

March 2020

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 3- met Gordon Johns Member of Parliament to review HFN housing plan and seek his support to advance federally and the Me Too fishery issue.• March 13, met with John Alan ADM regarding TFL 44.• March 20 – attended telephone conference meeting with Adrian Dix and Dr. Bonnie Henry.• March 26 – attended telephone conference meeting with Minister Scott Fraser regarding COVID 19 and HFN issue related to testing.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended BC Assembly of First Nations to network and lobby leadership. Our Proxy Ben Clappis was successful in obtaining a resolution supporting Bamfield Road upgrade.• March 9 – attended meeting with Dididaht First Nation to provide HFN update on the TFL 44 transaction.• March 12 – attended meeting with Huupachisaht to provide HFN update on the TFL 44 transaction.• March 20 – attended NTC conference call meeting.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend CES in Nanaimo to explain TFL 44 transaction.• March 10 – attended CES in Victoria• March 11 – attended CES in Anacla.• March 17 – media function regarding TFL 44.•
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Throughout the month I worked with Heather to help develop communications during the month of March related to TFL 44, COVID 19,

5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensured HFN treaty and aboriginal rights is adequately attended to in the Tseshaht-HFN Protocol.
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the month I met with or spoke with Trudy regarding adherence and enforcement issues.
7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 9 – met Bill Coates to discuss the possibility to host a forestry conference from FN perspective, union related issues, and FN employment. • Attended meeting with Dididaht First Nation to discuss TFL 44 transaction.
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Kelda on Huu-ay-aht Place names
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the month I met with Trudy Warner Acting Executive Director to ensure proper management and administration of government through weekly calls with Trudy.
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People’s Assembly;	
11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councilors;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the month I met periodically with Executive Councillor members to review councilor portfolios.
12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People’s Assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 26 – sitting of legislator • March 30 – sitting of the legislator
13) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy.	

Emerging issue

1. High level review of HFN Cash flow and strategic priorities.
 - Delegate work to HFN finance
 - Review of HFN and HGB financial position.
2. HFN review and finalization of HFN 2020-21 Budget Act.
 - Final review by HFN EC and administration.
3. Discussion and email exchange with legal counsel regarding the development of Strategic Priorities Task Force.
 - Project priorities
 - COVID 19 Strategy.

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Council Report for John Alan Jack February and March, 2020

Finance Portfolio

Progress Report

We have a Budget, and a Financial Plan, for the fiscal year of 2020-21. That being said, we need to conduct more work at all levels on updating our budget in the midst of the pandemic situation the world finds itself in.

In addition, we have started to migrate the Invested Wealth Fund moneys from TD Bank to the Royal Bank under the new stewardship of Barrantagh as our fund managers. The next steps will be a review of the standing investment policies, as well as conducting the legally-separate but thematically-related meetings necessary for the Huu-ay-aht Settlement Trust as well.

Emerging Issues

From an administrative perspective, we find ourselves awaiting the arrival of the Executive Director, and now our CFO will be moving on from our organization. To fill those gaps, we have entered into temporary contract relationships with skilled, subject matter experts to aid the Acting Executive Director in navigating the next few months. We need to take stock of this administrative situation and how it might, and probably will, affect our total capacity and productivity for at least a few months after the permanent Executive Director comes onboard and we find and select a new CFO.

From a committee perspective, we will need to ensure that we refocus our attention on the fundamentals of financial stewardship as defined in Huu-ay-aht law. This will likely produce a need for more than the required one meeting per month, though it seems as though this might only cost time as travel and accommodations are not needed in a time of COVID-19 #StayHome initiatives.

From a council and governmental perspective, I think it will be very important to adjust our expectations for information and analysis to come a bit slower. The process of preparing for a Budget update and a new Financial Plan will likely take months, not weeks, if we are to do it right. While the administrative capacity solidifies and catches up to council's intentions, we may want to discuss some of the decisions and actions we can take without fulsome information about the state of our cash, revenues and accounts receivable.

It is *strongly* suggested that we take a cautious approach to the next few months in terms of financial decision-making. We should reserve any big spending decisions, and only act on immediate COVID-19 related items that have to do with public health and safety concerns and any direct financial or other support to our citizens who are generally more-vulnerable than the rest of BC and Canada to economic hardship.

The better planning we do over the next several months will increase our chances of coming out of the situation strong, and prepared to enact the pre-COVID vision we had for our people. Until we know how the pandemic and other governments' reactions to the pandemic play out, playing deliberately and cautiously with anything other than standard operations and support for our citizens is probably the best course of action.

Strategic Priorities Task Force

Progress Report

The Finance Chairperson is also the one responsible for sitting on the newly-created Strategic Priorities Task Force (SPTF). Council has approved a Terms of Reference, as well as come to the understanding that the SPTF will take on most of the COVID-19 related planning and analysis with ultimate decision-making still residing in the Council itself.

Emerging Issues

As I am not one of the Co-Chairs of the SPTF, I will not comment on Emerging Issues.

ACRD Representative

Progress Report

Like the HFN, the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District has concluded work on crafting a budget – known in local government as our Financial Plan. Like other governments, the coming of the pandemic has thrown the group for a loop, and some audibles needed to be called on changing the financial plan before the March 31 deadline. We were unable to livestream the meeting, however, so that was unfortunate as budget decisions should have a public access component. I am glad that HFN has technology already up and running to stream and post our own Council meetings.

Cooperation between the ACRD and HFN has been quite good from my understanding of both sides. In addition, the relationship between the residents of Bamfield and our own community of Anacla seem to have been not only preserved but strengthened by the threat of the

pandemic. I applaud the work of our staff and the Council members present in the community for the informal work that they do every day to maintain good relations.

Emerging Issues

There are no emerging issues as of yet, not any that aren't already covered elsewhere in this report or bear any real relevance to HFN operations.

Treaty Implementation, Federal Fiscal Negotiations and Maa-nulth Treaty Society Board of Directors

Progress Report

With the crush of Budget preparations and the advent of COVID-19 has thrown the meeting schedule for a bit of a loop. I have continued to attend Maa-nulth Board meetings, and have continued to work with staff to keep treaty-related initiatives moving forward. Many of these items are reported upon by staff, and I won't repeat them here.

We will continue to move forward enforcement, oncoming taxation, treaty fisheries, and additions to treaty lands forward as previously discussed.

Emerging Issues

The COVID-19 Situation has exacerbated the need for our efforts in the federal fiscal agreement negotiations to continue with a high priority for staff, contractors and really any public officer involved. Next year, the annual capital transfers from the federal government will end, and we need to continue to move forward our end of negotiations forward with a friendly federal government without any delay. It is assumed that we could increase the amount of money transferred to us from the federal governments based on such items as infrastructure; culture, language and heritage; social-wellbeing; and other baskets to make up for what we might lose in the capital transfer.

From both a finance and treaty implementation perspective, this should remain a high priority for staff to move forward.

BC FN LNG Alliance

Progress Reports

I have stayed aware of what's going on with this group, though I have not been able to join their meetings as of late due to Budget and other constraints from my other duties. This mostly has to do with COVID-19 related disruptions, but also our own and the ACRD's budget development.

Emerging Issues

It doesn't seem likely that the BC FN LNG Alliance has much time left as a group. With COVID-19 related issues mounting on the Federal and Provincial Budgets, I doubt it will get much government money to operate. With the bleak capital and investment outlook for the Canadian energy sector, it's also not likely that many corporate donors will continue supporting it to the same degree.

Other Items and Considerations

A Third Child

At some point in late July or early August, my third child will be born. While my wife has signalled her intention to apply earlier than later for leave, it is my belief that the risk of complications is heightened due to previous c-sections. As a result and if-possible, it is likely that I will take some serious time away to ensure she recovers well from birth or another c-section, and that I can take the parenting load off. This likely means that I'll try to be mostly-away for the months of August and September at the very least, potentially longer if those complications do indeed arise.

A Second Wave of COVID-19

I am also deeply concerned about a second wave of COVID-19 infections threatening the stability of BC and Canada and the Globe from a social and economic perspective after Summer. I believe that BC and most of Canada will flatten the curve significantly, but I also believe that there will be very high pressure to get things back to normal as soon as possible, and I think that this is a mistake. I don't think schools will, or should, reopen in September and that we should ensure that we hold the line until a vaccine is developed. I think we are stepping into a new world, no longer the "Post 9/11 World," but rather the "Post COVID-19 World," and the restrictions we see will be a reality for quite some time.

We should plan accordingly.



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Councillor: Charlie Clappis

Month: March

Area of Responsibility: Infrastructure and Housing

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Meeting with BC Housing. Meeting with Housing Oversight Body. Covid-19 causes a few meeting cancellations.

Emerging Issues

- 2019/20 Project Development
- Implementing the Housing Panel Report
- Sewer Project is holding up future development and could possibly affect funding applications.

Area of Responsibility: Recreation and Community Development

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Coordinated work on the Fitness and Youth Center. Approval of Anacla community committee

Emerging Issues

Committee member call-out

Area of Responsibility: Lands and Natural Resources

Reviewed 2019 applicants

Emerging Issues:

Approve committee members

Area of Responsibility: Law and Policy Development

Preparing for first meeting

General

Covid-19 pandemic meetings and planning



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Councillor Edward R. Johnson Progress Report for March

Area of Responsibility:

1. Community Health
2. Language and Culture
3. Cooperative Management Board (CMB)
4. Citizen Development Committee (CDC)

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Community Health

- Executive council is taking action and preventing the spread of COVID 19 and at the same time taking the necessary steps to sure our citizens are safe and supporting in any way. We are Meeting weekly and as needed to keep our Community end citizens safe.
- Nuu-chah-nulth Health Directors stared meeting every to weeks iv been receiving updates from Coral Johnson Community Services Director we are staying in contact weekly.

Emerging Issues

- Continuing to communicate to our citizens and monitor the pandemic on a daily in our communities.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Culture and Language

- Even though we cannot gather for Cultural History Nights we have started a Virtual Culture History Nights for our citizens It's been well received as well as Virtual Culture Supports.

Emerging Issues

- COVID 19

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Cooperative Management Board

- Ongoing meetings with Parks Canada in regards Interpretive center, Contribution agreements, southern resident killer whale funding and renegotiating of the West Coast trail Guardian contract that has been the same for well over 20 years.
- Meetings with PRNPR on 50th Anniversary Commemoration planning – talks about a formal apology from the Minister

Emerging Issues

- Signing on a One-year West Coast Tail contract And southern resident killer whale funding.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Citizen Development Committee

- RCMP Letter of Expectation was revisited and reviewed at our (CCG) Community Consultative Group meeting the letter is ready to go to the next Citizen Development Committee.
- Citizen Development Committee has revisited and reviewed RCMP Letter of Expectation and is ready to go to Executive Council to be approved. The letter of expectation will be in force for a period of two years from the date signing and may be amended by mutual agreement and with the support of the CCG.
- Witnessed aging out of care ceremony called Honoring Our Youth's Journey to Adulthood for one of our huu-ay-aht youth, in the traditional territory of the Tsawwassen FN. The ceremony was put on by MCFD there was other delegated agencies in attendance along with families the ceremony was conducted beautiful. The HOYJA ceremony honors the youth for their accomplishment's resiliency and their continued journey. It is an opportunity to show our continuing support and love our youth and they begin the next stage of their lives to adulthood. I believe Strongly this is something that we should consider doing for our youth that are aging out of care.
- Bill C92 next steps Letter has been drafted by Maegen Giltrow and was put before Executive Council on March 26, 2020 for Chief Counselor to sign on behalf of Executive Council. We have requested a meeting with Canada and British Columbia the week of April 20 2020.

Emerging Issues

1. Bill C-92
 - Once we have had a preliminary meeting, we will develop a workplan.
 - Ratcliff to draft for HFN to consider an options memorandum regarding the scope and range of legislative authority HFN may choose to enact.
 - Robert and Edward to consider name for negotiation & strategy team.
 - Kathy to develop a chronology and timeline package for citizen engagement (including visual display of chronology of HFN work to improve outcomes for children and families & Social Services project outcomes)
2. RCMP Letter of Expectation to go to the next EC meeting for Approval and signature by Chief Counselor.

Activities in March

Monday March 2nd 2020 Worked out of Port Alberni government office.

Tuesday March 3rd 2020 CCG meeting on the homelands, Special Executive Council meeting with Gord Johns at the PAGO and Community engagement session in Nanaimo.

Wednesday March 4th 2020 CMB Conference call Pre-Meeting, Conference call in regards to Promoting Social Services Panel survey, Special executive council meeting and Cultural History Night Vancouver.

Thursday March 5th 2020 Cooperative Management Board (CMB) teleconference meeting.

Friday March 6th 2020 worked out of the portal burning government office and dinner meeting with Hupacasath First Nation.

Monday March 9th 2020 breakfast meeting with Les Doiron President of the FIRST NATIONS EDUCATION FOUNDATION in Port Alberni, Special executive council meeting in Nanaimo and dinner meeting with Ditidaht First Nation.

Tuesday March 10th 2020 Community Engagement Session in Victoria then traveled to Vancouver.

Wednesday March 11th 2020 witnessed Huuayaht youth Aging Out of Care Ceremony in Tsawwassen FN.

Thursday March 12th 2020 regular executive council meeting Port Alberni.

Friday March 15th, 2020 conference call in regards to bill C 92 next steps worked out of Port Alberni.

Monday March 16th, 2020 worked out of PAGO and Executive Council Meeting.

Tuesday March 17th, 2020 TFL 44 announcement work out of PAGO

Wednesday March 18th, 2020 worked out of Port Alberni SEC meeting in the A.M, 1st reading of legislation and SEC meeting in the P.M.

Thursday March 19th, 2020 Worked from Home in Nanaimo

Friday March 20th, 2020 Worked out of PAGO

Monday March 23rd, 2020 Worked out of PAGO, SEC meeting.

Tuesday March 24th, 2020 SEC meeting and Budget meeting worked form home in Nanaimo

Wednesday March 25th, 2020 Worked from home in Nanaimo

Thursday March 26th, 2020 Executive Council Meeting

Friday March 27th, 2020 Worked out PAGO Legislature Second and Third Readings and Citizen Development Committee Meeting.

Monday March 30th, 2020 Worked out of PAGO

Tuesday March 31st, 2020 Worked from home in Nanaimo.



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TREVORCOOTES, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MARCH REPORT, 2020 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

PORTFOLIO:

- Economic Development
- Training & Employment
- External Communications

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

- To work in collaboration with delegated HFN Public Officials to promote the development of diverse, sustainable and strong Huuayaht economy through the development and implementation of the Annual Economic Development Plan
- To work in Collaboration with Business arm to ensure viable and profitable business operations, including the following 10 bullets
- Provide monthly report to Chief Councillor and Executive Council on matters pertaining to Economic Development

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PROGRESS ON KEY INITIATIVES:

- Covid 19 has greatly impacted Huuayaht Economic Activity. We have been working diligently with the Province and Feds on guidelines and restrictions and sharing the impacts on our community and our businesses. We are going to be working over the next month on an Economic Recovery Plan, an amended Economic Development Plan reflecting Covid 19 impacts, as Chair of the HFNDC board we are going to be reviewing revised Annual Plans for each of our LP's Limited Partnerships.
- WFP – attended meetings related to TFL 44
- EDC/HFNDC EDC is has set the timeline for bringing the EDP through process leading up to spring legislature
 - Held three CES Community Engagement Sessions in Anacla, Port Alberni, Vancouver
- Kiixin Destination Plan – Collaborative Agreement signed with ITBC in May 2019, ITBC helping Huuayaht build Destination Plan
 - Draft Kiixin Destination Plan presented to EDC and will be presented as apart of EDP at spring legislature with input from Citizens, EC, Hawiik and Nanaiisqu.



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- Run of the River – Met with BC Hydro reps that are in charge of HFN Run of the River EPA, working on Design Op, Cap Ex and Financial Model, Barkley Group. Economic Development committee has directed EDO to have Business Plan finalized and support in the work needed to Finalize EPA Energy Purchase Agreement.
- 10 Huuayaht Citizens have successfully accessed the \$5000 Entrepreneur Grant

EMERGING ISSUES:

- A High Priority is an arising issue of our HGB Businesses not meeting criteria for the CEWS Canada Emergency Wages Subsidy
- ITBC MOU getting tourism businesses export ready
- Run of the River work continues

Training & Employment

- Develop initiatives that promote education and training and capacity in our citizens to ensure sustainable jobs for them
- Achieve the target of 200 HFN people employed by 2020 and 100 training positions by 2020
- Provide monthly report to Chief Councillor and Executive Council on matters pertaining the ET Portfolio

Progress on Initiatives

- Working with Executive Director and Brent on plan.
- Coastal Worker Certificate ongoing, thanks to Seanna, Hamish, Brent and myself working with WFP and NIC on development.

Emerging Issues

- There is a need to create synergies and bring our efforts together within Training & Employment.

External Communications Federal



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- Working with H&K on Federal Strategy ongoing
- Priorities Fisheries Strategy and Housing/Infrastructure system.
- 1 priority pushing road issue ongoing

Other Duties assigned – Law & Policy Development committee: attended one meeting