



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

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HUU-AY-AHT
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Via Email: Premier@gov.bc.ca
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Premier John Horgan
Minister Claire Travena
Minister Scott Fraser
BC Legislature

Dear Premier Horgan and Ministers Travena and Fraser:

RE: PAVING THE ROAD TO HUU-AY-AHT/ANACLA

The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council fully supports Huu-ay-aht First Nation's efforts to get the road from Port Alberni to Anacla paved. At the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council Annual General Meeting in September, the members fully endorsed their support to Huu-ay-aht to get the road chip sealed. They have been asking that this road be chip sealed for many years. The meeting was held in Anacla so the delegates were well aware of the conditions the Huu-ay-aht deal with all the time.

What is most important in having the road chip sealed is for safety. The rough surface of this road has led to many accidents. Their members are constantly back and forth on this road to come to Port Alberni for medical appointments, groceries, business, cultural events and many other reasons and a paved road would contribute to a safe journey. This road has caused many tire blowouts and other tire hazards as well which is expensive to replace on a regular basis.

Having a paved road would also contribute to a stronger economy in this region. The Huu-ay-aht have taken over many businesses in the town of Bamfield and they would attract a lot more business if people knew they could come down a road that was paved as opposed to a rough logging road. Tourism is a big draw to this part of the island, camping, hiking, fishing, boating, camping, festivals and again, greater numbers of tourist would come if they new it was a quicker, smoother trip to get to their destination. Huu-ay-aht's revenues would increase substantially with more tourists and business people coming to their territory. There are many added economic benefits to having this road chip sealed.

We have been told that there have been positive discussions between your government and Huu-ay-aht but as yet no agreement to have the road chip sealed. We strongly urge your government to honour reconciliation and other commitments by paving the road for the Huu-ay-aht. It is time to move beyond good words into positive actions.

We look forward to hearing that the commitment to pave the road has been made and construction of the road has begun.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judith Sayers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judith" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Sayers".

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Dr. Judith Sayers, C.M.
President

cc. Robert Dennis, Chief Councillor
Huu-ay-aht First Nation