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

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**For review and consideration at the  
Regular Executive Council Meeting  
On August 2, 2017**

## Councillor Sheila Charles:

### A. Emerging Issues

- Canoe Project is significantly behind schedule due to no logging and high cost to fly helicopter out to get the tree. Chances of having the launching ceremony in September are slim
- Social Service Panel Report and 30 recommendations have been received by council. Council fully supported the entire report but then only allocated \$400,000 to implementing some of the 30 recommendations. 1.8 Million is needed to implement all 30 recommendations per year. I'm deeply concerned of this being a band aid and suddenly not a high priority in terms of healing, prevention and citizen supports and the future success, health, and wellbeing of all Huuayaht citizens. All 30 recommendations are vital in terms of healing, prevention, and support for citizens. I hope council recognizes the urgency for this funding to support the 30 recommendations and designate the funding out of the recent Specific Claims Tribunal payment of over 14 million

### B. Progress on Key Initiatives

#### (1) **CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT SOCIAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION**

- Canoe team building initiative project has begun. My hope is that Chief and council, Administration (Pago/Ago), Hawiuh and citizens all participate in the carving of the canoe as this is a team building initiative
- CDSSC motion to council for Funeral Funding increase to \$5000.00
- Collecting C&C input on developing a healing circle(s) so far only 2 councillors have responded

#### **Other things I've been up to**

- July 5 ~ Tele Conference w/ Melinda Skeels re: SS Motion new support workers positions and the Org Chart
- July 6 ~ Citizen support- court house
- July 7 ~ Special Council meeting- PAGO
- July 11 ~ Community Engagement- Barclay Social Services Panel Report
- July 12 ~ De-brief with SS panel and call for action
- July 12 ~ Special Council meeting- Casino
- July 12 ~ meeting w/ Paul R. Finance Briefing notes for Anacla Immediate Housing crisis recommendation and elders home/ patient travel home/ transition house
- July 13 ~ Community Engagement Anacla - SS Panel Report
- July 18 ~ Finance Committee meeting presented 2 briefing notes
- July 19 ~ Anacla home cleansing connected Margaret Eaton
- July 19 ~ Met with RCMP Jay Donahue & Cst.Batt
- July 19 ~ Citizen Support lunch
- July 25 ~ Tele-Conference strategizing \$400,000 delegated funds for Social Services panel recommendations
- July 26 ~ Lunch meeting w/ Quuasa. Planning meet and greet/circle for Anacla & Quuasa supports
- July 26 ~ Viewed Redford elder's home with admin supports
- July 27 ~ Nanaimo citizen support ministry meeting
- July 28 ~ Trip to Anacla for Margaret to cleanse citizen home
- July 28 ~ Meeting w/ Chief Dennis regarding portfolio and mandate- Anacla

# HFN Council Report

## John Alan Jack

### Update for June and July 2017

#### **Finance – Progress Report**

Committee meetings have been held on three dates: June 16<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, and July 18<sup>th</sup>, the reports have been as expected with some updates on such topics as New Budget Spends, Budget Preparation, Amendments to the HR Policy Regulation with regular updates on some of the major projects relating to HFN Strategic Planning.

#### **Finance – Emerging Issues**

##### Specific Claims

The federal government has agreed to pay out the full amount of the Specific Claim – roughly fourteen million dollars. We have received it, and will decide at this meeting what to do with it. We have the choice (1) to hold back an amount of money in case we lose the appeal plus hold back the safe amount for future considerations, or (2) to hold back the moneys we might not retain if we lose the appeal plus look at spending some of the safe amount to achieve some of our aims. The Finance Committee and the administration recommend that we go with the first option.

##### New Spending

Today, we are to make a decision regarding the moneys coming in from the relationship agreement with Steelhead LNG. I would note that we have agreed to go about a policy of fairly giving opportunity to all suggested spending and then deciding at one point, and I would note that there have been several projects that have skipped that queue – this is something we need to commit to following in the future. Despite our individual preferences, it would be more level if all projects were decided upon at the same time. I would ask that Council commit to this process next time, despite what we individually may call urgency or importance.

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

##### LNG Advisory Committee

The LNG Advisory Committee has not met in the months of June and July due to a combination of two things: (1) lack of finalization of the relationship agreements, which would form the backbone of any reports to the committee; and (2) very active travel by the Chair on a federal trade mission to China and lobbying in Ottawa. These two events occurred in June, and July was delayed due to Annual Leave of the Chair and trouble lining up expert support to make presentations. The next meeting is slated for August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

##### Federal Trade Mission

Huu-ay-aht was invited to go to China with federal Natural Resources Minister, Hon. Jim Carr, in Beijing as a part of the energy team. As the Councillor with both federal government relations and LNG Advisory

in my portfolio, I attended to represent HFN in partnership with Steelhead LNG. We greatly increased the profile of HFN with the federal government, a campaign which should culminate in Hon. Carr bringing awareness of our project to Cabinet discussions when things get serious in the public eye. Incidentally to that, HFN was able to contribute to the need to portray Canada and BC as a stable investing environment, which was fortunate for the mission since the AFN representative seemed to move counter that that very notion.

#### HFN-SLNG Project Oversight Board

Held on July 19<sup>th</sup>, the first Project Oversight Board meeting with Steelhead LNG went reasonably well. It was decidedly different that what following meetings will be as it was to set expectations and cover off how we will relate to one-another.

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

##### Toronto and Ottawa July 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

Robert and/or I were invited by Steelhead to attend investment presentations to the Investment Boards of the Canada Pension Plan and the Ontario Teachers Pension. While the meetings themselves went very, very well; the relationship between HFN and SLNG was deeply affected by what appears to be SLNG distaste for Rob Botterell and Nathan Hume being present. Unbeknownst to me, the decision to send the three of us to the meetings was not received well by SLNG. Efforts were made to dissuade Rob and Nathan from attending, with the pretense of it being because they were lawyers and not principals. The poor judgment in all of this was not bringing it up well before the day of the meetings so some sort of resolution could be sought.

The morning of the meetings, and with their senior investors and owners present, it was stated that it was the preference of Azimuth and Seven Generations (the owners of SLNG) to not have Rob nor Nathan present. To be certain, this was not received well at all. Rob Botterell left immediately, and after a quick few words, Nathan and I followed quickly but ended up losing him in the streets. Nathan and I discussed next steps, he agreed to continue to look for him, and I headed back to attend the meetings.

As stated previously, the meetings went well. The Canada Pension Plan is enormous, and its board is responsible for the pension income of all retirees in Canada. The Ottawa Teachers Pension is not as large as CPP, but it is still valued in the tens of billions of dollars. Both organizations split their investments into three categories: short term (day trading), relationship investment (buy, hold & govern), and private equity investments (buy early like a private investor). We had representatives from the non-short-term teams in both investment boards, and by the end of the presentations, they had both expressed great interest. The rest is very likely in-camera content, and thus I will stop there.

We need to ensure that we are aligned in our expectations, both working with SLNG and in working together as HFN. I had not heard of this unspoken “no lawyers” rule when it comes to investors presentations, and I am somewhat skeptical as it can seem a cover for other motives. Some difficult conversations are coming up with SLNG, but they need to be had. We are committed to furthering this project, but it needs to be keeping with the values we hold as HUU-AY-AHT – this is in direct contravention of the concept of IISAAK. If SLNG had meant to only invite principal leaders, then they should have been

forthright in expressing that. If they have a problem with lawyers at investor meetings, they should have explained that much earlier and not waste anyone's time. It is not our job to verify our decisions when it seems clear that our options are wide and open.

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

[Meetings continue to be attended and chaired. The ACRD is looking at renewing its relationship with the Tseshaht First Nation and Hupacasath First Nation in regard to the Landfill, the Regional Airport, and generally. While the ACRD has declared several years back a year of reconciliation, I hope to take the ACRD into real reconciliation-based activity with protocols and meaningful interaction with the FNs in and around the ACRD.]

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

We are very close to bringing on a new Chief Administrative Officer for the ACRD. It will be a relief to have someone permanently back at the head of the regional district's staff.

[I would very much like to ensure that we can find items to work with the ACRD on regarding programs and services: solid waste and recycling, water, sewer, local parks and trails, emergency preparedness, emergency operations, and so on. Could we get an item by item report on the status of these items in August's update from the Staff?]

### **External Relations (Federal) – Progress Report**

Ottawa June 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>

The week following the trip to Beijing, I traveled to Ottawa once more for lobbying duties. I met with:

- June 12: **Joe Wild**, Sr. Assistant Deputy Minister for Treaties and Aboriginal Government
  - Treaty Loan Forgiveness
  - OSR Moratorium
  - Fiscal Relationship Work
  - Telling the Huu-ay-aht Story
- June 13: MPs and some Staffers
  - **Erin O'Toole**, Conservative MP and Leadership Candidate
  - **Robert Falcon-Oullette**, Liberal MP and Member of Indigenous Caucus
  - **Randy Boissonnault**, Liberal MP and Member of Indigenous and LGBTQ+ Caucus
  - **John Barlow, Shannon Stubbs, Cathy McLeod**: Conservative MPs on Natural Resources Committee, plus some staffers (one from Conservative Leadership Team Member, **Mark Strahl**).
  - **Amanda Campbell**, Senior Policy Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office
  - **Romeo Saganash**, NDP MP and noted Indigenous Leader (C262 – UNDRIP)
  - **Vance Badaway**, Liberal MP and Transport & Infrastructure Committee Member
- June 14: A Senator and a Sr. INAC Administrator
  - **Senator Lillian Dyck**, Chair of Indigenous Affairs Senate Committee
  - **Allan Macdonald**, Director-General of Implementation Branch

## Toronto and Ottawa July 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

- July 28<sup>th</sup>: **Anita Vandenberg**, Liberal MP for Ottawa West – Nepean

We have significantly raised the profile of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations when it comes to not only our efforts on LNG, but also the work we do in making Treaty work, including our efforts to bring children home, on infrastructure and road improvement, and finally in regard to the work we do with Maa-nulth on the new fiscal relationship. We have taken a non-partisan approach that has been quite successful in ensuring that we have line of sight into and by the circles of power that may impact our success later on when decisions are imminent.

From that perspective, I would like to further lobby to the NDP to keep them in the loop, but we can wait until October when the House is out of Summer Break. We need to be judicious with our use of time now that we have established a presence, only coming back when we have new content, new opportunities, and the ability to bring something to the federal government that has value to them. For example, INAC and Natural Resources Canada and Cabinet are all looking for ways to show that they are effectively working with First Nations and that First Nations are choosing to work well with them. This is somewhat political in nature, and we can probably do much to help with the theatrics of any such opportunity.

### **External Relations (Federal) – Emerging Issues**

#### August Prime Minister's Forum with Self-Governing Indigenous Nations

Sometime in mid-to-late August, INAC will send invitations for two from Huu-ay-aht to attend a Forum with the Prime Minister and five important Cabinet Ministers. The Land Claims Agreement Coalition has been working on organizing the event, and it will be an opportunity for a good impression to create the impetus for the Prime Minister and Cabinet to treaty nations with a greater sense of partnership and respect. We have taken a chance on Canada by adopting a treaty. Our interests are further aligned with them than when we were but Indian Act bands. If we can demonstrate our maturity, good organization, and political and business acumen, then perhaps further opportunities will open up when we further understand what infrastructure, economic development and social services opportunities arise.