



huu ayaht

ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

*Report of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL for the month of*

**APRIL 2017**

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**For review and consideration at the  
Special Executive Council Meeting**

**On May 25th, 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>• This was a very inactive month regarding me representing HFN government in relation with other governments.</li> <li>• Will approach provincial government once the provincial election has been determined.</li> <li>• Main initiatives remaining on federal and provincial agenda are the LNG and Chip seal road issue.</li> <li>• Specific Claim issues remain on the federal agenda.</li> </ul>
b) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With the HFN citizens approving an LNG facility on their Sarita lands and lot of neighbouring First Nations opposing LNG, getting this project to construction phase will be an uphill battle. So, I will be working on a First Nations strategy to address this urgent issue.</li> <li>• Will begin to develop a consultation strategy to address neighbouring First Nation issues.</li> </ul>
c) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am reasonably satisfied that we have done our best to ensure HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues mostly through community engagement sessions and normal communication, such as newsletters and web site.</li> <li>• Addressed a memo to all portfolio holders that they each develop a reporting process to fully inform citizens on HFN issues.</li> </ul>
d) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintained existing communication with HFN citizens.</li> <li>• I believe that we are providing reasonable communication to ensure HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.</li> <li>• HGB, the economic arm of HFN, lacks in providing communication to fully inform HFN citizens on HGB operations. This is an ongoing issue that HGB recognizes but has not addressed adequately.</li> <li>• Will make this a priority to address.</li> </ul>
e) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This important issue has been placed on the appropriate Executive Council portfolio to ensure we are to get HFN fishers fishing to protect and enhance HFN aboriginal and treaty fishing rights.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I've provided mandate instructions to Connie Waddell, the Treaty Implementation portfolio holder.</li> <li>• On the treaty fishing rights matter, the broad strategy is to get our fishers fishing.</li> </ul>
f) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The constitution</li> <li>ii. HUU-ay-aht legislation</li> <li>iii. HUU-ay-aht policies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This responsibility is taken very seriously, and I monitor this very closely on a regular basis with the Executive Director.</li> </ul>
g) Promoting and maintaining a sound HUU-ay-aht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I keep in very close contact with Trevor and HGB to ensure we are promoting and maintaining a sound HFN economy.</li> <li>• Two glaring weaknesses that I see regarding HGB operations is the lack of an effective communication with HFN citizens and promoting HFN citizen employment.</li> <li>• Trevor is aware of my concern, and I am hopeful it can be addressed and resolved.</li> </ul>
h) Promoting HUU-ay-aht values, culture, traditions, and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This matter is taken very seriously by Tliishin, who has the portfolio. I touch base on regular basis to discuss the portfolio.</li> <li>• I make it a practice to have regular discussions on language and culture priorities, as per the HFN Strategic Plan.</li> </ul>
i) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I meet regularly with the Executive Director to ensure proper management and administration of government and report regularly to Executive Council.</li> <li>• The HFN Strategic Plan and Ancient Spirit Modern Minds commitment are my guides to ensure delivery of government objectives.</li> <li>• Working with the Executive Director working group to ensure that the Executive Director position is filled and secured.</li> </ul>
j) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council, and People's Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an ongoing responsibility, 12 regular Executive Council meetings are scheduled, a People's Assembly will be planned for the fall of 2017 and special legislative session may be held in September 2017.</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/or removing portfolios from Councillors;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I monitor all portfolios and beginning May 21/17 I will provide monthly updates from my perspective.</li> <li>• Will make adjustments to portfolios if necessary.</li> <li>• Mandate letters to be issued May 25.</li> <li>• Monitoring portfolio progress, first e-mail review sent May 11.</li> </ul>

l) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LNG took up most of time in the regard.</li> </ul>
m) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties, and functions set out in Huu-ay-aht legislation and policy.	

**Councillor Connie Waddell:**

**Portfolio: Treaty Implementation**

**Overview:**

- Networking
- Portfolio Overlap Coordination
- Appointment of Committee Member
- Coulson's Group and Catalyst Mill
- NET-P
- Treaty Implementation Working Group
- Law and Policy

**Progress on Key Initiatives:**

- This month there has been a lot of networking done with council members Sheila Charles and Trevor Cootes.
- I am working with Economic Development and Education, Employment, and Trades Chairs to coordinate the overlapping duties of our portfolios.
- The meetings with Coulson's and Catalyst Mill were to discuss job opportunities for HFN Citizens.
- We sat down with NET-P to coordinate job training in trades for HFN Citizens.
- I am working with our Executive Director to establish a Treaty Implementation Working Group.

**Emerging Issues:**

- Review Law and Policy to ensure the citizen needs of Huu-ay-aht First Nations are met.
- Appointment of a Committee Member to Treaty Implementation.

**Councillor Trevor Cootes:**

**Portfolio:**

- Economic Development
- Infrastructure
- CMB

**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 (ḥahuuḥi)
- 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

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Kiiḡin Tourism Plan – With the approval from EC to contract Avenue PR to help create, develop, and promote the Kiiḡin Tourism Plan that will make our Huu-ay-aht Tourism product successful
- Economic Development Committee (EDC) supported and participated in the planning for Kiiḡin Village site.
- Run of the River – EDC has directed the EDO to develop a feasibility study and to consult with Ḥawiiḡ, ḥahuuḡi, & Finance. The EDO with the help of the Barkley Group has developed a feasibility study. As chair, I've called for bi-monthly meetings. There is a roadmap from Melinda that we are utilizing to plan back from a People's Assembly in September 2017.
- HDC Board Chair and Op Board chair received letter from Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Dated June 23, 2016,  
I will be setting up a meeting with Chair of Op Board, CEO, ED, and council support so that EC receives the reports needed in a timely manner
- HFNDC board has provided a motion to Management Board in April HFNDC board meeting.
- Batstar MOU – currently looking at developing campsite in Deer Group to accommodate paddlers that are accessing permits to paddle in our areas within Deer Group.
- Attended the following Conferences/Events
  - Premiere's Dinner; invited by WFP and SLNG, I started with SLNG and sat with WFP for the dinner. I sat with Shannon Janzen and WFP CEO and their CFO.
- NSDC – there was a cash call that went to EC from Seafood LP to service debt for NCN Cannery LP  
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, which will be brought to September EDC meeting
- PATH/PAPA – ongoing, there will be an update in my May report on new information
- LNG – negotiations ongoing
- WFP 1.2m3 – negotiations ongoing

### Emerging Issues:

- I will need to set up a meeting between EDC and HGB, also communications with Huu-ay-aht approach on promoting Huu-ay-aht tourism. I'll need legal counsel.
- A need for EDC to set up meeting with EC, Ḥawiiḡ, HGB about marketing strategy for HFN/HGB
- Housing; a need to setup a meeting with HFN and HGB, I will have a solution by June 15.
- A need to look at the Ec Dev opportunity on Diana Island, consultation with Ḥahuuḡi and Ḥawiiḡ to bring briefing note and recommendations to EC

## INFRASTRUCTURE

- Affordable housing and jobs necessary to support 400 Huuayaht citizens living at home
- Ensure affordable housing is in place for HGB and HFN workers by June 15, 2017
- Ensure completion of all infrastructure projects identified in the 2017 Budget Act

- Ensure the completion of the Kiiḡin Infrastructure by July 1, 2017
- Pursue chip seal road project and work with Mr. Botterell
- Community engagement on Anacla Community Issues
- Promote Citizens moving home
- Develop sewer and subdivision

Progress on Initiative:

- A Kiiḡin Work group was created; Tliishin, Robert D, Trevor C, Kevin N, Stella Peters, and Wiisqi and support staff. We met on a weekly basis to develop a plan to accommodate visitors being taken on guided tours out to Kiiḡin Village site. Paul developed a proposal and worked with Stephen and Cynthia on budget allocation and to provide options.
- I've had a meeting with Trudy and Stephen to be brought up to speed on the Infrastructure. Stephen is creating an update document for me. Along with my mandate and update, I will form my monthly report. My focus is to get projects done.

**COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Progress on Initiative:

- There is an Economic Development meeting on May 29, 2017. I've had two phone calls and emails with Caron from Pac Rim to set agenda. Parks is hiring a facilitator for the meeting
- Utilizing Parks Relationship to achieve Kiiḡin Goals.

**Councillor Ben Clappis:**

**BCSA –**

It's been a tough go for the school lunch program with providing a proper lunch for our children and the school kitchen not being cleaned up after lunch or community lunch gatherings. The caterer was told many times to do the cleanup after but never did. It was put to a vote and this person was let go. A lady that did it a couple years ago was rehired, and the lunches have been good since she returned.

The Early Childhood Education Coordinator in Anacla has been going to school and prepping healthy snacks for breakfast. HUU-ay-aht has been donating this food to the school. Things were going well, but we were told they don't need our help anymore.

**Leadership dinner -**

This was a dinner with Christy Clark and Liberal supporters at the Convention Center in Vancouver. Councillor Trevor Cootes attended as well, and we sat with a few people from Western Forest Products, Shannon being one of them. She works in the aboriginal training sector. Councillor John Jack sat with Steelhead LNG at another table. We all listened to her speech on what she was going to continue to do when and if she was re-elected.

**HFN Citizens: Treatment Graduations -**

I attended a citizen's graduation out of a Women's Treatment Center at the BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver. This was a heartfelt event to see the young to middle age ladies wanting to

better their lives. It looked and sounded like it was working for all of them; out of 20 maybe 3 were aboriginal. I saw this as a success for our citizen with a brighter future ahead.

I talked to Chief Councillor Robert Dennis about a citizen that was in treatment, mentioning I was going to find out when that person was going to get out and attend their graduation. I ended up running into that individual and asked when they got out of treatment, they answered just a couple days ago. I mentioned I was going to attend their graduation, they liked that and thought it was nice.

### **Resource Canada -**

We had two representatives from Revenue Canada do a presentation for us. The Community Health and Social Development Coordinator and I listened about a service for individuals with low-income receiving their taxes done for free. They also mentioned about disability tax and a smart saver program in RRSPs. There is an RRSP program, and they can identify who can apply for on-reserve and off-reserve with early in the year being the best time to apply (reapplying if turned down). They also mentioned a caregiver tax credit of \$7,500 that I would like to see looked into more.

### **Employment: Huu-ay-aht Roads -**

I sent a letter to the Executive Director about possible employment. I did this after having a conversation with the Chief Councillor about purchasing a grader; and thought about all the roads we have now. We have the road into the Anacla Village and our office and House of Huu-ay-aht in upper Anacla, our new road in to our expanded grave site and through the dry sort end; as well as the road into Sarita where a couple of citizens live.

### **Children in Care -**

.There was a two-day gathering for the Social Services Panel of children who were in care, foster parents and citizens that have children in care. It was a very good, informative meeting for our Social Services Panel that is working for HFN to try to find the best solution for getting our children back to their rightful homes. There were a couple young citizens who attended with their foster moms. They were able to talk about things they would like to see. One young fellow, although happy, expressed his wish to be involved in more cultural events. One foster mom spoke of wanting a bigger house so that she could take in more children. This young lady inspired me when she told me she has three kids of her own and three foster children. Some families mentioned they'd like to come down to Pachena Bay again. A young lady was there that had lost three children and is now working at bettering herself to get them back. With all this feedback and more our panel will have a more extensive report.

### **Employment and Training -**

With the yes vote we talked about river enhancement, which some citizens started already. We have three working along with LGL and there will be more trained in the fisheries area down the road. We will be looking into a possible hatchery of our own. With that, a visit to Nitinat Hatchery would be beneficial to see if they will work alongside with us to train our people or just seeing which would be our best option down the road. **Meridian** - We have five citizens working with this company, and we need one more for now. We had Marina Rayner come in and explain what Meridian does for the forestry companies. They posted for the one position, but there have been no responses. I was given a name of someone who had possible interest and I emailed it to the appropriate person.

Our Education Team reported some grads this year and also 27 supported in some sort of education and three that are in trades, possibly for an LNG job.

The meeting ended abruptly due to the loss of our eldest citizen.

### **MFN Harvesters Meeting -**

I went along with Christine G. to meet with all other Maa-nulth Nations and talk about the harvesting of anything in our traditional territories (e.g. Crab, prawns, fish and deer)

I now hold the **Hahouthlee Portfolio** and I'm going to have Christine G. as a resource person and have Steve writing up what's involved in this huge portfolio.

### **Meridian Breakfast Meeting with Darren Hillier and Co. -**

We discussed the workers Meridian has from HFN right now. Darren told us how it's going and how their trying to find the right direction for the workers they have. He stated how they might want to move ahead and it is tough losing employees who move on to other jobs. Also, a question of do we want to partner up or buy Meridian is the way I understood it.