Top 10 Q&A

1. What is the TFL 44 agreement between Huu-ay-aht and Western Forest Products?
   - A new Limited Partnership (LP) will be formed to operate TFL 44, and Huu-ay-aht will purchase a 7% interest in the new LP.

2. How many jobs will be created for Huu-ay-aht citizens as a result of this new business deal?
   - Over time, we are working towards Huu-ay-aht citizens and family members having 7% of the jobs.
   - Over time, this deal will also create entrepreneurial opportunities for citizens in areas that support TFL operations.

3. Will stumpage from the fibre cut on TFL 44 go to the Huu-ay-aht Government?
   - No, this is a crown tenure not a Huu-ay-aht tenure so stumpage will still go to the BC government. Our returns will come from the profits.

4. How will Huu-ay-aht ensure the environmental impacts of forestry operations will be minimized on Huu-ay-aht Territory?
   - The environmental impact is minimized by sustainable forest management practices, replanting within a year of harvest (or earlier where possible) and monitoring the health of the forest.
   - This deal gives Huu-ay-aht a seat at the table to help ensure harvesting is conducted in accordance with Huu-ay-aht guiding principles.

5. How will this impact the watershed renewal project Huu-ay-aht is working on right now?
   - All forestry on Treaty Lands and in TFL 44 will be conducted in a sustainable manner that does not adversely affect watershed renewal efforts.
   - The Huu-ay-aht forestry team is part of the Watershed Renewal Team; both teams work together to meet cultural, social, economic and environmental objectives set out by Executive and Ḫaw̓ič̓əł Councils.
6 How will we ensure the forestry practices we use continue to abide by our forestry principles?

- The TFL 44 deal requires that Huu-ay-aht’s forestry principles are taken into account in forestry planning in the non-overlap area of TFL 44.
- Huu-ay-aht has a process around forestry approvals/permits on TSL that enables the Huu-ay-aht government to monitor forestry practices to ensure all plans meet our forestry principles.

7 There is unused, logged wood sitting on the side of the Bamfield Mainline - why is it not being utilized by Huu-ay-aht citizens for firewood or other uses? Can it?

- Yes, there are plans in the works to use this wood for firewood and some of it will be chipped and taken to a mill for hog to be burned to create power.
- If citizens would like to use it for firewood, it can be cut on site, and brought somewhere to air dry.
- If a citizen wants to cut firewood, please contact Stan Coleman sj.coleman@shaw.ca

8 Will there be a new road built? Is there a way for Huu-ay-aht to maintain the road and keep it in good shape? The road also needs to be fixed to prevent yearly flooding.

- Upgrading the Bamfield Mainline is a priority that the Huu-ay-aht government is actively working toward.
- This deal, along with several other projects such as the Kwispaa LNG project, is allowing Huu-ay-aht to diversifying our economy and fund projects that are important to citizens. Doing so will allow for more citizens to move home and make a good wage.

9 Who is currently doing the tree planting on TSL? Can Huu-ay-aht citizens be doing this?

- Currently, Huu-ay-aht Forestry LP contracts tree-planting out to local tree planting companies.
- Yes, these jobs can be filled by Huu-ay-aht citizens. If citizens are interested in tree planting they can contact Stan Coleman at sj.coleman@shaw.ca.
What are the overall benefits this deal will bring to Huu-ay-aht, our government and our citizens?

- Jobs, training, and business opportunities for Huu-ay-aht citizens close to home, including expanding the opportunity for our citizens to become entrepreneurs and be the operators on our land.
- Increased revenues from forestry sector to support Huu-ay-aht citizens, including a possible dividend (Executive Council is discussing).
- A “seat at the table” when forest management decisions are made that affect Huu-ay-aht Territory.
- Assurance that forestry management decisions are in line with our sacred principles.

QUESTIONS?

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