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**ANNUAL REPORT  
OF  
HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS TRIBUNAL  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

TO: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

TO: HA'WIIH COUNCIL

TO: PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

TO: TRIBUNAL MEMBERS

This Annual Report is written pursuant to Section 16 of the *Tribunal Act*, covering the period from the date of the last Annual Report, September 6, 2017, to September 11, 2018.

**Establishment and Term of the Tribunal**

The Tribunal is established by Section 3 of the *Tribunal Act*. The Tribunal consists of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, three members and one alternate member.

***Chair***

John Rich was re-appointed as Chair in November 2016 for a five-year term, which expires in November 2021. (*Tribunal Act*, Sections 3(2)(a), 6(1)(a))

***Vice-Chair***

Brent Mullin was appointed to the position of Vice-Chair by Executive Council, June 6, 2018, for a four year term which expires in June 2022. (*Tribunal Act*, Section 3 (2)b, 6(1)b)

***Members***

- Florence Wylie was reappointed by the Ha'wiih Council effective November 2017, for a three-year term which expires in November 2020. (*Tribunal Act*, Sections 3(2)(c), 6(1)(c))
- Karen Haugen was appointed by the Ha'wiih Council in November 2017, for a three-year term, which expires in November 2020. (*Tribunal Act*, Section 3(2)(c))

- Andrea Pettigrew was appointed by the People's Assembly in September 2017 for a three-year term, effective November 2017, which expires in November 2020 (*Tribunal Act*, Sections 3(2)(c), 6(1)(c))

### ***Alternate Member***

Harry Brossault was appointed as an alternate Tribunal Member by the People's Assembly in November 2015 for a three-year term which expires in November 2018. The People's Assembly must reappoint Mr. Brossault, or appoint another person, at the 2018 People's Assembly. (*Tribunal Act*, Sections 3(2)(c), 6(1)(c))

### **Tribunal Administration**

- ***Website*** – The HFN website has been revised to provide members with greater information easily accessible.
- ***Tribunal Independence*** – In order to ensure that the Tribunal is fully independent of HFN government administration, all Tribunal administration is now the responsibility of the Chair. The Chair and his assistant maintain all Tribunal files and receive enquiries and applications. A separate email address, hfntribunal@gmail.com, has been established for contact with the Tribunal.

### **Adjudication Matters**

One application was made to the Tribunal in 2017.

In October 2017, Johnson Ginger applied to the Tribunal to have his eligibility to hold public office reinstated. The application was not opposed, and a hearing was scheduled, however, Mr. Ginger advised he would not participate in the hearing. Consequently Mr. Ginger's disqualification remains in place.

Submitted: September 11, 2018



John R. Rich  
Tribunal Chair