

Jack Cook

I have put my name forward as a candidate seeking election, to be a representative for all HUU-AY-AHT Citizens, as an elected Member of HUU-AY-AHT Government's Executive Council.

For those that do not know me, my name is Jack Cook. My HUU-AY-AHT name is Hay-uu-chish-tuulth, given to me by my maternal grandmother Mary Moses. My maternal grandparents are Herbert Cook and Frances Cook (nee Moses) family. My family includes my wife Deborah N. Cook of 46 years, our oldest daughter, Susan Cook (grandchildren, Hailey and Ethan), our son Herbert D. Cook and youngest daughter Hazel Cook (grandchildren Daniel and Hanna). I grew up, went to school and graduated in Port Alberni. I have also resided in Kildonan, Sarita, Bamfield, Anacla, Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Victoria and Vancouver.



I have a strong cultural background with my up-bringing from my uncle Alex Williams, Aunt Fanny Williams (nee Cook) and grandmother Mary Moses. They provided me with teaching and guidance to be respectful and to be supportive of the Ha'wiih. I have participated at numerous dinners and potlach's where HUU-AY-AHTS sang and danced.

2016 to present day, I have been involved with various committees for the HUU-AY-AHT government which includes Na naniqsu Grandparents Cultural Society, Finance committee; Treaty Implementation committee; LNG Advisory committee and I've been appointed as Director for the newly formed Huumii Ventures Limited Partnership, this is a new partnership with HUU-AY-AHT and Western Forest Products Inc.

June 2011, I had the privilege to be elected to the first post treaty HFN Executive Council (2011-2015) to work for all HUU-AY-AHT citizens. While on Council, I have always made myself available to all Citizens and Staff. During the 4 years as Member of Council, I had been committed to working hard for all HFN citizens. Should you elect me to Executive Council, I will commit myself to working hard for all HUU-AY-AHT Citizens. I always did my best to work with all members of Executive Council, and will continue to work with all executive council members, to discuss various issues and find solutions.

As an elected Member of the Executive Council, my commitment would include participating in all Executive Council meetings. I will continue to encourage more HUU-AY-AHT Citizens to graduate from secondary school and to continue into their postsecondary studies. This would be for the benefit of all the citizens, in starting their careers. In addition economic opportunities and business opportunities on HUU-AY-AHT lands would be sought. This would provide business opportunities and possible jobs for HUU-AY-AHT citizens.

I feel that the completion of education, postsecondary studies, career training and employment opportunities, will lead to healthier living for all families.

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Past work history includes;

For six months (1993-1994), I was the interim manager for the HUU-ay-aht (Ohiat) First Nations (Band) Office in Anacla.

My experience includes an extensive career with the Federal government (20 years) delivering Employment and Training Outreach and Human Resources Programs for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal People. This has helped me understand how the Federal government thinks and works. I then worked at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council/NETB (10 years) as the Program Coordinator setting up, reviewing and delivering the Employment and Training Programs for First Nation Communities and Organizations in the Nuu-chah-nulth area.

Prior to treaty, April 2011, I was involved in the researching, reviewing, developing and drafting of Emergency Preparedness Plans; Education Policies and Procedures for K to 12 and Post-Secondary Education; Forestry; Terms of Reference for HUU-ay-aht Economic Development; Finance and Treaty Implementation Committees for the HUU-ay-aht Government.

While on HFN Executive Council (2011 – 2015) my responsibilities included being Chair on Finance committee, Na naniqsu meetings and Treaty Implementation. I was appointed a director on Maa Nulth Treaty Society board. I also attended: Cooperative Management Board meeting with Parks Canada, Tluu-piich games meetings, various workshops/ meetings related to finance information and updates.

I am asking for your support, vote for me to be a Member of HFN Executive Council. I will continue to use my knowledge and skills to work tirelessly for all HUU-ay-aht Citizens equally. I will commit to more visits to citizens, at home and away from home (ie: Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver etc).

Please feel free to call me at (250) 723-1683 or send a message via email to: thecs@shaw.ca
I will be more than happy to chat with you.

Thank You,

Hay-uu-chish-tuulth, Jack Cook

NOTE:

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Voting day is Saturday, June 15th, 2019