

April 2020

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 14, attended meeting with Minister Bennet regarding COVID 19 related issues, programs and services. Emphasized testing issue with her.• Communication response from Gord Johns that he is raising the Emergency Wage Subsidy issue with appropriate Minister.• Communication with Minister Scott Fraser regarding road issue and its connection to Forestry and Fishery Renewal and the Bamfield Road Project being an Infrastructure Project that is shovel ready.• Worked with Bob Beckett to do a joint COVID message.• April 24 – attended the Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation Funds meeting.• Delegated Trevor Cootes and Larry Johnson to attend the Pacific Salmon treaty Mitigation funds meeting.
2) Ing Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 7 – prepared for the Tseshaht meeting.• April 8, met with Tseshaht regarding TFL 44 transaction.• Met with NTC President and Vice President to promote the importance of COVID 19 testing for HFN.• Met with NTC Vice – President to review HFN related issues that we may need her support.• April 22 – communicated with Judith Sayers regarding a support letter to Premier Horgan related to the Bamfield Road Upgrade as Economic Stimulus.• April 28 – attend NTC PST Mitigation fund debrief meeting.

<p>3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 1 – attended to three citizen issues related to the following, COVID 19, cheque re-imbusement, contract related issue. • During the month I have had ongoing dialogue with citizens regarding HFN issues.
<p>4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet, discuss and strategize with Trudy and Heather on the following internal communication issues, open letter to citizens regarding COVID 19, Federal announcement regarding Emergency Wage Subsidy issue and TFL 44. • During the month I periodically met with Munroe Thompson, to plan and implement external communications. • April 23, following interviews regarding wage subsidy program with, CBC Radio, Hashilthsa, CHEK TV (delegated Trevor. • Worked with NTC to develop Mitigation Fund Communication Plan.
<p>5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.</p>	<p>April 1 - Spoke to Larry Johnson regarding the Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation fund. Also prepared for April 24 meeting. This is a Maa-nulth treaty related issue.</p>
<p>6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 6, 14, 20, 27, met with Trudy and Nathan regarding weekly issues and tasks related to adherence to and enforcement of laws, policy and regulations.
<p>7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 7 and 22, attended TFL 44 LP Board Meeting. • April 3, 10, 17, 24 – met with Patrick Schmit to discuss HFN-HG economic issues. • April 28, attend an internal HFN meeting to strategize on Me Too and PST Mitigation Fund plan.

<p>8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing and considering major events of the past and considering celebration for the following. House of Huu-ay-aht 20 year celebration, West Coast Trail 50 year celebration, • Begin plans to host 2021 Huu-ay-aht days.
<p>9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 1 -30 attend to Chief Councilor duties and responsibilities at AGO. • April 1 - met with Trudy regarding Executive Director related issues.
<p>10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People’s Assembly;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 3, 9 and 30 – attended HFN Executive Council meetings. • On going discussion with Executive Council regarding a Special Peoples Assembly.
<p>11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councilors;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 21, met with Councilors Edward Johnson, John Jack, Trevor Cootes and Charlie Clappis to review work to date and to plot political strategies and tasks moving forward.
<p>12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People’s Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 3, 6,, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, attended the Strategic Priorities Task Force meetings. • Federal Wage subsidy issue. Hashiltsa • TFL 44 article in Hashilthsa.Hashilthsa

Emerging Issues:

1. Infrastructure

- **Accelerate Sewer Project**
- **Housing Policy – not all housing is Social Housing, others include Elders, Market, Emergency Housing.**
- **Sub-division – start preparing for next phase including funding.**
- **Additional dollars**

2. HFN private lands to treaty lands – issued mandate to John, expect to see report at May 2020.

3. Language and culture activities to support local economy.

- **HFN Huuayaht Days 2021 – establish planning committee with terms of reference.**
- **Pole Raising – pay out account and set pole raising date and select location, suggest Kingfisher Marina.**
- **Canoe Launching – set date.**
- **Nuuchahnulth Canoe Journey – suggestion only.**
- **20 Year anniversary of House of Huu-ay-aht, July 15, 2020. Upgrade and Maintenance, cultural celebration.**

4. Me Too and Pacific Salmon Treaty Mitigation Fund meeting, plotted strategy with HFN and NTC.

5. Revenue Generation and Financial Plan

- **Road**
- **Housing**
- **TFL 44**

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Council Report for John Alan Jack April, 2020

Finance Portfolio

Progress Report

We have conducted several meetings to ensure that we have a good handle on the complications presented by the COVID-19 situation. With our present CFO, Paul Rokeby-Thomas, moving on; we have started working with a contractor who has taken up those responsibilities in the interim (Matthew Hartney). The main focus the department has taken, now that the immediate tasks presented by COVID-19 have been dealt with in the last month, is a focus on ensuring that the audit is completed to required specifications. Mr. Hartney has since shared different approaches to updating and presenting reports in a more mature manner, which looks as though it will allow the committee and department to make more-strategic contributions rather than fixating on the merely administrative.

Progress continues on a both a resource analysis for the entire nation, both the government and our business holdings, to enable greater choice in high-level decision-making on major initiatives, and an in-house risk analysis of one major initiative in particular. This work will likely continue into May and June, but we will be prepared for providing useful information for ultimate decision-making afterwards.

Our Nation is participating actively in federal fiscal policy collaboration, which directly helps our renegotiation of the FFA with the federal government and securing more money for (1) cost of government, (2) housing and infrastructure, (3) natural resources and treaty management, (4) socioeconomic well-being, (5) culture-language-heritage, and (6) gap funding for any item that hasn't yet been covered. We have already concluded the cost of government category successfully increasing funding in that area from the federal government, and we are focusing now on both housing-and-infrastructure, and natural resource and treaty management. If we are able to conclude the table work, we should be able to make a submission to the Treasury Board in the Fall Session for the next fiscal year. These efforts are perhaps some of the most cost-effective means of addressing our budgetary concerns as a Nation.

Also, we are supporting the updates being contemplated to our own HR Policy Regulation as recommendations come out of an Executive-Director / SMT led review of the organization.

Emerging Issues

Many of the emerging issues are being covered off in other areas, but the most salient emerging issue is already being addressed: we need administrative focus on the work being done federally on our fiscal relationship there, and the same for our provincial fiscal relationship. As of this report, but outside this month, we have made arrangements for key personnel with expertise in HFN and what's going on there to continue representing us and providing good working information to support the processes.

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

The ACRD has a budget and it is now working with the City of Port Alberni and the West Coast communities on the development of COVID-19 related recovery plans. This extends beyond EOC processes, and the first steering committee meeting has been convened by the time of this report. It is very likely that the ACRD and the City will want to see wide and deep participation from mature partners like Huu-ay-aht, so if I haven't already, an invite to present to a large group of stakeholders will be forthcoming.

Emerging Issues

Conducting our COVID-19 Recovery Strategy will be key in our future success, individually and as a part of the greater community. A component of this will be ensuring that all components and interests within the region are on the same page when it comes to objectives, values, and activities the whole should adopt to conduct recovery safely and in cooperation. Our interests will best be served by ensuring that HFN can meaningfully present to that large group to help

provide momentum for doing things in the right way, rather than an imbalanced approach that fails to take the most-vulnerable into account.

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

Progress Report

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

We have begun work on lobbying the Province and the Federal Government on the creation of a legacy fund connected to major business project consultations based on our own valuations on land, resources and opportunities through our traditional culture and economies. The plan would be for this to be a process that would establish a structured and known way for big projects to contribute to an investment in our environmental and cultural sustainability as a part of economic reconciliation processes.

Emerging Issues

We have begun to interact with BC on meaningful consultation regarding the UNDRIP Legislation, given that it was introduced and passed without much meaningful consultation, we need to keep pressure on to ensure that BC respects and understands the place of Treaty Nations in future governmental work. We are not the same as nations without treaty, and groups like the UBCIC, AFN and Leadership Council do not effectively represent the interests of Treaty First Nations.

There is work being conducted in reconnecting with BC on meeting with senior cabinet ministers and the Premier in the time between now and a special Forum in the Fall. This won't replace the Premier's Forum, but we may want to ensure Robert's availability.

The Director of Implementation has taken her maternity leave, so it's important that we lean on established expertise to help carry us along. We have already appointed a member of the Treaty Implementation Committee as the alternate director for the Maa-nulth Treaty Society Board of Directors, this is in addition to the help that expert citizen Ed Johnson Sr. has been giving in regards to the treaty fisheries work going on all the time concurrent to other governmental work.

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.

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. This does not mean I won't be available for important meetings like Council or a People's Assembly, but secondary and tertiary meetings might not occur with my being able to be present.



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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Councillor: Charlie Clappis

Month: April

Area of Responsibility: Infrastructure and Housing

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Meetings with Housing Oversight Body. 30-day action plan approved with various built in initiatives. Policy discussions and planning including an Anacla Homeowner Cooperative formation. Meetings with Urban systems about fast tracking sewer project. Great progress has been seen in the last 2 weeks. Other meeting to support the Cultural/Interpretive Center project planning.

Emerging Issues

- 2019/20 Project Development -Application for Community Fund with BC Housing in May
- Implementing the Housing Panel Report -Transition to Housing Provider by July 1

Area of Responsibility: Recreation and Community Development

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Starting an 8-week growing your own food program called Anacla Community Food Initiative with a small grant. Started construction of Elders firewood sheds with the Warriors program. Approval of Anacla community committee

Emerging Issues

Committee member call-out

Area of Responsibility: Lands and Natural Resources

Discussion with Chief Councillor on planned action items

Emerging Issues:

Approve committee members

Area of Responsibility: Law and Policy Development

Special meeting to discuss Elections Act

General

Covid-19 pandemic meetings and planning