

May 2020

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 5, email exchange with Bob Beckett to set meeting date.</li><li>• May 7, telephone meeting with Bob Beckett regarding regional protocols for phasing in removal of existing COVID 10 protocols.</li><li>• May 13, meeting with Mayor Sharie Minions regarding COVID 19 discussions regarding recovery and the Somass Property issue.</li><li>• May 19 attended PRNPR meeting to discuss resumption of operations in the West Coast Trail Unit.</li><li>• May 29 attended telephone conference meeting with Scott Fraser regarding Bamfield Road issue. The province seems to be focused on that the Premier only committed to road safety upgrade.</li></ul>
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended ABCMTN meetings.</li><li>• May 26, attended NTC Directors meeting and committed to HFN working with NTC to draft a motion regarding re-opening Nuu-chah-nulth hahahoulthee.</li><li>• Attended West Coast Aquatic meetings regarding Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation Fund proposal.</li></ul>
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended special communications meeting with Munroe Thompson to discuss TFL 44 storyboards for the development of a video</li></ul>
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• May 1, prepared next week's communication outline for COVID 19 message.</li><li>• May 26, urgent and important email to ED and Communications regarding the need to develop a communication plan and external affairs plan for the Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation Fund.</li><li>• Throughout the month I attended to numerous media interview to promote HFN issues.</li></ul>

<p>5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 22 brought getting our fishers fishing concept to the Task Force.</li> <li>• May 26, met with Michelle Ellison to discuss researching potential Specific Claims files.</li> </ul>
<p>6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 21, attended HFN Finance Committee meetings to review financial and risks.</li> </ul>
<p>7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1, prepared outline for HFN Economic Recovery Plan, see calendar.</li> </ul>
<p>8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1 and 5, telephone meeting with Kevin Neary regarding place names.</li> </ul>
<p>9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 attended weekly Strategic Priorities Task Force meeting by Microsoft Team.</li> <li>• May 4, 11, 18 and 25, attended weekly meeting with Nathan and Trudy regarding weekly administrative and management of government.</li> </ul>
<p>10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People’s Assembly;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1, attended Special Executive Council meeting regarding access to Hahoulthee.</li> <li>• May 14 and 28, attended regular Executive Council meetings.</li> <li>• May 21, attended HFN Special Finance Committee meeting.</li> </ul>
<p>11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including  i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and  ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councillors;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 11 – reviewed infrastructure and housing portfolio to determine topic discussion for the next Infrastructure and Housing portfolio review. Also attended meeting with Urban Systems regarding sewer project.</li> <li>• May 20 and 21 met with all Executive members individually to get update reports and to begin consultation process for committees and EC portfolios.</li> </ul>
<p>12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People’s Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

13) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy.	•
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**Emerging Issues:**

- 1. Specific Claims bring potential files to EC for discussion and approval. Will review and consider resolution at June 11, 2020 Executive Council meeting.**
- 2. Getting our Fishers Fishing – seek EC support to fund PST Mitigation Fund and work with NTC. Pursuing an external communication strategy to advance the Me too and the Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation fund issue.**
- 3. Housing Strategy – the establishment of the oversight is good start.**
- 4. Extending Strategic Priorities Task Force – met on Monday June 1, 2020 and extended report requirements to July 31, 2020.**



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## **Councillor Łicitath (Edward R. Johnson) May Progress Report :**

**Area of Responsibility: [ Community Health, Language and Culture, Cooperative Management Board (CMB) and Citizen Development Committee (CDC) ]**

Area of Responsibility: **Cooperative Management Board CMB**

### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

West Coast trail meeting May 26, 2020

- Weekly meetings with West Coast trail unit
- meeting talked about US Canada border opening one June 21, 2020
- talked about a potential July 10th or 17th opening for the WCT parks Canada would like a answer on if we want to open up by June 12 2020
- In the meeting I stressed no testing no opening and also asked on what are the screening process going to be for visitors coming into our territory.
- Parks going to have minutes and screening process is sent by tomorrow May 27th 2020 and I'll bring to council for a decision on whether or not we would like to open up our end of the WCT by July 10th or 17th?
- Broken Group Islands will be opening July 3rd 2020 this is the decision that the broken group island First Nations came up with.
- There is going to be an announcement by Parks Canada on phase one opening on May 27<sup>th</sup>
- The operating plan for Covid has been completed which outlines the procedure for how the trail crew can operate
- A recon is being planned for ASAP with the existing HFN crew
- HFN and HGB have been connected regarding finalizing the contract.
- Next CMB meeting June 3rd 2020.

### Emerging Issues

- I am still uncertain whether the contract been HFN and PC has been signed???
- answer on if we want to open up the WCT by June 12 2020.

Area of Responsibility: **Language and Culture**

### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Virtual language classes starting May 26th 2020 classes well be every Tuesday at 5pm
- Virtual cultural history nights have been a huge success wonderful and positive feedback from citizens.
- Our cultural team have been reaching out to citizens for one on ones Corey Howard and Margaret Eaton.
- Ongoing discussions with Scott Jeary Executive Director from the First Nations Education Foundation (FNEF). Our conversations entailed pooling of resources in language and culture programs for revitalization. We are exploring a Co-Operative model as the tool to pool and then amplify those resources and what the structure might look like. There is quite a bit of work to do, but step by step it is entirely feasible. Ditidaht are interested in providing their content and structure as the shared community platform via a co-operative membership. We

discussed, on how it really takes two or maybe three main founding community members to get this concept moving forward. In short, the co-op needs to be formed, the asset needs to be transferred to the co-op and then the first members need to join. The initial members fee's would pay for the cost of forming the business and developing the model to scale, the 5 year business plan, marketing and recruiting materials and costs that will be needed in order to recruit members. The model would be developed by documenting the process that Huu-ay-aht goes through to produce, format, and load content onto the platform, making that platform in the image of Huu-ay-aht. In our talks over the past couple months we are thinking that sustainable funding of the membership fees would come from allocation of a percentage of the new BC Gaming Revenue Sharing program that came out this past summer. Allocation of 20-25% of those funds would assure sustained language programming for a community for generations of members. Wondering if the other Maa-nulth First Nations would be interested in pursuing this as well.

- Going to attend a I workshop put on by Joe Martin workshop on weekend of June 13th and 14<sup>th</sup> is going to be learning how to make a bentwood box, space is limited 2 participants per workshop feeling very honored to be selected to take the workshop.

### Emerging Issues

Area of Responsibility: **Citizen Development Committee (CDC)**

### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- SSP Survey  
The plan we hatched is to give this SSP Survey one last promotion at the July People's Assembly, then close it a week after that. Ideally, we can have a couple of people at the People's Assembly who are helping folks fill out the survey (paper and/or iPad), and of course enter their names in the final grand prize cash draw. Miya is then going to start her survey after that so we don't muddy the waters with two simultaneous surveys (and so we can really make sure people are totally surveyed out in case they aren't already. In the meantime, CF team is Continuing to get responses we are sitting at 124 Nicole is going to try to get us up to 150 respondents towards the end of the month
- CDC meeting on May 12, 2020 Received verbal reports from Director of Children and Family Wellness as well as Director of Community Services one the agenda was Child and Family Wellness Financial Support Policy, Detox and Treatment Center Policy and Guidelines, Funeral Assistance Policy and Emergency Childcare Benefit.
- Attended a virtual conference presented by the ShchEma-mee.tkt (Our Children) Project, on May 21st and 22nd. The conference was in regard to the Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families, which affirms Indigenous peoples' inherent right to exercise jurisdiction over child and family services, that came into force on January 1, 2020. The Act establishes national standards such as the best interests of the child, cultural continuity, and substantive equality to help guide the provision of Indigenous child and family services across all jurisdictions. Our HFN team has quite advanced knowledge about the interaction of federal, provincial and our own laws through Maeghan, I found the webinar conference very useful for me In understanding the act bill C 92.
- Bill C-92 - Sent out follow up to the federal ministers following up on the Notice Huu-ay-aht served March 31 2020 regarding child and family jurisdiction and the request for a coordination agreement was sent on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The provincial government respond on May 12, 2020 to the to the original notice that was sent out March 31st basically stating that they're waiting for federal government to respond. We announced in the notice Accordingly, we request a response no later than May 28, 2020 That date has now passed with no response. In the meantime, the team is started WORKPLAN for HFN Child and Family Jurisdiction and Coordination Agreement. Identifying timelines and high-level goals for meetings with Canada, BC and tripartite, reviewing existing HFN funding/deliverables with federal funding, budget, Legislative development and Litigation strategy.
- Director of Children and Family Wellness is working on draft Children and Families Wellness Financial Support policy. The draft was visited once by CDC we're going to have a look at it again come June 16th 2020 next CDC meeting.

- Attended Zoom meeting with children and families team, the team checks and every Monday. I sang a song to the team and let them know how appreciative I am of the CF team and how well they are doing, was a good check in talked about our HFN social services project and how far along we've come in a short amount of time acknowledging their hard work and dedication.

Emerging Issues

- SSP Survey has come to a standstill We have been sitting at 124 responses for two weeks, stats from the survey response,

Age Group	# of Responses	Age Group	# of Responses
10-19	1	50-59	19
20-29	24	60-69	11
30-39	32	70-79	2
40-49	35	80-89	0

I am looking for support from my fellow council members to talk about this survey in their up and coming committee meetings so that we could reach our goal of 300 responses.

- From funeral policy needs to go to Ha'wiih Council and Nananiiqsu develop further policy or policies to ensure that travel expenses for family related to both end of life and attending funerals are adequately covered. In the meantime, Coral Johnson is going to be preparing materials for Ha'wiih Council and Nananiiqsu, but due to the pandemic we are not sure when the next Nananiiqsu meeting is going to be.
- Notice Federal Government  
We did not hear back from federal ministers by the May 28th In regard to hour follow up notice sent out on May 14th 2020 we should think about outing them.... we could do political advocacy to hold them to task. Either directly or indirectly...Send an email and FNLC could advocate generally without naming Huu-ay-aht this is something that was offered by FNLC.
- graduation ceremony working on what that would look like maybe via zoom or Facebook, working out details there are 16+ graduates from a diploma/certificate/degree programs or Dogwood since last July and there are 10 coming up next July. This conversation started in regard to acknowledging our graduates on May 9th

Area of Responsibility: **Community Health,**

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus COVID-19 Updates Addressed our concerns end our thoughts on proposing that the NTC nurses comprehensive testing in Anacla. As well as asking what the screening process will be is in place to ensure that the people coming into our territory are healthy and have been following safe practices. The following is speaking notes that I referenced for this meeting provided by legal counsel.

- Huu-ay-aht understands that the provincial policy is not to have comprehensive testing & not to test those who are not symptomatic
  - We recognize there are sound reasons for setting that as provincial-wide policy
  - But we are also aware that there are good medical arguments in favour of more comprehensive testing as things start to open, in order to open up safely—and that different countries are taking different approaches. The medical debate is not settled.
- We are not here to comment on the provincial policy generally
- We are here to talk about what is right for Huu-ay-aht (and may be right for other Nuu-chah-nulth communities)

- Remote indigenous communities are recognized by federal and provincial governments to be more vulnerable to Covid than the general population
- We also have painful histories that ground us in taking a more cautious approach to protect our communities and especially our elders
- We are raising the need for comprehensive testing in our community in the face now of the British Columbia government considering opening our territory, our Hahoulthee, to more and more outsiders
  - This **increases the risk** to our communities from where we are at now
  - That is why our leadership has said that there should be no opening of the territory without testing for our community—we need to be pro-active before we increase our risk.
- We know that different communities may need different measures to achieve equal outcomes—safety and well-being are everyone’s hope
  - Our communities are facing increased risk—especially with opening up to outsiders—starting from a more vulnerable place. Therefore, we need a more comprehensive approach on testing. That’s how to balance it.
- Key points:
  - We know that testing non-symptomatic people leads to some false negatives.
    - We are not proposing to rely *only* on the testing to keep us safe: we are going to keep doing what we are doing to stay safe.
    - It is an added measure to balance the added risk we face.
    - Facilitating early detection of any cases (allowing for early response and isolation) will nevertheless be worthwhile in our community
- We propose that:
  - **The NTC nurses that now have the skills to test do comprehensive testing in Anacla every week, when they are already in our community. (*This is the additional measure Huu-ay-aht is requesting*).**
- Additionally, if a person becomes symptomatic, testing would be done in line with the current protocols for testing symptomatic people (at day 3 or 4), along with all of the contact tracing protocols etc. (*this is what they are already planning on doing*)

Chief Don Svanvik and Kelly Speck from the Namgis First Nation talked about Outbreak Response in this meeting was very eye opening and concerning on how vulnerable our small communities are along the west coast.

We also asked the question of “what screening will be in place to ensure people coming into the territory are healthy & have been following safe practices?” at this meeting.

All Nuu-chah-nulth Leaders agreed to continue meet every two weeks next meeting June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 12:30-3:00 same day as the Provincial BC First Nations Chiefs and Leaders Teleconference 10:30-12:00.

- Attend Ha’wiih meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> to give C-19 update.
- Attending BI weekly Housing Oversight Body Meeting.
- Attending weekly Taskforce meeting Planning In regard to COVID-19.
- Attended BI weekly Provincial BC First Nations Chiefs and Leaders Teleconference.
- Attending weekly Strategic Priorities Review.

#### Emerging Issues

- Hope our question will be answered in regard to screening process for visitors coming on June 4th as well What we proposed in regard to our NTC nurse doing comprehensive testing in community.