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Huu-ay-aht Citizenship and Treaty Enrolment Act Feedback Community Engagement Session April 2019

Under the Constitution, all treaty enrollees are entitled to citizenship, so the two concepts are closely connected. Under the *Citizenship and Treaty Enrolment Act*, an individual is eligible for enrolment under the Treaty (and, thus, citizenship) if:

- a) they are of Huu-ay-aht ancestry or descent
- b) they were adopted by someone of Huu-ay-aht ancestry or descent
- c) their name is on the official Huu-ay-aht Band List on March 31, 2011
- d) they are accepted by the Huu-ay-aht as a member according to Huu-ay-aht custom and has demonstrated attachment to the Huu-ay-aht community.**

The Citizenship Committee is considering amendments to the *Citizenship and Treaty Enrolment Act* related to d). Specifically, the Act says an individual will be eligible under d). if they have been married to or living in a marriage-like relationship with a Huu-ay-aht treaty participant for at least five years if they are of First Nations ancestry or at least ten years if they are not.

The citizenship committee would like to hear your feedback. Answers to the following questions would be useful to the committee in considering these matters, related to the Citizenship and Treaty Enrolment Act section d).

- 1. Should people be able to acquire citizenship through marriage?**

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2. **Should Huu-ay-aht be able to revoke citizenship of people who acquired citizenship through marriage but who are no longer married to a citizen and who have not maintained a connection to the Huu-ay-aht community?**

3. **Should Huu-ay-aht automatically revoke citizenship of anyone who has acquired citizenship through marriage and is no longer married to a citizen?**

Yes **No**

If you answered yes, should any of the following factors make a difference in determining whether to revoke citizenship of a person who acquired citizenship through marriage:

- a). **The reason they are no longer a spouse of a citizen (ie. Through divorce, death, spouse transferring to another First Nation)?**

- b). **Whether the person has a child or children who are Huu-ay-aht citizens?**
