

Respected Huu ay aht citizens

My name is Ben Clappis and as you know I am running for council, I'd like to take a few minutes to share my background

My mother was late Annie Clappis and my father was late Andy Clappis

I have lived in Anacla since 1981, my plans are live in our homeland of Anacla till I leave this earth

My wife Clara and I raised six children here in Anacla; I have been on council in the past. In the 14-15 years which I enjoyed working and looking out and helping Huu ay aht people My portfolio was community Human Service which is Health and Education ; also the liaison with NTC in health , I was on the board of directors for 12 years

I was an alternate for Robert Dennis at BC Chiefs First Nation Summit FNS and also Chiefs of Canada assembly of first nation AFN for the 14- 15 years in Intergovernmental Affairs , I have some knowledge of business outside of Huuayaht , however still focus on Huuayaht business.

I was fully involved in negotiating a Treaty for Huu ay aht through all my terms, to signing day April 1<sup>st</sup> 2010.

At FNS involved with taken other health service from Canada which is done and completed and taken over by a formed First Nation Health Authority.

Negotiated for the Bamfield Government wharf for our people, to tie up our boats without problems. This deal with Minister of Transport gave HFN a lump sum of money. In result we now own the Government Wharf in Bamfield. Jobs were created for Huuayaht citizens.

I also sat as a liaison for North Island Collage developing programs for First Nations, I also work with School District 70 in Port Alberni, as a liaison

In the last four years I've been working in the shake and shingle business. just recently I have been trained through Western Forrest Products to drive logging trucks , I have a class one licence.

The treaty was negotiated for all Huu ay aht people and Huu ay aht people should be treated equal and fairly

Are new elected government should work for are people

If I'm elected for council I would like to carry on the work I've done in the past terms for all Huu ay aht citizens

Sincerely Ben Clappis

Duane Nookemis

I have lived in the village of Anacla for most of my life and have raised a family here , I am very proud to be Huuayaht

I also have had the privilege of working for the Huuayaht Nation for the last 20+ years in a number of different areas, fisheries, forestry and with the Huuayaht Group of Businesses

I believe this experience will help me on council in deciding which direction our Nation needs to go , areas where we can gain employment, areas we should be protecting from logging, ensuring that we are protecting our rivers and creeks for future generations

Some of the key points I would concentrate on and bring to Executive Council include

- 1) A open and transparent Government , where meaningful discussion with Huuayaht's shape our decisions
- 2) Ensure we are doing everything to help Huuayaht who are attending training, school and university
- 3) I would like a Government that treats all Huuayaht's fairly regardless of where they choose to live , making all programs available to all Huuayaht's
- 4) We talk about creating employment, but we have jobs here but don't employ Huuayaht , we need to find out why ?
- 5) Ensure that Huuayaht Group of Businesses has a plan that puts Huuayaht's in charge of managing our businesses
- 6) Ensure that Huuayaht group of Businesses when dealing with HFN Government does so in good faith and not to maximize it profits off our Government
- 7) Take control of our Forestry operation, we don't even have a Registered Forester on staff to do this even though we have Huuayaht that have this certification
- 8) ensuring that our youth have every opportunity to participate in sports , music and rewarding them for continuing their education , encouraging them to go further
- 9) helping Huuayaht's that would like to start businesses , with help doing the research and funding options

There are many opportunities in our Territory that we don't take advantage of , such as road maintenance, brushing contracts with logging companies and Hydro

I believe that if we Truly want to be Self Governing Nation we should be enabling and pushing our people to get the training and schooling they need to be self efficient wherever they choose to live

I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you and discussing your concerns and visions for the future of not only the Huuayaht Nation but for yourselves and your families

Thank you

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Thank you huu-ay-aht citizens for considering me for this important position.

I would like to express my enthusiasm in applying for the council seat vacated by Connie Wadell. Thanks, Connie, for your excellent service and continuation in your new position.

All of us have memories of places we have lived including myself from Kildonan to Portsnook, Dogers Cove, Bamfield, Sarita River and Anacla - life on the west coast. During that time, I worked in the commercial fishing industry and for a short time in the forestry industry.

The last 12 months of serving on the HFN Economic Committee and Board has given me a greater insight and understanding of concerns our citizens and nation face. Community involvement and decision making will have great importance with a-bottom-up rather than a top-down approach.

I bring a strong record of business and management skills to the table through companies that I have owned and nurtured to great success. Some of these include as a moving company contractor; local and national trucking company; international shipping company with offices in Canada, Singapore and India.

My goal, if elected to this council position, is to work alongside our band to realize business potential through our many resources. I believe my calm but effective nature will complement the already strong team who are responsible for ensuring a strong economic stable environment for our band.

The past year has given me plenty of opportunity to do volunteer work for the nation such as: writing a letter to Premier Horgan encouraging the province to improve the road from Port Alberni to Bamfield; writing reports for HFN Fisheries and Forestry; and numerous new business project proposals.

What I see as the most pressing goals for us:

Create new business's in the homeland which would stop the huge exit of families and give new job opportunities to citizens that would love to return home.

- Forestry : Diversification and Innovation will be essential for the future
- Fisheries: emphasizing on aquaculture as apposed to a wild salmon fisheries
- Tourism : ( post covid era) Domestic travel will be the new exotic destination
- Substance abuse and treatment
- Education and Job training
- Health care and lodging for our Elders

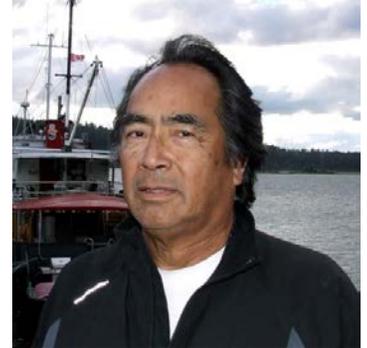
Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try.

# Jack Cook

I have put my name forward as a candidate seeking election as an elected Member of Huu-ay-aht First Nation (HFN) Government's Executive Council (EC) to represent Huu-ay-aht Citizens living at home (Treaty Settlement Lands - TSL) and away from home.

I am in Yaalthuu-a (Jeff Cook's) - Yaalthuuwashtakamlthath (house). My Huu-ay-aht name is Hay-uu-chish-tuulth, given to me by my maternal grandmother Mary Moses. I have a strong cultural background with my up-bringing from my grandmother Mary Moses, my Aunt Fanny Williams (nee Cook) and Uncle Alex Williams.

My family includes my wife, Deborah N. Cook, of 47 years; our oldest daughter Susan Cook (grandchildren Hailey and Ethan), our son (Herbert) Daniel Cook and youngest daughter Hazel Cook (grandchildren Daniel and Hanna).



## Past experience:

- HFN - Executive Council member (2011 – 2015)
- Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) and Maa-nulth Treaty Society – HFN Director
- Steelhead LNG - Executive council member
- Cooperative Management Board (HFN/Parks Canada) - Chairperson
- Nananiqsu Grandparents Cultural Society - Chairperson
- Tlu-piich Games Committee- HFN Committee member
- HFN Economic Development Committee - Committee member

## Present:

- HFN Committees:
  - Finance - Committee member
  - Invested Wealth Funds - Director
  - Huu-ay-aht Settlement Trust - Director
  - Huumiis Ventures LP - Director
  - Forestry Consulting Services LP - Director
  - Treaty Implementation Committee - Committee member
  - NTC and Maa-nulth Treaty Society – Proxy Director (for EC member)

## Next:

As a member of HFN Executive Council, I will encourage Huu-ay-aht Citizens to graduate from secondary school and to continue into their post-secondary studies. Completion of secondary education, post-secondary studies, career training and employment opportunities, will be for the benefit of the citizens starting their careers at home (TSL) and away from home and lead to healthier living for their families.

In addition, as a team player, I will work with fellow Executive Council members to seek economic/business opportunities on Huu-ay-aht Treaty Settlement Lands and away from home.

Please feel free to call me at (250) 723-1683 or send a message via email to: [thecs@shaw.ca](mailto:thecs@shaw.ca)  
I will be more than happy to chat with you.

Thank You for your support,  
Hay-uu-chish-tuulth, Jack Cook

**NOTE: Voting day is Saturday, September 26th, 2020**