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Report of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL for the month of

OCTOBER 2017

For review and consideration at the

Regular Executive Council Meeting

On December 6, 2017

October 2017

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	Activities
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized a Sarita Micro Hydro tour with Scott Fraser on Friday October 13, 2017, but the event was postponed. • Attend a meeting on October 24, 2017 with Minister Mungall and Minister Fraser to promote the Kwispaa LNG project. In my view, this was a very successful visit that we got to outline the project in detail. Overall, we gained a lot of traction and credibility with the provincial government. • Met briefly with Premier Horgan. Had an opportunity to clarify the proposed pipeline route across to Vancouver Island. The Premier was under the impression that the line was going to go across the Salish Sea. • Planned and prepared for Ottawa trip on November 1, 2017 to address HFN related issues. The issues are fiscal financing, social service project and the Chip seal road project.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Began planning and preparing for FN engagement regarding, the yet to be determined pipeline route. • Attended October 27, 2017 Thriving Nations workshop in Parksville and gave two presentations on Huu-ay-aht's experience as requested by the sponsors. • Attend and participated in the NTC Directors meeting. • Attended and participated in First Nation consultation and engagement conference in Prince George on October 5, 2017. • Prepared a presentation to the Te'mexw Treaty Society but for some reason at the last minute I was told that I was not part of the conference.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I continue to have an Open Door policy for citizens who want to meet with me to get more information on political and program and service activities. • I also take this opportunity to receive input, direction and advice from citizens, to me this is the most important part of my duties and responsibilities.
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	
7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Western Forest Products on October 11, 2017 to begin mapping out the next phase of business relationship. I must add that we are beginning to broaden our scope on this and I look forward to RHB presenting a document for EC review and consideration. • Continue to meet with Trevor to ensure the Economic Development Plan is implemented. • Meet regularly with HGB board and staff to discuss operations and future and / potential initiatives
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I had the wonderful experience to attend the Howard's family "Coming of A Ceremony on Saturday October 21, 2017. I've had numerous opportunities to discuss the value of this cultural event with many citizens and how we can connect to promoting Huu-ay-aht values, traditions and language. • I've also had an opportunity to discuss promotion and development of Huuayaht language with one of our citizens residing in Vancouver. The concept of living with your teacher/mentor was discussed. Look

	forward to the development of some language initiative.
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I continue to take this responsibility very seriously through regular discussion with the Executive Director. Through e-mail, telephone or personal meetings I meet regularly with Executive Council members to ensure proper management and administration of government.
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Law Clerk and Executive Director to prepare for and participate in Executive Council meetings and to prepare for a potential People's Assembly in December 2017.
11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councilors; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing portfolios, continue to be one my major responsibilities. I want to ensure that we meet or exceed objective and goals set out in the HFN Strategic Plan and the Ancient Spirit Modern Minds commitment document developed for presentation at the November 2016 People's Assembly. Assigning portfolios or removing portfolios from Councilors is all dependent on outcomes and accomplishments.
12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">

Emerging Issues

- 1. Reviewing and updating Lead Negotiators mandate. I plan to present a Briefing Document for Executive Council review and consideration at the December 2017 meeting.**
- 2. I want to conduct a full review of all Maa-nulth and HFN Fishery issues to adequately prepare for the imminent Ahousaht fishery case ruling and 10 Year HFN Fishery Strategy. Need to set date.**
- 3. I want to meet with Executive Council to review and consider a 10 Year HFN Financial Plan. Need to set date.**

HFN Council Report

John Alan Jack

Update for October 2017

Finance – Progress Report

One meeting was held on October 6th. From here, work began on the topic of fiscal sustainability, which morphed into the notion of self-reliance. A working group was created last month at the administrative level consisting of our Executive Director, CFO, and two advisors. It met once in this month with an invitation to me as Finance Chair and the discussion was fruitful insofar as we were able to identify the challenge of financial sustainability, but also to relate it to our traditional values.

Much work to do in regards to the federal fiscal policy development collaboration that has been on-going for the past year. We continue to contribute to the efforts to access more (1) core governmental funding, (2) capacity/catch-up funding, (3) further access to capital funding for infrastructure investment, (4) development of traditional culture and language, and (5) debt relief and/or forgiveness for treaty loans.

Finance – Emerging Issues

Specific Claims

[We have received and will be working on options for Council to decide upon the use of the Specific Claims moneys. This will likely be affected by the input we receive on September 30, the date of the People's Assembly.]

The People's Assembly was held and feedback was heard from our citizens regarding the use of money and what we should be doing with that money. Citizens motions were put on the agenda that had to do with direct transfers of money to citizens based on the old system established with pre-Treaty Ottawa Trust Funds. While I am personally not interested in such a direct transfer when we could use the money to benefit citizens in more-effective ways, I imagine that this topic will become central to our deliberations the closer we get to the Holidays.

LNG and LNG Advisory – Progress Report

LNG Advisory Committee

No meetings were held during the month of October.

HFN-SLNG Project Oversight Board

The Project Oversight Board met on October 23rd, and most of the discussion focused on preparation for the meetings to be held the next day with Ministers Mungall and Fraser of the Provincial Government.

LNG and LNG Advisory – Emerging Issues

[There is a dire need for an understanding of the processes for securing funding from off-take or investor. It is important that we connect with SLNG and understand what it is they need and what it is we need to know in order to plan our side effectively, but also to contribute meaningfully to the partnership. – From August Report]

Need for Clarity on Working Together on Engagement

We will need to be quite clear on what our mutual expectations are regarding involvement in non-pipeline engagement, given we are starting to discuss having presentations made to local government and the like.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report

We have started work on accessing federal resources on working together with Bamfield and the ACRD on seeking good solutions for solid waste management.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Emerging Issues

No emerging issues.

External Relations (Federal) – Progress Report

Work continued for preparations on the federal fiscal policy development process. I attended seven teleconferences about both this issue and the related PM Forum Planning Subgroup, an event slated for November 1 in Ottawa.

External Relations (Federal) – Emerging Issues

Prime Minister's Forum with Self-Governing Indigenous Nations

The date has been set for November 1st. We will work with LCAC and internally to maximize the value created by going to Ottawa. I will provide more information on the PM Forum itself in the November report.

Councillor Ben Clappis:

Portfolio:

- Natural Resources (Chair of Hahouthlee Committee)
- Citizen Development – Education, Employment and Trades (Support for Connie Waddell)

Overview:

- Hahouthlee Committee
- Maa-nulth External Committees
 - MFC (Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee)
 - MWC (Maa-nulth Wildlife Council)
- Education, Employment and Training Committee and Working Group
- Regular and Special Executive Council Meetings
- NTC (Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council)
- Bamfield Community School Association Committee (Board)
- Bamfield Community Affairs Meetings
- OPP – Oceans Protection Plan. (First Nation’s Fisheries Council)

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- **Hahouthlee Committee:** I attended the Maa-nulth Wildlife Council this month and also Maa-nulth Shellfish JFTC Sub-Committee Meeting in Nanaimo.
- **Bamfield Community Affairs:** Robert attended this month; I was not in Bamfield that day.
- **NTC:** Being a host home through Nuu-chah-nulth and the only host home in the Anacla Village, they invited Clara and me to come to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Social Services Workshop in the beginning of October in Parksville. We told our story on how it’s been going as a host home. I told them of having 23 children come down to Pachena Bay and camp on our beach. They stayed at another campground for 3 days. One of the caretakers mentioned to me that 3 of them wanted to go fishing; I offered to take these 3 children out. Two were our Huu-ay-aht kids and one child was Inuit. On this trip I took them fishing for bottom fish and they all had fun. I asked if they wanted to feed the eagles and they all said, “What! Yeah let’s feed them!” Just then I caught a fish which I clubbed and then threw it out into the water, sure enough the next second an eagle came and swooped it up. The kids’ facial expressions were like -wow awesome. After fishing I brought them to an island where all the big sea lions hang out. They couldn’t believe the size of the sea lions. I told the group of children other stories when we had 3 children in care come down and we welcomed them with some of our Huu-ay-aht songs and dances. Our children at home and the Bamfield children were involved, it was a good day. I introduced them to a family member in the community afterwards and they played on Pachena beach for the rest of the day. There are a couple other good stories that I told them at the Social Services Workshop. My wife wasn’t allowed to go which was a bummer because we are all one, and we as first nations need our children returned to their homelands, and my wife is a big help with this. At this gathering there was a few that stood up and said they appreciate what we’re doing. My comment back was Clara and I enjoy doing this for the children that have been taken away and also what Huu-ay-aht is doing, working at bringing our children back home.
- **Ongoing Regular and Special Executive Council Meetings:** Missed Oct. 12th meeting with cause, I attended the OPP Whale Symposium. We just had a strategic plan review on the 30th in Port Alberni

where we did team building and the 6-month budget review. We still got a half days' worth of work to finish off.

- **Bamfield-Huuayaht Community Forest Society:** We reviewed our last meeting minutes and Stefan did his presidents report. Amy presented the financial report. Stefan gave a report on who they figured would get a contract. We were told of the where bouts of some stolen trees. Mention of insurance now on liability.
- **Ocean Protection Plan (First Nations Fisheries Council) “Western Approach”:** I went to couple of these meetings this month and found them to be good. Listening in at the first symposium they talked of, “Why is the killer whale population dropping? Is it ship traffic? What do we do?” Then again a young killer whale dies, has a lump on his head, and a biologist says it is starving to death. They told us the southern region killer whales eat mainly spring salmon. They talked of how when the salmon go up the river, when they get dragged into the bush and how it nourishes the forest floor and so on. There was disappointment in the low number of first nations at this big meeting, and was also mentioned by elders and panel members at the end of the meeting. The second Ocean Protection Plan session was in Nanaimo. It was better and over half in attendance was first nation and the rest were federal government. Presentations were done, then questions and then some comments. One comment was its good to see money being put into fisheries but it would be nice to see government officials in communities. I asked Christine G. on that, and she said, ‘Yes it would’, and then said why. Throughout the day we were put into working group tables and went through some questions. Another comment I heard in one of these meetings is I hope you’re not going to have a 2 year study and then “we’ll see what to do from there”... We need to do something right now. It looks hopeful from the government that things will start right away. I did get a minister’s card that day when she was presenting she said she was wearing three hats and that if you have any questions to give her a call. I gave Christine G. that card. Also again hearing everything is connected and we need to be accountable, responsible and conservative. We need to think what the first nation priorities are, and if we can contribute anything into enhancing the environment (like the work on Sarita River). This is just some of the stuff we talked about.

Emerging Issues:

- Training and Education for Citizens
- Acquisition of HFN Land by 2025
- OPP - First Nations Fisheries Council – “Western Approach”
- Bamfield-Huuayaht Community Forest Society

Councillor Connie Waddell: SUMMARY OF OCTOBER

Portfolio:

- Treaty Implementation
- Law and Policy
- Training and Employment

Overview:

- Treaty Implementation Working Group
- Training and Employment Working Group
- Maa-Nulth Board of Director
- Maa-Nulth subcommittees
- Law and Policy

I participated in a very positive trip to Ottawa with the agenda of chip sealing the road and the social services panel report. Although we were not able to get a commitment out of our meetings we were provided with a number of great contacts in the BC government.

As part of my required duties I continue to meet with Huu-ay-aht citizens on a regular basis. I am pleased that the discussions we are having are very much geared to the future and less about today. A visit to see the progress on the totem pole impressed me especially that master carver George Nookemis has brought in others from the community and is teaching the skill.

My Tuesday morning calls continue with the Executive Director in reviewing various topics of the organization.

- Progress on Key Initiatives:
- Treaty Implementation Committee is set to meet in January 2018. With the new Director of Implementation now in place it was key for her to combine the two implementation plans with a clear outcome of our outstanding items. This allows for our Treaty the foundation of our Nation to begin to show the benefits and how it is working for us. As we have not had a department dedicated to this work it has been a slow process to reach this stage.
- In addition to the TIWG I have begun an active role in familiarizing myself with all of the many irons that we have in the fire with Maa-Nulth. Gaining an understanding of all the subcommittees, negotiations, finances, legal matters, the ongoing role with BC and Canada. With the fifteen-year review approaching there has been many discussions of where we are at with this including the Director and some consultants. A two-day session with Maa Nulth is scheduled for December at a very technical level.
- Training and Employment Working Group has been primarily focused on the Western Forest Agreement and the Steelhead Agreement. Although we have expanded this group to look at contractors with the Nation as well as including HGB. This group is starting completely from

scratch so we are learning from each other as we go. This group as now had a career fair to include all subcontractors. It was a very successful event.

- Currently we are working on an Intake system, this will allow for a quick easy process when a citizen comes in enquiring about employment and training. Going through these steps will provide a clear and accurate picture for the citizen and required planning. Currently we have only one citizen that is employed by WFP with the potential of employing two more. The other seven HFN citizens all work for the subcontractors, although the work is directly related to the WFP deal.
- A database to house all of our information is also being planned for this work which will help with efficiency.
- What has become a realization is we have capacity gaps within our Nation. Therefore, a tired program is going to be offered. It will cover essential skills, mental health and education for the specific career choice.
- Law and Policy has recommended the approval of the amended Human Resource Policy. Will now start working on the Government Act specific to a Public Officer prevented from working for the Nation for three months once they complete their term. In addition, we will also start looking at a policy regarding our elders. It is our culture to hold them up and care for them therefore it is important to have that reflected in our administration.

Emerging Issues:

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