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**ATTENDANCE AT THE PEOPLE'S  
ASSEMBLY POLICY**

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## *Attendance at the People's Assembly Policy*

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#### **Purpose**

- 1 The purpose of this policy is to:
  - (1) encourage participation in the People's Assembly by as many citizens as possible;
  - (2) ensure that travel and accommodation expenses do not create undue barriers to attendance at the People's Assembly by citizens; and
  - (3) minimize the cost to government of citizens do not attend the People's Assembly.

#### **Mechanisms to Encourage Attendance at People's Assembly**

- 2 The HUU-ay-aht government will, at the sole discretion of Executive Council:
  - (1) arrange for satellite locations in areas that are accessible to most citizens and/or pay the travel and accommodation expenses for citizens needing to travel to the location of the People's Assembly
  - (2) provide incentives to citizens attending the People's Assembly, which may include:
    - i. citizen recognition for special achievements;
    - ii. cultural events, practices and activities; and
    - iii. draws and gifts throughout and at the end of the voting session for attendees who are present when the draws are made or the gifts are given.

#### **Requirement to Attend Voting Sessions**

- 3 In order to be eligible to have their travel expenses, including accommodation, paid for by the HUU-ay-aht, citizens must be present at all voting sessions of the People's Assembly in respect of which those expenses were incurred.

#### **Failure to Attend Voting Sessions**

- 4 Where a citizen's travel expenses have been paid for by the HUU-ay-aht and the

citizen fails to attend all voting sessions of the People's Assembly, the amounts paid by the HUU-ay-aht on behalf of that citizen will become a debt payable to the HUU-ay-aht First Nations (the "debt").

**Effect of debt owing**

- 5** Where a citizen owes a debt to the Nation under s. 4 of this policy:
- (1) that citizen is not entitled to have their travel expenses, including accommodation, for any People's Assembly paid for by the HUU-ay-aht;
  - (2) the citizen will not be eligible to receive food fish distributions; and
  - (3) any amounts that would otherwise be owing to the citizen by the Nation will be set-off against the debt until no debt remains.