaht citizens involved in the SS Panel Project. Getting the word out there has been done through phone bees, internet notices, postings in offices, fb sharing of the notice, and by word of mouth
- another focus for the CDSSCC has been planning a successful upcoming HFN Youth Gathering for children in care
- attended The Roots of Trauma conference w/ Dr. Gabor Mate February 5-8. This was an extremely insightful but intense conference that gave me more knowledge, understanding and more compassion for our people who suffer from intergenerational issues. This was by far the best conference I have ever attended. I only wish all our people and those that work in services (Dr's, RCMP, Social Services, etc.) could experience this conference and hope FNHA continues offering it annually. We learned what trauma is, different ways we are traumatized, how colonization/residential school traumatized, the side effects of trauma (substance abuse, mental illness (depression)etc.), where the side effects occur and how we need to heal the root cause, trauma.
- Regular Executive Council Meeting February 9th
- February 18 & 19 stationed in Nanaimo for the People's Assembly
- Special Executive Council Meeting February 17th
- Special Executive Council Meeting February 20<sup>th</sup>
- SS Panel tele conference w/Trudy, Maegen and Kathy February 22nd
- SS panel meeting February 26<sup>th</sup>
- Consistent ongoing HFN Citizen Support

## **Councillor Ben Clappis:**

### **LNG Home Visits -**

At beginning of the month I was doing home visits in Victoria first where I had a citizen help with phone numbers and addresses through the morning and afternoon. Things were looking bleak with old numbers and sometimes old addresses. Things picked up early evening Sat at an address because I found out the person was on their way home.

The first person I visited let me know that they are unsure and sits on the fence of yes or no. Their question was “will they leave the land they used in the same way they found it in” I told them, “yes they will.” That was the only thing they asked about and with that they said they would probably vote yes then.

I talked to another citizen on the phone. Only reason this person was sitting on the fence was that their child got turned down for sport funding. I told them that if we get a yes vote that it would change a lot of things for Huu-ay-aht, with that they changed to a yes vote.

Another citizen said they are a definite yes vote but when the vote came up for the land purchase they had to miss the vote because they had to go to work. So I told them with the upcoming vote I hope there is a better way to get your vote in without missing the vote.

Another citizen was a no vote because they heard things about oil, I told them this has nothing to do with oil as in it breaking and seeping into the ground, with this explanation they changed to a yes vote.

Another citizen said they were unsure because lack of information, but with their cousin helping explain and saying it would be a good thing for Huu-ay-aht. They are going with a yes vote.

Another citizen was my helping hand all day, I am grateful to that person, who is also a yes vote.

In the two days in Victoria it was blizzardy, and with the 2<sup>nd</sup> day news calling for a winter storm warning I got out of Victoria. The roads weren't too bad yet in Nanaimo so I managed to meet with two citizens.

One of those citizens questioned on jobs, housing, and training, “will there be training outside Pachena and Port Alberni?” because they have interest in taking a welding course. I told this citizen about the training that would be coming up and hopefully outside Port and home (Pachena). I told them about the 15% guarantee for Huu-ay-aht jobs and also the subdivision that will be coming soon after the yes vote.

Last interview I did was with another citizen who told me they were sitting on the fence again because they had heard things negative as in oil and gas pipelines I explained to them no oil. With that they switched to a yes vote.

### **Second round of Home Visits (Victoria, Nanaimo and Parksville) -**

This went well I got to speak with another citizen and explained to them what I was up to and what we're doing. They said, “Well as long as there are jobs for our youth and our people.” I mentioned in this deal that there is guaranteed 15% jobs for Huu-ay-aht. With that they said “You got a yes vote from me,” and that they would pass the message on to their family.

I went to see a relativen and when the time comes (Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>) that person will be at the voting station in Victoria.

I am aware of 13 yes votes in Victoria, Nanaimo and Parksville.

### **BCAFN (BC Assembly of First Nations) -**

This gathering was an ongoing regional session on sustainable economic development. Chief Robert and I attended. Robert gave the table an update on where Huu-ay-aht is and what we've been doing and wanting to get into. It was a very short meeting.

### **UBCIC (Union of BC Indian Chiefs) -**

It was time for an election to pick a president or chair for UBCIC and there was three candidates. One was David Dennis from Huu-ay-aht, so at this meeting he had to be the rep of Huu-ay-aht to be a candidate. I was a back bencher.

This was a good meeting and there were some of Canada's politicians there. Huu-ay-aht had a question to ask them on the appeal that Canada's doing on our specific claims. I got to talk to Scott and a John Horgon who were going to be going back east to the senate chambers and ask why, and ask the government not to appeal our claim. Bob Chamberlain said this very important and we or they should watch this very closely. I ended up talking to them myself because it was too late for Dave or Deb Foxcroft to ask them. With them they introduced me to Scott and John while they were exiting.

With the vote it went through the 1<sup>st</sup> round with Bob Chamberlain 50.7 % of the votes

The Day guy had 25 votes and Dave had 2 votes.

With Dave you could hear he wasn't ready and not physically fit to do this position and Dave himself said he wouldn't be able to start for 3 months maybe.

### **NTC –EETC (Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council – Education, Employment and Trades Committee) -**

With this meeting we had Marisa Bennett from NETP go over the annual operation plan and the annual expenditure plan review. In this report she told of cut backs from the government and that it was reduced by \$800,000 it was not good and we had to decide what or where to cut funding. We also need to look for a lower rental place in Ucluelet and from whatever is saved from that divide it up in Admin or put it in to the programs. We reviewed policies and procedures.

### **Ongoing Regular and Special Executive Council Meetings –**

We considered a possible change to the referendum question.

An introduction of the eligibility for an interest in land regulation (WFP) and also an introduction to the Non-replaceable Forest License regulation amendment regulation both brought in by John Jack.

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Ben Clappis

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### **LNG and LNG Advisory – Progress Report**

The lead-up to the LNG vote was quite intensive. I worked primarily on keeping up with the progress made by our negotiators, I gave presentations during community engagement sessions and at the Special People’s Assembly, and on communications items such as the film and question & answer videos. The vote was successful with very-near 70% of voting Huu-ay-aht citizens in support of the project. This is an amazing result, especially given the nature of the project and the complexity it represents.

### **LNG and LNG Advisory – Emerging Issues**

We will need to ensure that our follow-up on the vote is sufficient to keep up with the expectations of our people given our conversations had during the lead-up to the vote. I will attach a list of topics to be discussed. At the time of this report, we have already decided to have an interim budget and process for filling-in all of the work plans and budgets necessary for the next three months. We will need to ensure that we use these next three months to put together a crackerjack long-term set of plans to ensure we’re able and ready to do the work at hand.

### **Law & Policy Development Committee – Progress Report**

The only documents prepared for this upcoming Legislative Session was the item coming out of an update to the forest harvesting license development jointly completed with the Hahoulthee Committee and the Ha’wiih Council. This work was largely complete, though at the time of this Report, there is a component regarding setting up a Watershed Restoration Fund that will require regulatory work.

### **Law & Policy Development Committee – Emerging Issues**

There are no emerging issues regarding LPD that hasn’t already been reported upon before. There may be a need to fast-track some regulations based on requirements coming out of the LNG-related work that we may be doing in the near-future.

### **Hahoulthee Committee – Progress Report**

The committee worked closely with the LPD Committee and the Ha’wiih Council on completing the regulation and appendices for permission to harvest timber on TSL as well as granting Western Forest Products the ability to apply for interests in treaty lands. With the help of legal counsels Rob Botterell and Melinda Skeels, this was a straightforward process that was efficient and effective.

### **Hahoulthee Committee – Emerging Issues**

With the reassignment of portfolios, it will become very necessary to ensure a smooth transfer of control to Councillor Clappis. There are many components to Hahoulthee that appear to overlap with Treaty Implementation insofar as it involves Maa-nulth, the Federal Government and the Provincial Government. We may want to take a working-group approach much like LPD in order to tackle this more effectively.

### **Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report**

I would be interested in having an update with staff regarding the status on any initiatives we may want to work with the ACRD on: solid waste and recycling, water, sewer, emergency operations and planning, fire department coverage, parks and trails, etc.. We should ensure that we follow up on any services or programs we want to cooperate on.

### **Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Emerging Issues**

The Chief Administrative Officer of the ACRD, Russell Dyson, has decided to take on another position with the Comox Valley Regional District. Alongside others, such as Al Little of the NEDC, he set the gold standard in my mind for the conduct and effectiveness of a top administrator. He was central in the successful integration of the Maa-nulth nations into the ACRD and contributed directly to legal-political reconciliation on the West Coast.

Please see next page for captures of Calendar...

The screenshot shows a calendar for February 2017. At the top, it displays 'February 2017', 'Today 13°C/4°C', and a search bar. The calendar is organized by days of the week (SUNDAY to SATURDAY) and dates. Key events include:

- Jan 30:** 10:00am Economic Summit; House of Gathering; Council Support.
- Jan 31:** 8:00am FW: Federation of Canadian Mun...; 12:00pm All Committee's a...
- Feb 1:** LGLA Day 1 (7:30am Mayor's Breakfast; Best Western Barclay Hotel, Port Alb...); LGLA Day 2; LGLA Day 3 (3:00pm Island Agricultura 6:00pm).
- Feb 7:** 1:00pm Law and Policy Review; Casino - Cathedral Grove Meeting Roo...
- Feb 8:** 8:30am ACRD Committee of the Whole - Ec...; 12:00pm ACRD Board; Port AL...
- Feb 9:** 9:30am Reasonable O...; 9:30am Cancel...; 10:00am Regul...
- Feb 10:** 2:00pm Call; 1 855 506 6153 ID: 2189151; L...; 5:00pm Cook Family Home ...
- Feb 11:** Valentines Overn
- Feb 12:** Valentines Over
- Feb 14:** 1:00pm People's Assembly Wor...; 6:00pm Victoria Leaders Dinne...
- Feb 15:** 9:30am AV&B Committee Me...; 10:00am Huu-...; 1:30pm EA Dir...
- Feb 16:** 9:00am Special Board of Directors Mee...; 11:00am ACRD Toquaht Mtg
- Feb 17:** 5pm HFN Video Release; 9:00am PA 201...; 11:30am Speci...
- Feb 18:** 10am Special People's Assembly
- Feb 20:** 10:00am Coffee Date! Rebecca & John; Mount...; 5:00pm Special Executive Cou...
- Feb 21:** 12:00pm HGB Welcoming Lunch; Kiixin North and South; PAGO ...
- Feb 22:** 12:00pm ACRD Board; Port Alberni; 12:30pm H+K/HFN Wee...
- Feb 23:** 10:00am Regular Executive Cou...; 1:00pm People's Asse...
- Feb 25:** HFN LNG Short I
- Feb 26:** HFN LNG Short; 9:30am Fwd: Updated Inv 3:00pm
- Feb 27:** (Hatched area)
- Mar 1:** 7:30am Mayor's Breakfast; Best Western Barcl...; 9:00am Special Executive Cou...
- Mar 3:** 10:00am Central Region Board; Tofino Council Chamber

March 2017							Today 13°C/4°C	Search Calendar
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
Feb 26	27	28	<b>Mar 1</b>	2	3	4		
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	7:30am Dentist 1:30pm Home Visit with Fredrick Cook; PAGO; Council...	10:00am TWG1 Policy Framework & ... 2:00pm LNG Neg. Team; Kii...	10:00am ACRD Committee of the Whole; AC. 1:00pm ACRD Board; ACRD	9:30am Maa-n... 10:00am 1st Si... 1:00pm Regul... 4:00pm →Flig...	7:00am BC Leadership Prayer Breakfa... 10:00am Fiscal Policy Steering...	LNG V-Day		
26	27	28	29	30	31	<b>Apr 1</b>		
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**Councillor Trevor Cootes**

TREVOR COOTES, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
February & March, 2017 Executive Council Meeting

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 (hahuuli)

- 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:

- Economic Summit – attendees; HFN, HGB, and invited guests. Input and consideration on EDP
- Kiixin Tourism Strategy – in February Avenue PR was contracted to assist in creating and finalizing a tourism document that would help be a guiding document to building Kiixin Tourism Plan.
- The proposed project is a Run of the River hydroelectric facility with a nameplate capacity of 5 MW designed to generate 14.8 GWh of renewable energy annually for sale to BC Hydro through the Standing Offer Program (SOP). The project is located on the Sarita River, which flows into Numukamis Bay on the west coast of Vancouver Island; approximately 13 km northeast from the town of Bamfield. The entire footprint of the project is within the Huu-ay-aht First Nations private lands acquired through treaty settlement and lands purchased from Island Timberlands in 2012. On April 23 2015 the project received approval from DFO. On June 5 2015 the project received provincial water license approval. BC Hydro has accepted application for the 40 year Electricity Purchase Agreement. Civil construction is planned for 15 months commencing January 2017. Target commercial operation date is planned for February 2018.

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- EDC has directed Motel Feasibility study and Business plan has go through consultation process and to come back to EC on Aug 4, 2016  
The motion has been Passed: HGB currently has planned improvements on Motel and Campground, loans through NEDC
- HDC Board Chair and Op Board chair received letter from Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Dated June 23, 2016,  
*A Response letter has been drafted from Chair/Executive Coucillor Trevor Cootes and Op Board Chair Angela Wesley*
- PARTNERSHIPS; Signed Batstar MOU, at House of Huuayaht with owner operator Blake Johnson,  
*Currently looking at the 2017 season, starting the process of looking to develop Agreement with Batstar for use of a campsite on Diana Island ongoing, survey work is currently being done, 6 campsites indentified to be developed*
- Attended the following Conferences/Events
  - BCEDA Feb
  - NETP Career Fair – spoke to Nuuchanulth students on Tourism Experiences.
- 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. *ONGOING*
- EDO developing Business Plan for Pawaats STATUS
- 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
- EDO is currently completing selection criteria for New Business Opportunity will be brought to September EDC meeting
- EDO will bring final draft for Citizen Entrepreneurship Grant to September EDC meeting.
- PATH/PAPA – negotiations ongoing
- LNG – negotiations ongoing

- WFP 1.2m3 – negotiations ongoing

### Emerging Issues:

- A need for EDC to setup meeting with EC, Hawiiah, HGB about Tourism/Cultural Strategy, also to talk about annual planning for Forestry and Fisheries, *An Economic Summit has been set for Jan 30, 2017*
- A need for EDC to setup meeting with EC, Hawiiah, HGB about Marketing strategy for HFN/HGB
- Housing for HGB staff is critical. HGB lost two citizens due to lack of housing for staff with families. High Priority; setting up meeting with
- A need to look at the Ec Dev Opportunity on Diana Island, consultation with Hahulii and Hawiiah to bring briefing note and recommendations to EC