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***Report of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL for the month of  
March 2016***

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**For review and consideration at the  
Regular Executive Council Meeting  
On Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Chief Councillor Robert Dennis:**

**February 22 to 24,**

**Update on Chief Councillor's Meetings**

Last week I attended four meetings of significance to the Executive Council and they are as follows with each of their recommendations.

1. Monday February 22, 2016 attend the first day of the Nuu-chah-nulth Council of Hawiith Forum on Fisheries – first, this is a very well organized structure of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. Day 1 consisted of 17 agenda items which the chair kept very reasonable order to get through the full day agenda.
  - i. There was an update from the Implementation Committee which focused on traditional governance related to the Huupaqwinum (Chief's treasures) and Haahuupa (traditional form of guidance and advice).
  - ii. A traditional recognition of past leaders.
  - iii. Review and approve Records of Decision.
  - iv. Political update.
  - v. A review of 10 items from the October Council of Hawiith meeting.
  - vi. Island Marine and Aquatic Working Group update (a Vancouver Island body).
  - vii. First Nation Fisheries Council (a provincial body) update.
  - viii. West Coast Aquatic updates (a regional body).
  - ix. Eulochon bycatch reduction – Scott Wallace.
  - x. A review of 11 NCN update, opportunities and issues.

**Recommendations:**

- a) HFN become involved in the Pacific Salmon treaty negotiations and appoint representative.
  - b) HFN set up a series of community meetings to review
    - Traditional practices and principles, a NCN Traditional Management Series,
    - Roles of Women,
    - Traditional roles and responsibilities,
    - Herring Spawn
    - Tips for Drying and Smoking Salmon.
  - c) That the Hahoulthee Committee send representatives to the Council of Hawiith meetings to assist the HFN Hawiith Council coordinate and follow up on action items arising from the meeting.
2. Tuesday February 23, 2016 attend an HFN LNG Strategy Session.
    - a) Purpose of the meeting was to hear the economic landscape of the LNG industry both local and international.
    - b) Robert gave a 10,000 foot level view of HFN LNG.
    - c) Design a process to keep track of the economic landscape of the LNG industry and adjust our strategy accordingly.

- d) We heard the local economic landscape of our project has improved and a project is now more likely. But, the rating has not been adjusted.
- e) We're told that HFN does not have the financial resources to be equity partners in this 10.8 Billion dollar project.
- f) The federal government has strong requirements for monitoring greenhouse gas emissions and therefore LNG projects have a huge challenge to overcome the high emission of greenhouse gases, which represents about 20% of provincial total.
- g) Robert McCulloch gave a very brief overview on the Economic of LNG and these are.
  - HFN structuring discussions
  - HFN structuring and Economic Modelling Discussions.
  - Debt Service Cover Ration Calculations for a 10.8 Billion dollar project.
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- h) Nathan on economics of the Sarita Project
  - SLNG looking to sell their project as market ready.
  - The proposed project is financed by a private equity company looking to making big money within five years.
  - SLNG will look for 100 % financing.
  - Need to look at the role of the MFN.
  - Timeline has not changed significantly we reviewed a Sarita LNG Investment Timeline and Return Illustration.

### **Recommendation**

- a) That the Executive Council direct Robert B to draft a LNG strategy and budget to be reviewed and considered by Executive Council at their March 25, 2016 meeting.
3. Wednesday February 24, 2016 attended the Nuu-chah-nulth Directors Meeting. There was an agenda of 10 items mostly related to political activity and NTC administration and they are as follows.
- i. Records of Decision.
  - ii. President's Report.
  - iii. Vice President's Report.
  - iv. Executive Director's Report.
  - v. Committee reports and updates.
  - vi. Outstanding Reports.
  - vii. CHS Business
  - viii. First Nation Announcements and Information Sharing.
  - ix. Confirm next meeting.
  - x. First Nation Health Authority update.
  - xi. A Coast Guard presentation regarding Emergency Preparedness.

### **Recommendations:**

- a) That HFN prepare a treaty presentation on the pros and cons of treaty, and that Robert Dennis do the presentation and Annie Merrit and John Jack assist in preparing a power point presentation. And the following are suggested topics, the team can design the presentation
  - Background
  - Preparing for treaty
  - Land and Forestry
  - Cash
  - Natural Resources
  - Governance
  - Economic Development
4. Friday February 26, 2016, a Yinka Dene Economic Development Presentation on Partnerships and Contracts from Chief Executive Officer Reg Ogen.
  - i. Meeting participants included all HFN representative and none from HGB ( apparently all were sick).
  - ii. Background of company.
  - iii. Company's goals and objectives.
  - iv. Landscape of the territory.
  - v. Contractors.
  - vi. Types of contracts and WFN content.

**Recommendations:**

- a) In accordance with HFN Laws and regulations, the HFN set up their own business entities to generate revenue for their government programs and services.
- b) That the Executive Council authorizes Brent Lehmann to give an OSR presentation to Executive Council to explain the OSR Agreement.
- c) That the Executive Council authorizes the Economic Development Officer to pursue partnerships and contracts within HFN territory.

**Councillor Sheila Charles:**

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**CMB**

- Gary and Charlie to negotiate the Guardian Task for 2016 with Parks Canada
- Christine Gruman Officially appointed the staff technical resources to the committee
- Harvesting permits going back and forth between PCA legal and Nuu-chah-nulth legal
- PCA Resource Conservation Documentary done in November 2014 to be viewed at the next CMB meeting. There still a few edits that need to be made. The public hasn't seen this video yet. Sarah, one of the HFNMLP staff, is in the video and helped count plants. As part of the Site Based Action Plan (SBAP), we have to go back to see how the population has done. Going

forward we will continue to monitor that area. There is still opportunity to engage there and work with HFN.

- There is a funding source that could be applied for by First Nations. It's called the Aboriginal Species at Risk Funding. That is something that could be worked on but the HFN would have to apply for it. It is applicable to lands that are managed by First Nations. PC could potentially assist with the creation of an application. The dune where the planting is located on HFN Traditional Territory. In the front there still is some evasive grasses growing.
- WCT: bridge work, 15 minor bridge repairs coming in Fall 2016
- Asset Perspective: Wrapping this fiscal year. Justin and his team clearing trees that came down along the Pachena Trail head access road. Opening that trail head office very soon. Lawn mowing contract due again this year. It was assigned to a Huu-ay-aht First Nation member last year
- Revising the TOR vision statement and add guiding principles to update
- Drafting 2015 Annual Board Review
- At the last meeting Derek mentioned there was a possibility of exploring other ideas to see what the HFN wanted. The report that Crystal compiled in 2014 looks at a welcome post and interpretive panel at the trail head. If this isn't what HFN wants we are looking for direction for what you would like to see, and its location so we can keep this project moving
- PC to determine feasibility of PCA paying for the welcome post before the briefing note is submitted to Chief & Council
- Connie to forward Matthew Payne supporting information for the request for the letter of support for an HFN funding proposal
- To Provide clarification to HFN CMB and HGB on the role of the wardens at Pachena Beach and evaluate a communication/check-in procedures for the Wardens when they're checking in at the Pachena Beach Campground so campground staff are notified a head of time to avoid confusion
- Cape Beale Visioning Session February, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Anacla Government Office (AGO). HFN, PC, HGB and AtBC in attendance. Discussed with AtBC where we could possibly get funding for this project. Informal discussion on our visions for the Cape Beale area, what crowd are we aiming at, what are people wanting, ways on collecting those stats for the area. My vision, I would like this project to not only be aimed at visitors to the area but for HFN citizens
- Work in progress: Welcome panel and post. To inform visitors when exiting WCT or entering that they are in Huu-ay-aht First Nation territory

### **Citizen Development Social Services**

- Looking forward to adding 1 more committee member. Applicants coming to March 31<sup>st</sup> council meeting for choosing
- USMA Protocol to be reviewed at the next CDSSC meeting and with legal. Overall to determine next steps on dealing with ongoing issues with MCFD and all Aboriginal Delegated Agencies (Social Services Jurisdiction). Not to become our own agency but to be working alongside with agencies and kept in the loop every step of the way and to not interfere with our children and families without Huuayaht consent
- Have had 6 Neurofeedback sessions to date and am feeling an enormous improvement in healing. Can't wait to share with citizens for this amazing opportunity in healing and a healthy mind
- Working with Karen on bringing healing circles to council and then staff

## **Councillor Ben Clappis:**

My Report for March

March 1-3 I went to my first, First Nation Fishery council meeting in Musquem-Vancouver

### **Minister's speech**

With the new government to work along with first nations across Canada here's a couple of the promises establish a Federal Reconciliation Framework created in a full partnership with first nations which will include mechanisms to advance and strengthen self-government , as well as resolve grievances with treaty implementation and modern land claims agreements

Also conduct a wholesale review of the changes made by the Steven harper government to critical environmental protections-including the fisheries act and navigable waters protection act -and restore lost protections and incorporate more modern safeguards

First Nations will be included in the reshaping of the Federal environmental laws and policies to insure respect of rights and to reflect indigenous values

MC talked about the importance of section 35 of the constitution act {have copies}

We done breakout sessions for 2 days in giving are thoughts on these questions what are some of the ways that FN's and Government can work together to address outstanding policies and management

Reconciliation in the fisheries contacts and I think this works into the above question

Info given about new colonial law on water management that came into play couple days before we talked of conflicts and opportunities an d the talk of the ab rights in this area Jordan Pointe M.C, questions what's are relationship with the new Government and where it going and last thing he mention If you're not at the table you don't have a voice

### **B.C,AFN**

did not attend due to funds and that week and a bit off sick leave also missed the yearly NTC career fair (bummer)

### **Legislation**

We done are 1st session Chief Robert Dennis done opening comments

Then all of council done there tell of what we've done what we want to do in the future and are goals this all went well

### **Council meetings**

Ongoing and 1 conference call for me

### **2nd and 3rd sitting of legislation**

like the 1st this went quit well

## **Councillor Trevor Cootes:**

## **Councillor John Jack:**

## **Councillor Connie Waddell:**

February 2016

The month of February has been focused on the budget planning process. This work follows a detailed time line that comes straight from the Budget Act. In preparing the following plans needed to be incorporated, the Strategic plan, financial plan and Economic development plan. This beginning stage is difficult as none of the plans are finalized for the next fiscal year when the budgeting begins. The Directors have a very large roll in preparing the first drafts of the budget and presenting to the Finance Committee the rationale behind the line items. My involvement and the Finance Committee review of these drafts is over a two month time period. I feel very confident the entire team put together a budget that will meet the needs of our citizens. This budget had input from the community, council, Ha wiih and the administration.

I also spent time working with Marleen to finalize the Executive Director Job posting and have it advertised for February 11, 2016. The posting is being advertised for a six week period ending February 18, 2016. This time frame is a bit longer than what is required but we felt because of the magnitude of the position we wanted to be able to attract as many candidates as possible.

A great deal of time was spent on reviewing the Travel policy and the Human Resources policy. Amendments were made working alongside the Acting Executive Director and the Finance Committee. Recommendations were made by motion from the Finance Committee to Executive Council where due process will be followed for next steps.

Capital and Infrastructure is beginning to catch some speed with the Trail, Sewer Project and Subdivision. The engineers are working diligently; additional meetings have been organized with INAC, Regional District and the Bamfield Science Centre. I will be able to provide a time line in a gnat chart in my March report. It will be very exciting to be able to provide you with the timeline from start to finish for each project. In addition to the large projects some smaller ones that are in the planning stages are the addition to the cemetery, septic fields in lower Anacla and the expression of interest to the Regional District to join their recycling program in Bamfield.

Capital and Infrastructure is underway and the team is excited to accomplish the tasks ahead.