

August 2020

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed a very aggressive plan to get the Bamfield road issue across the finish line. Presented ACRD report seeking their support to seek Scott Fraser's support for the Bamfield Road Upgrade.• Collaborating with Bob Beckett of ACRD to get Bamfield residents and interested parties to submit letters to Scott Fraser supporting Fix the Bamfield Road campaign initiative.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• August 4, - met with Ken Watts, External Affairs Contractor to develop project work list for him.• August 11, in discussion with Mariah Charleson regarding ISC funding announcement and NTC getting testing equipment for COVID 19. Both initiative HFN has been pursuing.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussed plan with Connie regarding HFN community engagement sessions.• Informed Jackson Charles Dennis the communication route to take regarding his bid for security services.
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This continues to be one of my main and priority responsibilities. This month I've had numerous sessions with HFN citizens relating to housing, financial and economic issues.• Assigned councilors to speak to their portfolio issues.• Suggested to the team we start Letter writing campaign thanking HFN citizens who attended People Assembly and respond to the issues raised by participants.
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instruct Charlie to have full report to EC regarding treaty fishing allocations.

6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connie and I have daily discussion to ensure full adherence to, and enforcement of the constitution, legislation and policies.
7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review economic development portfolio with Trevor and have regular discussion with CEO to ensure we are promoting and maintaining a sound HFN economy. • Focus is on TFL 44 and APD acquisition.
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Tliishin and Edward to ensure a priority plan that promotes Huuayaht values, culture, tradition and language. •
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have daily discussion with ED to ensure proper management and administration.
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This month has been focusing community engagement sessions so that citizens review and consider all information necessary to make an informed decision on the TFL 44 and APD proposed acquisition. • August 13 – prepared for and attend EC meeting.
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"> • Reviewed Charlies portfolio and additional mandates. • Worked with Trevor regarding the external affairs portfolio.
12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	
13) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy.	



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TREVORCOOTES, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AUGUST REPORT, 2020 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

PORTFOLIO:

- EC established Covid 19 task force participate weekly on work and recommendations to EC
 - Weekly meeting stopped in August and is standing item on EC meetings
- Attended 4 CES community engagement sessions and attended Peoples Assembly Vancouver location
- 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



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- Huuayaht Tourism 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 part of EDP at spring legislature with input from Citizens, EC, Hawiik and Nanaiisqu.
- Run of the River – Continue to meet with BC Hydro working towards finalizing EPA by end of year, meetings with BC Hydro picking up meeting twice a month
- 12 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.



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External Communications Federal

- Working with H&K on Federal Strategy ongoing
- Priorities Fisheries Strategy and Housing/Infrastructure system.
- 1 priority pushing road issue ongoing
- Helping push Huuayaht Fisheries goals externally
- Helping Infrastructure portfolio holder push housing priority externally

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



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Councillor Łicitath (Edward R. Johnson) August 2020 Progress Report:

Area of Responsibility: Reviewing all Portfolios and committees

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

- *Community Engagement Session in Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Port Alberni, Anacla.*
- *Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus - COVID-19 and Vancouver Island Caucus: Health System Investigation*
- *Attended BI weekly Provincial BC First Nations Chiefs and Leaders Teleconference*
- *Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus Discussion on Addressing Racism Investigation*
- *Attending BI weekly Housing Oversight Body Meeting.*
- *Attended Finance Committee meetings*
- *Attended community engagement sessions in Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo.*

Area of Responsibility: [Community Health]

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- FNHA announced the launch of the First Nations Virtual Substance Use and Psychiatry Service. This innovative new service from FNHA will be an additional tool to support community-based care providers to further enhance wraparound mental health and substance use care closer to home for First Nations people and their families. The service is set to launch to community health and wellness providers on Monday August 24th, 2020.
- visit to the homelands and talking with a few citizens last last month during my visit there seems to be quite a few cats in Anacla wondering what we can do about this or what we have done in the past they seem to be multiplying rapidly.

In some of my conversations with citizens there seems to be a concern about our totem poles that are adjacent to our Pachena River they need to be cleaned and repainted these conversations are coming from our elders.

I remember Master Carver Ed Johnson (my dad) putting together a quote for maintenance/clean up and painting totem poles For Torrence this was all before I was on council, I believe part of the quote was doing an extensive cleaning taking the totem poles to Ed's shed and getting rid of rot....

My travel to the homelands was a good visit spent the day communicating with citizens safely.

The youth had their sports day I participated in a race I came third mind you there was only three of us racing, but it sounds better than last place lol.

Our HFN youth were very happy and excited to be having a sports day on this day there was a barbecue lunch and a 3 on 3 basketball tournament.

Suggestion that we get HFN ribbons made up for our youth and possibly having another sports day before the fall. We need to invest in our youth more they're all very athletic we need more activities. A lot of the youth were wearing their HFN T shirts and shorts from past NTC games was great to see the pride in all of them.

During the barbecue lunch at the Soaring Eagle there was an elder talking about language and sharing how to pronounce words this was a good gathering of laughter and teachings. I could see something coming of this where we share a meal and share the language and pay our elders for their language knowledge down the road very soon

This gathering reminded me of a vision I had when I was the Culture and Youth Worker In my vision I seen renovations to the Soaring Eagle that have happened as well as paving the driveway to play sports on and a picnic table. To complete this vision of great gatherings is a gazebo/fire pit in the yard and a fenced in yard around the Soaring Eagle. When I had this vision it was a place of gathering a place where community members felt safe could have birthday parties community barbecues.....

The picnic table at the Soaring Eagle needs to be repaired could be a potential hazard If not repaired soon. The picnic table is made out of concrete it looks like somebody backed into it and is quite wobbly I have attached pictures.

Was good to be back in community thought I would share my vision and my thoughts on my day in Anacora.

- Nuuchahnulth Health Caucus Discussion on Addressing Racism Investigation and going over proposed mandate for task force

Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, a former judge and longtime children's advocate in BC will produce a report on racism in the BC health system following allegations that health-care staff in emergency rooms were playing a "game" to guess the blood-alcohol level of Indigenous patients.

In the Vancouver Island Region, Chiefs have called for the creation of task force, to work under the existing structure of the Vancouver Island Partnership Accord, to respond to the immediate need for action to address racism within Island Health and the broader health system.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and Island Health recognize the legacy of trauma and health and social inequities caused by colonization and oppressive practices such as the Indian Residential School system, the Indian Act, Indian Hospitals and child welfare approaches including the Sixties Scoop. Both organizations also acknowledge that the current health system continues to cause harm through culturally unsafe care and systemic racism. The need to work together to create a culturally safe and humble healthcare system is reflected in the Vancouver Island Partnership Accord and the commitment between FNHA and Island Health to work collaboratively on addressing issues of shared priority. Building on the Partnership Accord, FNHA and Island Health agree to:

- Leverage their partnership to act as change leaders in creating a health care system that is free from racism and discrimination, and ensures Indigenous people feel safe when accessing care;
- Uphold the concepts of cultural safety, cultural humility, and respect; and to follow the protocol these concepts provide;
- Embed the concepts of cultural safety and humility into the health system across all levels of Island Health, including operations, policy, and quality

- Focus on concrete actions to demonstrate cultural safety within acute care facilities across the Vancouver Island Region; and
- Ensure that local First Nations and Indigenous peoples priorities are driving the cultural safety and humility initiatives within acute care facilities across the Vancouver Island Region.

This Task Force also acknowledges the passing of Bill 41 – 2019 Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, and the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

PROPOSED MANDATE

The Task Force will provide a shared voice to guide and inform the VI regional process in response to the Investigation. The Task Force will:

- Take direction from VI Chiefs, Health Directors/Leads and their communities.
- Guide decision-making regarding the implementation of the Investigation's

recommendations.

- Develop and oversee an action plan in response to the reported racism that exists within VI Health Authority region and address recommendations of the Investigation.
 - Advise and make recommendations to the Partnership Accord Steering Committee (PASC) regarding the partnership work between VI First Nations, FNHA, and Island Health.
 - Hold Island Health accountable for the provision of culturally safe care.
 - Ensure that the process is completed within the timeframe and budget.
 - Transition activities to the PASC prior to sunset for ongoing monitoring.
- First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and Island Health, announce that the Paddling Together Toward Culturally Safe Emergency Care for Nuu-chah-nulth Elders report is finally complete. Please find attached:
The Update Letter on the Trauma-Informed Emergency Care for Elders project. This update letter shares what the team has been doing since the gatherings and outlines future plans.

Area of Responsibility: [Language and Culture]

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Working with Master Canoe Carver Joe Martin in Tofino.
- Discussions with Jim Lee on Potential funding for bringing treasures home for placement in the Cultural Center Repatriation grant through BC museum associations As well as discussions on potential funding of \$40,000 to buy special equipment to support art programming That would be attached to the Cultural Center.
- Welcomed the Environmental Law class to the BMSC this Field Course is Usually held on campus, but due to the pandemic this year it's on zoom the major educational goals and course objectives below.

This course explores the structures of governance, policy, law and management that shape environmental governance in Nuu-chah-nulth territory on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, B.C., with special attention to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation. By examining relationships with the environment, the goal is to better understand ongoing colonialism and reconciliation in the context of addressing complex socio-ecological problems. We conduct this exploration as visitors to Huu-ay-aht territory and knowledge, with their permission, and through the topics of (1) aboriginal rights and title, (2) science in law, (3) land use and marine planning, and (4) energy and natural resources infrastructure/extraction systems in B.C. to better understand the overlapping jurisdictional and governance systems that shape the region. The central themes that anchor this course are the

socio-ecology of the West Coast of Vancouver Island and the Indigenous communities who have governed this territory for millenia, ecosystem-based management, Indigenous rights and law, and herring as a representative element of the ecosystem.

Welcoming the class was different this year for sure there was participants from all across Canada was a good welcome we talked about the three sacred principles, talked about treaty, talked culture and share the story about 4 great spirits in the book Voices of The Elders, turns out the class is reading the book which I thought was really cool they all have a copy.

- Meeting with Les Doiron and Scott Jeary from the First Nations Education Foundation in Port Alberni in regards to language coop Lesson Scott are eager to get started on what the coop will look like. The coop idea still needs to go to the elders group and Tliishin would like more information Coop.

Emerging Issues

- Continuing to wait for when it's safe for our elders together to talk about Language Coop And need to set up a meeting with Tliishin, Scott Jerry and less Doiron from the First Nations Education Foundation to talk about Coop.

Area of Responsibility: [Cooperative Management Board (CMB)]

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Talks with PRNPR about SRKW info

Emerging Issues

- SRKW Need to purchase boat for WCT Guardians

Area of Responsibility: [Citizen Development Committee (CDC)]

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Cancel citizen development meeting on Aug 21, 2020 due to not reaching quarm mixed proposed date for citizen development September 16th 2020
- SSTF meeting on Aug 24, 2020 to reviewing 30 recommendations.
- Meeting with the Regional Manager, Mental Health and Wellness Vancouver Island Region from the First Nations Health Authority. The meeting was In regards to surge capacity funding for a elder's care worker to connect those elders that are in care virtually to their families setting up appointments for families to visit. thinking this job could be a full-time position. thinking perhaps it can be piloted with Huuayaht, and if successful, can look to partnerships with care homes as well as NTC or other nations to see how our elders can be looked after at this time.
- Social services panel survey was wrapped up last month and is forecasted to be completed by November I'm hoping.
- Conversations with a citizen in regard to elders.

Conversation led to that we need to do more our elders, talked about how we can preparing our elders for old age I mentioned that we should bring this two our elders group when it starts back up on coming up with plans when comes to old age, we need to ask our elder on what they would like to see in there plan for when they're getting on in their years To ensure that our elders will be taken care of. We also talked about our own HFN Elders Care facility and what that would look like was a great conversation it's something that i would like to look into.



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Councillor: Charlie Clappis August Progress Report

Area of Responsibility: Infrastructure and Housing

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

One meeting with Housing Oversight Body. Policy discussions continue and planning including an Anacla Homeowner Cooperative formation. Another meeting with CCP group.

Emerging Issues-Application for Community Fund with BC Housing by September. Award of Sewer project

Area of Responsibility: Recreation and Community Development

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives: Trip to Cabins, supporting inspections, youth basketball

Area of Responsibility: Lands and Natural Resources

Waiting to hear about a committee approval.

Area of Responsibility: Law and Policy Development

No meetings in August

Area of Responsibility: Community Involvement

- Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Forest Board- Chaired one board meeting
- Bamfield Community Hall Society Board- No meeting
- Bamfield Road Safety Association Board-No meeting
- First Nations Infrastructure and Housing Council Advisory Group- One meeting
- First Nations Technology Council- No meeting
- Music by the Sea Society Board- No meeting

Annual holidays from August 24 to September 4