

# Huu-ay-aht First Nations Housing Project Homes For Our Citizens

## Independent Housing Panel Update – April 2019

### PANEL MANDATE

The role of the independent housing panel is to build on Huu-ay-aht work and to review Huu-ay-aht land use, housing, and related policies, legislation and programs and recommend practical changes to ensure that our home (hahuuti) will be a safe, healthy, appealing place with a strong economy where half our people choose to live.

### SAMPLE GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE PANEL'S WORK

- Citizen engagement is a priority for the Housing Panel.
- The Panel's work will be guided by the three sacred principles
  - *Hišuk ma ćawak* (everything is one)
  - *?uu?atuk* (taking care of future generations)
  - *?iisaak* (conducting ourselves honestly and respectfully)
- Affordable good quality housing is the core of a strong community.



### SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

- What makes a home a safe, healthy and appealing place to live?
- What does housing affordability mean to you?
- What do you see as the three main challenges to Treaty Land housing?
- What are three opportunities or solutions that could improve Treaty Land housing?
- What would it take for you to move and live in Anacla? What are your thoughts and ideas about how to bring people back home?
- What community facilities do you and your family use where you live now (ex: community hall, playground, K-12 school, health centre, etc.)? What community facilities does Anacla need?
- What are your short and long term housing needs (ex: rental, transition, low-income, pre-built, self-financed, etc.)?
- What are some housing barriers that Huu-ay-aht citizens face? What can be done to help decrease those barriers?

### FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO LET US KNOW YOUR IDEAS ON HOUSING PLEASE CONTACT:

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## PROJECT WORK UPDATE

- Panel established and introduced at People’s Assembly on February 9 and 10
- Preliminary research on housing programs, needs, challenges and opportunities
- Identification of early initiatives to pursue through partnership with BC Housing - second six-plex in Anacra and a Mother’s Centre in Port Alberni
- Development of Community Engagement and Housing Survey plan
- Appraisal work to understand land values, before and after chip seal of road
- Ongoing research on housing best practices for consideration by the Panel
- Appointment of An Vu as project/logistics manager
- Initial consideration of housing options to ease immediate demand for housing in Anacra

## NEXT STEPS

## TIMING

1. **Introduction of Panel to People’s Assembly** ..... February 9–10, 2019
2. **Panel Initial Work and Update Report** ..... February–March 2019
3. **Community Engagement Meetings** ..... April 2019
4. **Survey of HFN Citizen Housing Needs** ..... April 2019
5. **Panel Draft Report** ..... May 2019
6. **Community Engagement Meetings** ..... August–September 2019
7. **Panel Final Report** ..... September 2019

## TIMETABLE

