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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Report of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL for the month of

SEPTEMBER 2017

For review and consideration at the

Special Executive Council Meeting

On November 6, 2017

Chief Councillor Robert Dennis:

September 2017, Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	Activities
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 6 and 7 attended BC Cabinet and First Nations Leaders and HFN met 5 cabinet ministers or their ADMS. Came up with follow up action plan to be led by Robert Botterell. Emerging issues are to meet Premier and Minister Mugall. To date no meeting commitments Pursued a meeting with the Premier by working with Scott Fraser. That has reached a dead end due to government meeting policy related to the Freedom of Information. Will continue to actively pursue a meeting with the Premier.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued to meet or stay in touch with First Nation chiefs and councils who may be impacted by LNG pipeline to Huu-ay-aht Invited Stuart Philip and Maureen Chapman to give them a tour of our LNG project and Economic Development Initiatives and Programs and Services Initiatives. Attend NTC directors meeting, September 18 Attend NTC AGM, September 26-27 NTC AGM
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued to ensure this important responsibility is attended to, through my deliberations, discussions and meetings with the Executive Director. Gave specific instruction to Ben Clappis to report to Trudy and Sheila regarding children in care issue and his planned function as Host Home And, the Ida Seitcher child care issue..
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed external communication issues with Tawanee Joseph. Reviewed internal communication issues with TLW.
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an ongoing interest taken very seriously.
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an ongoing interest taken very seriously which monitor daily. I will, by memo, asking any Executive Council member who implies or states we are not in compliance with the law, that it be put in writing so that the Executive Director can follow up with HFN legal counsel.
7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HFN took a very important step to embrace the success of the LNG project. I've made this matter my number 1 priority mainly because of citizens approved the project and it makes good business sense to move forward. And, puts badly needed cash into the projects and activities we want to implement. Worked closely with Economic Development committee to promote tourism in the territory.
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is one of my most challenging responsibilities. Promoting the values is very straight forward. But promoting the culture, traditions and language to citizens who do not take this as a priority in their life is a challenge. It is time that we just practiced what we know. Cory and Tammy Howard are a very good example of practicing the culture.
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is one of my more fun parts of my responsibility, mainly because I like to take on challenge to make things better for our people. What do we have to do make things better? How do we implement the action plans that will make things better for our People? Easier said than done. With the right TEAM (together everyone achieves more) we can do it. We just have to identify what – the strategic plan and Do It (the action plan). Make sure every portfolio has an action plan to achieve its goals. Work with ED to ensure an action plan to achieve our Strategic plan goals are in place.
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This month has been gearing up for the People's Assembly. I look forward to a very successful People's Assembly.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I fully intend to embrace a message that promotes all the people working together to achieve better things for Huu-ay-aht people.
11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios to or removing portfolios from Councillors; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I monitor the Executive Councillor's portfolios on a monthly basis and I intend to call a Special Meeting to review the first six months and plot a strategy to achieve the goals and objectives spelled out in the commitment paper for the remaining six months. I want to clearly articulate our accomplishments at the end of the fiscal year.
12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the development of papers needed for the BC Cabinet and First Nations Gathering. Participated in a very minor way with some planning input in the HFN People's Assembly. Attend the Bamfield communities Affairs meeting. Attended NTC meetings to promote HFN interests.

Emerging Issues

- LNG – the project needs to gain traction to make it viable.
 - Continue to work with KLNG to promote its success including meeting with potential investors.
 - Set an active First Nation engagement strategy. ***Need EC approval to invite BC First Nation leaders to showcase our territory and the three main projects we are working on. If First Nation leaders don't know what we are doing. How can we expect to gain their critical political support? Especially in the current provincial political climate.***
 - Inviting the Green Party may also help our cause.***
 - HFN needs to actively promote project certainty.
- Strategic Plan Review
 - Executive Council needs to review its portfolio responsibilities and progress to determine a work plan for the remaining 5 ½ months of the current fiscal year.
 - Also, need to review the Strategic Plan and Ancient Spirits and Modern Minds commitment charter/document. This is currently being planned.
- Budget Cycle
 - I've asked John and Trudy to begin preparation for this very important activity.
- Negotiations
 - LNG – ongoing
 - Micro Hydro – RHB assigned to assist Trevor.
 - HFN land issues – RHB and Connie to meet Mark Lofthouse to get this important treaty issue underway. Meeting Island Timberlands to identify the properties we are interested in buying over the next three years. Under The Maa-nulth Final Agreement Section 2.10 Additions to Maa-nulth First Nation lands, Huu-ay-aht will be actively pursuing provincial crown lands and fee simple lands to be added to HFN lands.
 - Fiscal – John, Robert and RHB to Ottawa to attend to federal fiscal matters.
 - Forestry – RHB and RJD actively pursuing negotiations with Western Forest Products to finalize next timber sale agreement.
- Specific Claims
 - The first two components of the IR 1 Specific Claim, the damages and the forestry compensation components are settled. Our layers from Ratcliffe and Company are currently

working on the final issue, the road issue. Kate Bloomfield provides regular updates for our review and consideration.

6. People Assembly Motions

- Left in the capable hands of the Executive Director. Executive Council has reviewed and consider them but not voted on.

Councillor Sheila Charles:

A. Emerging Issues

- **Team Building Canoe Project** is significantly behind schedule due to no logging and high cost to fly at the beginning of 2017. Chief & Council and administration haven't regularly partaken daily or weekly in the carving of the canoe. Rainy season is here and there is presently no cover

B. Progress on Key Initiatives

- Portfolio Review with Chief Councillor Robert Dennis at the Anacla Government Office. I completed all projects on my 2016 commitments. I received direction from Chief Dennis for my commitments for 2017/18 and also added to the list projects I would like to work on as well
- September 7th manned the HFN Fall Fair Booth
- September 14th Regular Executive Council meeting (material review prior)
- Attended NTC addictions workshop at the USMA office. Provided input for the NTC declaration on the addictions crisis draft
- September 19th- Special Executive Council meeting at PAGO
- September 22- Meeting with Judith Sayers in regards to her nominations for NTC president
- September 25-26 Attended NTC AGM
- September 30th Attended the HFN People's Assembly in Victoria
- As for new projects they are presently on hold while we wait for funding. In the meantime I expressed to Chief Councillor the need for a review of all policies in my portfolio to see if they are still working and if any need to be revised
- Presently working on plans with council, Margaret Eaton and Trudy for a healing circle(s) for council

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:** The issues that are being dealt with in Lands and Natural Resources were put into the People’s Assembly report with the help of Christine Gruman, the Hahoulthee Committee and the Uu-ath-luk Watershed Technical Working Group. Land and resource issues such as a wider buffer zone along the road sides: Hahouthlee Committee discussed this. There are more details provided in the logging plan map and report from Meridian. Another motion from last November was Executive Council evaluate and report to citizens on the effectiveness and the success of the food fish distribution. For my understanding this was one of the best years for distribution it was a good year even though there wasn’t supposed to be Sockeye. There was another motion that executive council revises HFN hunting regulations so not to be more restrictive then provincial regulations. This was passed to the Hahoulthee committee it was revised and made to HUU-ay-aht’s liking. Another motion was increase access to natural resources there was and is things being done like develop permits clarifying with HFN Forestry LP what opportunities are available to citizens to access resources in our forest tenure outside of treaty settlement lands. This was passed to the Hahoulthee Committee; it was revised and made to HUU-ay-aht’s liking.
- **Bamfield Community Affairs:** Robert and I went to a Bamfield Community Affairs meeting. I let Robert do the reporting as I wasn’t up to speed on the forestry negotiations and wasn’t sure on saying anything about LNG. At the end of the month it was orange shirt day in support of residential school survivors. I am a survivor myself and Sherri Cook invited me to possibly tell my story. Miss Russell showed a film and talked about it for a while and then she invite Jeff Cook to come up and tell his story and all stories are not the same. Where Jeff didn’t have any ill will against the school which I said I did when Miss Russell invited me to tell my story. There were a lot of people that didn’t know I was in that school. I started by saying all stories are not peaches and cream. That my story is different than Jeff’s and my late sister Marie’s; where she told in a digital story that, “no, nothing happened to me there and I had lots of friends”. I told of the abuse and what I had to go through just to get the story out, with counsellors and lawyers and such when I went through the arbitration process. Telling this to young students and some Bamfielders was a tough go, but it’s something I thought of a while back. Something I needed to do as part of my healing journey.

- **NTC:** HFN Council met with Judith Sawyers in her running to be president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. I attended the NTC AGM where Judith got voted in as president.
- **Executive Council Meetings:** I attended Regular and Special Executive Council Meetings throughout the month of September.

Emerging Issues:

- Training
- Education
- Transition from Previous Portfolio (need to focus on Lands and Natural Resources not USMA)
- Acquisition of HFN Land
- Ocean Protection Plan – “Western Approach”

Councillor Trevor Cootes:

Councillor John Jack:

Update for September 2017

Finance – Progress Report

One meeting was held on September 6th. Further meetings and preparation were undertaken to organize and prepare for the financial surplus as well as the moneys coming in from external sources. Work has begun on the upcoming strategic planning and budgeting process as well.

I attended the BC Government Budget Lockup on Monday, September 11th. I believe this is a leave-over on Ministry of Finance invite lists from my time attending BC Liberal Budget Lockups, it was good to connect and understand how the current NDP government approaches the budget and how they message it.

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.

Financial Sustainability

Meetings were convened with staff and financial advisors to tackle the four-year impending issue of overall financial sustainability. This will likely become an area of focus for myself, the department and the committee.

LNG Agreement Contingency Planning

Arrangements were made to ensure that we could continue some of the work contemplated for LNG-related activities. It is paramount that certainty of funding is achieved if we are to fulfill the expectations of our people and our ha’wiih.

LNG and LNG Advisory – Progress Report

LNG Advisory Committee

There has not yet been a meeting of the LNG Advisory Committee due to the uncertain nature of the project leading up to September 18th. It ended up being okay, but as Chair, I was loathe to call a meeting to report little but a general uncertainty. I am quite aware of the lack of meetings, but I intend on having a full-information session for committee members in late October or sometime in November, understanding that time is tight due to many travel dates in both those months.

I attended a conference regarding FN Community Engagement with SLNG. The presentation went very well, but I had understood the size of the conference was much bigger than it was... I am not certain the use of the time was worth it. Perhaps in the future, we work to target certain events that have enough of a splash.

HFN-SLNG Project Oversight Board

The Project Oversight Board did not meet in September.

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 Messaging a Plan on Engagement

It is apparent that we need to develop and communicate to our people and our hereditary leaders our plan for engagement with First Nations regarding the project and related items. It appears as though there is a full plan in the works, but I believe that this component is more under HFN control than under SLNG control and therefore we need to come up with the plan and execute it.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report

The week-long Union of BC Municipalities meeting was held in Vancouver during the last week of September. Meetings regarding furthering reconciliation were held, and meetings with the MIRR Minister Scott Fraser was held on behalf of the ACRD. Several of the resolutions of the plenary session were very prescriptive for FNs without engagement with FNs, even though they were quite progressive in nature, it still remains necessary to educate people about FN rights and treaty rights.

The ACRD welcomes Mr. Douglas Holmes as its new Chief Administrative Officer. He brings a wealth of experience from the City of Nanaimo as its former Chief Operating Officer as well as other places throughout the province.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Emerging Issues

We need to work with the ACRD if we are still intending on furthering such things as solid waste management cooperation – garbage, recycling and even organics.

A working group with the Tseshaht First Nation was stuck in regards to the landfill that was placed next to their village in the 1970s. The current approach is one upon which we are starting anew, truly anew; but there is still some mistrust due to prior relationships being soured.

External Relations (Federal) – Progress Report

Work continued for preparations on the federal fiscal policy development process. I attended six teleconferences about both this issue and the related PM Forum Planning Subgroup.

External Relations (Federal) – Emerging Issues

Prime Minister’s Forum with Self-Governing Indigenous Nations

The October date will now likely be in November. The time taken to further plan with Federal officials will likely be necessary to make the event successful and have the intended effect on their decisions regarding funding the moneys being asked for on our behalf my INAC-equivalent staffers from not just INAC, but Justice and Finance.

We should be planning to piggy-back meetings with federal officials during these sorts of events to maximize our efficient use of time. Working with Hill-Knowlton has been useful as their expertise in knowing who to speak to, when and where has been valuable for that time-efficiency.

Councillor Connie Waddell: