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## Council Summary – July 11, 2019

### **Independent Housing Panel Report**

Executive Council passed a motion to approve the interim report from the Independent Housing Panel. This report includes 17 recommendations for improvements to meet the needs of the community. Panel member John Dumbrell explained that the recommendations are made with Huu-ay-aht's Sacred Principles in mind, especially Hišuk ma čawak – everything is one. He said they needed to take many things into consideration when drafting the recommendations, recognizing that everything is connected to housing and bringing citizens home.

Executive Council decided to pass the motion so that they could enter the two-month engagement phase. Once they have heard feedback from the public, the panel will finalize its recommendations and council will make a final decision on the direction moving forward.

### **Modular Homes**

In April, the previous Executive Council passed a motion to bring six modular homes to the Upper Anacla subdivision. Following that decision, administration received a report that put the project approximately \$300,000 over budget. As this information came in during the election campaign, the administration put the project temporarily on hold until it could receive direction from EC.

In Thursday's meeting, council members were asked how to proceed with the housing units in Upper Anacla. Councillor Charlie Clappis made a motion to rescind the original motion made in April and come up with a new plan that would still meet the needs of the community. This motion faced a lot of opposition, mostly due to concerns raised by Councillors Trevor Cootes and Connie Waddell. Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. believed they could move forward without having to rescind the previous motion.

After extensive discussion and advice from members of the administration team, EC passed a motion to rescind April's motion and develop a new plan. Administration will work with Councillor Charlie Clappis, who holds the Infrastructure and Housing portfolio. Together they will come up with a plan that will bring up to 10 housing units to Anacla, while staying within the existing budget. A report on this is due no later than August 15, 2019. The Chief Councillor gave Councillors Connie Waddell and Trevor Cootes his word that housing would move forward in a timely fashion and will not be stalled.

### **Organizational Review**

Councillor Connie Waddell brought forward a motion to put a freeze on all hiring, promotions, and salary increases pending a review of the current organizational chart for government staff. Members of the Executive Council supported the motion. The staffing review will begin immediately, but nothing will be implemented until a new Executive Director has been hired and has an opportunity to make recommendations.



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### **Catering Changes**

Executive Council and Committee meetings will no longer be catered, following a motion made by Councillor Connie Waddell on Thursday. She proposed that catering should not be supplied to meetings that are in-house. If a meeting is held out the office an exception will be made.

Council and committee members will be responsible for supplying their own meal unless they are travelling to the meeting from a different location, in which case the meal allowance policy will apply.