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.