

June 2020

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June 11 - Review of provincial legislation regarding UNDRIP.</li><li>• June 15 – attended Bamfield Community Affairs meeting.</li><li>• June 19 – attended meeting with Premier and Scott Fraser.</li></ul>
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June 1, attended ABCMTN meeting.</li><li>• June 4, attended NTC Directors meetings to discuss 2020-21 budget and HFN motion regarding opening our territories.</li><li>• June 10 – attended ABCMTN meeting.</li><li>• June 30 – attended and participate in NTC Directors meeting.</li></ul>
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During the month of June I met with numerous citizens to inform them of certain HFN issues.</li></ul>
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked closely with ED and Heather to develop and maintain effective systems of communication with HFN citizens and provincial government.</li></ul>
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• June 12 – meeting discussion with TLW regarding treaty related fishing issues.</li></ul>
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintained regular communication and discussion with legal counsel and ED to ensure adherence to, and enforcement of legal requirements.</li></ul>

<p>7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 3 – met with Brian Butler, Shannon Jensen and Robert Botterell to meet and discuss ways to promote a higher standard of living for HFN workers through the TFL 44 transaction.</li> <li>• June 12 – meeting discussion with Evan Cook regarding economic development opportunities and review of his proposal.</li> <li>• June 15 – telephone discussion with Don Demons of Western Forest Products to discuss the pending deal between HFN and WFP.</li> </ul>
<p>8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended meeting with Kathleen Dennis to review and give cultural advice to her seat.</li> </ul>
<p>9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended daily to administrative matters related to my Chief Council duties and responsibilities, such as emails, telephone calls, reports, meeting with citizens.</li> <li>• June 1,, 8, 15, 22, 29 attended meeting with Acting EC to review and consider weekly activities.</li> <li>• Attended to COVID 19 data, stats etc of other jurisdictions.</li> <li>• June 9 attended Housing Oversight Board meeting to hear progress report.</li> <li>• June 3 attended to the LA trailer issue.</li> <li>• June 5, 12,19, 26 attended weekly Strategic Priorities Task Force meetings.</li> <li>• June 8 - Reviewed email regarding David Daniel Bird dangerous assault case.</li> <li>• June 8 – attended PRNPR meeting.</li> <li>• June 9 – attended Hawaii Council meeting to discuss Guiding Principles of Sustainability and AAC Determination.</li> <li>• June 12 – infrastructure related issues regarding proposed basketball court, housing</li> <li>• June 15 – 19 attended to Chief Councilor duties and responsibilities at AGO.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 22 to 26, June 29, 30 daily SPTF meetings at 8:00 am. To review available cash.</li> </ul>
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 11, 12, and 25 prepared for and participated in Executive Council meetings.</li> </ul>
11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and</li> <li>ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councilors;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 3, 25 and 29 – attend to portfolio review, duties, responsibilities and mandates.</li> <li>• Spoke about elders housing – make it happen.</li> <li>• June 4, committee review process – on going work.</li> <li>• June 24 – committee and portfolio review.</li> </ul>
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.	

### Emerging issues

1. Available Cash – met with EC members and team to review available cash for the TFL 44 deal.
2. Bamfield road – worked closely with Elizabeth and Trevor to plot and develop road strategy to advance at provincial level.
3. TFL 44 – worked closely with RHB, Nathan and EC to plot and develop the homestretch strategy to get TFL 44 to PA for review and consideration.
4. Committee Review – at July 30, meeting. Bare bones portfolios.
  - a) Standing Committees – Finance, Citizenship, Treaty Implementation, Economic Development
  - b) External Affairs
  - c) Citizen Development Committee

**5. Portfolio Review –**

- a) External Affairs**
- b) ACRD**
- c) Other?**



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## Councillor Łicitah (Edward R. Johnson) June Progress Report:

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

#### Area of Responsibility: CMB

##### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Interpretive Centre meeting first look at Teresa's the architect interpretation of the center based on our summer 2019 meeting and further refining the scope and vision of this exciting collaboration
- decision in regard to opening up WCT on June 12th Lots of hard work from the HFN team took place in order to make this decision of the WCT opening, but most importantly to ensure the health and safety of our community
- Currently, the West Coast Trail and Broken Group Islands remain closed until further notice. This closure extends to overnight camping at Keeha Beach, Tapaltos, and all other locations in the Cape Beale region. The West Coast Trail: The West Coast Trail will remain closed until at least July 17, 2020. All West Coast Trail reservations up to and including July 16 will automatically be cancelled and all fees will be refunded. Also, it is important to note that the Nitinaht Village access point will be closed for the entire 2020 season. Starting or ending your trip at Nitinaht Villages will not be allowed in 2020, this includes self-evacuations or emergency evacuations. All reservations starting at Nitinaht Village will be cancelled for the entire 2020 season.

##### Emerging Issues

- All international reservations for the West coast trail unit or canceled up to August 7th, 2020. That leaves August 8th till September 30th for reservations for international the question is do we want to open up to international reservations for the West coast trail? We need to answer this at least by July 10th as of now there are 302 international hikers that have reservations after August 7<sup>th</sup>
  - June 17th meeting with West Coast trail First Nations and parks Canada Meetings regarding opening of the West coast trail and our recommendations. Parks Canada indicated that all the recommendations have been met. Except for recommendation 2.1
- 2) Screening of visitors to the West Coast Trail must be conducted by Parks Canada, including by posting of signage at access locations and requiring backcountry users to obtain a permit, the conditions for which include:
- (1) providing the visitor's name and cellphone number. Visitors must consent to their contact information being used for contact tracing as necessary and must consent to providing information to Parks Canada or HFN to enable tracing of contacts they had with individuals while in the HFN Hahuuti.

But this information is provided at trailhead and if there was an outbreak the information would be accessible from my understanding if there was a need for contact tracing as necessary by provincial health / public health mandate and it would be there responsibility. The one piece we don't have finalized yet is whether Parks Canada will close some day use areas in the West Coast Trail Unit Highlighted in the bulletin (Possible addition of Parks Canada closures) In regards to the headlands trails do we allow jst day use ? or do we want to allow overnight camping in headland?

- Interpretive Centre need to look at other alternative funding to make this happen.
- 2020 West Coast trail closed for the season We believe the situation in our province has changed since we first started discussing this subject. We are hearing increasing reports of visitors from the United States still crossing the border despite the ban on travel. We are also disappointed by the decision of airlines to decrease their on-board social distancing and reports of this causing issues with people choosing to fly. Given all of this, we have decided opening the trail poses too great a risk for our community at this time.

**Area of Responsibility: CDC**

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- \$5 million Youth Community Partnership Program was announced this month – been having discussions with Brent on what some possible outdoor jobs would look like working with some of our contractors.
- Put my name in nomination for Education & Employment Committee with NTC.
- This month I found out I need to talk to the Law Clerk directly regarding setting up Citizen Development Committee meaning and cannot go through administrative support.
- Discussing HFN Child Welfare Negotiation proposed workplan and budget. Building on the work of the HFN Social Services Project and Panel Report, HUU-ay-aht First Nations is going to exercise its right to develop a child welfare law in coordination with Canadian law Bill C 92: Act Respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis Children, Youth and Families. The federal legislation allows for the negotiation of a coordination agreement to identify the roles and responsibilities of BC, Canada and HFN. HFN hit the start button In April of 2020 and Canada has a year to ensure an agreement is reached. HFN needs to resource itself for the negotiations and law making. HFN will have a steering committee led by Kathy Waddell and will also have Executive Council portfolio holder Me Edward R. Johnson, HFN legal counsel Maegen Giltrow and Social Service Task Force representative Kim Baird and Mary Ellen. Working externally, HFN expects to meet governments once a month to advance these discussions. Internally, building on the Social Services Panel Report, the steering committee will advance the law development process as well. Some supporting research and analysis will be required to support the law making and negotiation.

Legislative drafting process:

1. The Steering Committee will advance the following process:
2. Briefing note to EC to provide drafting instructions (regulation or act) to the Law Clerk
3. Draft Act to go to Ha’wiih, Finance Committee, Citizen Development Committee, Law and Policy Committee and community consultation
4. Feedback on act is brought to EC who will call the legislature for enactment (3 readings) (the Legislature sits in March of each year, but may need to call a Special Sitting) and may need to go to the Peoples Assembly for approval.
5. Once it is approved it the community will be consulted on the law’s implementation.
6. It is desirable to start this process in the fall, once we have a better idea of how negotiations are going and the HFN law can complement the agreement it will have with governments.

Draft Timetable

June	Steering Committee kickoff workplan session First meeting with Canada Task Force meeting and update
July	Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Legislation planning</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation Session
August	Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation planning</li> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation Session
September	Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drafting Instructions</li> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation Session
October	Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Act</li> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation Session
November	Steering Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vet draft Act               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committees (FC, LPDC, CDC)</li> <li>Ha'wiih Council</li> <li>Community consultation (potentially at a People's Assembly, which is typically held in November)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation Session
December	Steering committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation planning</li> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation session
January	Steering committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation planning</li> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation session
February	Steering committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation planning</li> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize agreement</li> </ul>
March	Steering committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legislation planning</li> <li>Negotiation planning</li> </ul> Negotiation session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign agreement</li> </ul> HFN enacts law at the Legislature

Team is currently working on Draft Child Welfare Negotiation proposed budget for the yr very crucial piece to the negotiations.

Emerging Issues

- SSTF needs reports form CF
- Call for Nominations of Technical Advisors to the Tripartite First Nations Children and Families Working Group. Two technical subcommittees were formed under the TWG, one focused on Practice and Policy and the other on

Fiscal Relationships. Technical experts as identified by First Nations must be represented at these tables. Nominations should be forwarded no later than July 31, 2020.

- Still haven't received a reply back from Indigenous Services Canada In regards to bill C 92 notice we should think about contacting Roxanne Gagne of the Crown-indigenous Relations and Northern affairs Canada, we could do some external advocacy to why they have not responded to our letter, and demand a response. They tend to respond pretty quickly when we begin holding their feet to the fire. I can't believe we haven't heard from them yet. Especially when they are telling us that they are all over moving jurisdiction.
- Layoffs on June 30 are going to directly affect my portfolios
  1. Family Support Liaison and Family Ties and Preservation Worker Their layoffs are going to affect HFN Child Welfare Negotiation proposed workplan and budget that are going to be going on for next yr.
  2. Associate Executive Director Led the HFN Child Welfare Negotiation she Was very instrumental in putting together proposed workplan and budget She's a very strong leader on the steering committee Definitely going to feel the absence at the negotiating level.

## **Area of Responsibility: Community Health**

### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Special meeting with the Huuayaht FNHA, Nuu-chah-nulth, FNHC and Island Health on June 3, 2020

- Received Updates from the FNHA and NTC in attendance Richard Jock Chief Operating Officer FNHA, Dr Shannon McDonald Chief Medical Officer FNHA and Dr Becky Palmer Chief Nursing Officer. Updates from the Nuu-chah-nulth Health services Lynnette Lucas and Jeannette Watts and Island Health update for Dr Paul Hasselback Medical Health Officer for central Vancouver Island.
- Roundtable Discussion, 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). 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.
- We have confirmed a meeting with HUU-ay-aht First Nation leadership, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and FNHA to discuss COVID-19 testing concerns brought forward by HUU-ay-aht First Nation.
- HUU-ay-aht has expressed interest in enhancing NTC weekly nursing service in Anacla to include comprehensive testing while they are already in community for regular service. HUU-ay-aht has also requested greater clarity on what screening measures can be implemented, in the interest of supporting community safety efforts, to address visitors traveling in to their territories ensuring people coming in to the territory are healthy & following safe practices.

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- Brought forward a conversation In regard to a workshop Idea that I had with one of my mentors to the FNHA Health Caucus meeting (Rod Jeffries), In our conversation he mentioned that he was working on a virtual pandemic workshop.

I was thinking that this would be beneficial for our three families on the island I think it would be something worthwhile looking into and reaching out and contacting Rod Jeffries to see what can come of this.

Just a few things that he mentioned that the workshop would be about Is what we are all experiencing over the pandemic

1. Relationships....
2. Job security.....
3. mental health....
4. anxiety....
5. triggers....

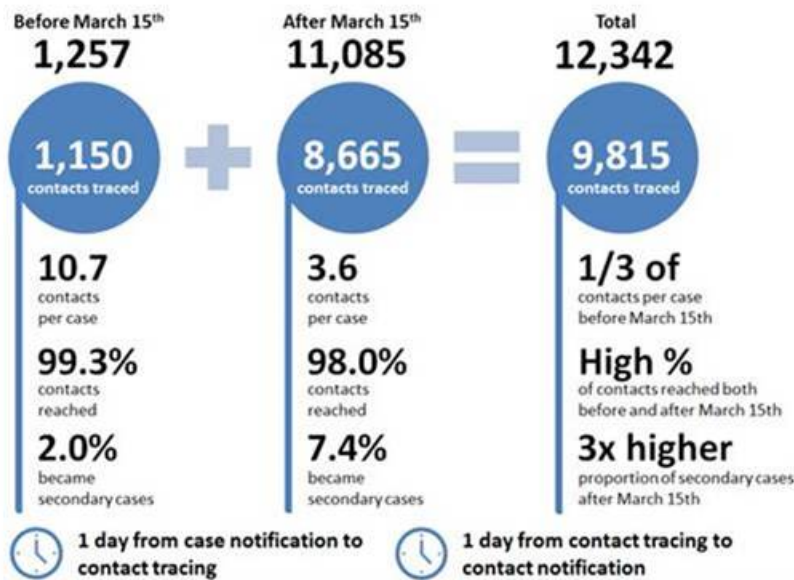
Rod mentioned that he'd be able to customize this virtual pandemic workshop to meet the needs of the audience whether it's for a FN work organization or FN community.



I like the thought of being able to connect interact with the audience whether it's staff or community members being able to talk about what we're going through over the pandemic And to understand those emotions and triggers. Maybe the workshop could be with each of the families individually facilitated by rod and either the health directors or leadership interacting talking about or speaking for community and or workshop with just community would be able to watch and interact and be able to give Q&A. Just some thoughts Something that concerns me that last month in BC we've had over more deaths due to overdoses than we did C-19 and that most of the deaths due to overdoses have been men. In result of the workshop idea that I brought to the FNHA Health Caucus meeting I am working on a workshop called Working and Restoring Wellness in Our Community: Addressing the Root Causes of Addiction a two ray workshop for SMT and EC.

- Conversations with Paul Hasselback Medical Health Officer for central Vancouver Island In In regards to contact tracing slide below from the provincial surveillance team, that reports on contact tracing. Notable is the percentage of contacts reached being in the 98-99% range. Following the onset of COVID restrictions, most persons with COVID were diligent and limited their contacts. Island Health has provided active monitoring to 540 cases and contacts through its COVID virtual monitoring process which is demonstrated to be very effective and considered a best practice in this regard.

10. The proportion of known contacts reached by public health is very high; contacts per case dropped 3-fold from the period before March 14



there is a protocol for notification of community by FNHA (attached). This process has been agreed to by all the Chief Medical Health Officers and Provincial Health Officer and would be followed in the event of positive case that would have an impact on a First Nation. In our discussions , in any circumstance where persons are exposed, all contacts would be notified and in exceptional circumstances affecting communities, community leaders would be engaged in both decision making and communications within their community. Fortunately this is rarely necessary.

Doctor Paul Hasselback Chief Medical Health Officer helped me understand Point of contact tracing among other things he's been very helpful this will be his last month for he is retiring. He has always made himself available for questions He's been a huge help over the pandemic in regards to pushing for comprehensive testing and screening processes.

- Attend Ha'wiih meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> WCT and 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

#### **Area of Responsibility: Language and Culture**

#### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Been having conversations with Scott Jerry Executive Director of the First Nations Education Foundation since February, language revitalization idea that I will be presenting at the EC meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> where is Scott and les Doiron will be presenting. Les Doiron is the president of First Nations Education Foundation. I plan on meeting with Scott and Les prior to executive council meeting sometime next week with staff to keep them in the loop. These conversations with Scott have been a long time coming they originally started at the Language Revitalization Pole Fundraiser Gala in November 2019 as just an idea. It has been sitting on the back burner and I think it is a good time to bring it out and see what comes of it. There is a lot of moving parts to this idea I feel that it's achievable and the outcomes can be great. I believe that it would strongly benefit and strengthen the preservation of our language revitalization for citizens in all communities.
- June 17, 2020 VICTORIA, BC–The Royal BC Museum has opened up to the public 16,103 historical photographs depicting Indigenous communities from across BC that were taken between the late 1800s and the 1970s. <http://bc.nationtalk.ca/story/the-royal-bc-museum-opens-up-thousands-of-digitized-photos-of-indigenous-communities-across-bc-to-the-public>

### Emerging Issues

- Language Co-op Was recommended to go to Finance Committee, Ha'wiih Council and our Elders Group, I cannot see it going to our elders group until September Given the fact that we're in the pandemic and that our elders take the summer off with no meetings. I'm asking if we can Go ahead with the Co-op group after meeting with Finance Committee and Ha'wiih Council And we can update our authors in September so that they can be a part of language revitalization Co-op.



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**Councillor: Charlie Clappis**

**Month: June**

**Area of Responsibility: Infrastructure and Housing**

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Meetings with Housing Oversight Body continue. Policy discussions continue and planning including an Anacla Homeowner Cooperative formation. Site meeting for contractors providing bids for WWTP. Great progress has been seen in the last 6 weeks. Continued meetings to support the Cultural/Interpretive Center project planning. Feasibility Study approved and work started on both projects.

Emerging Issues

- 2020 Project Development -Application for Community Fund with BC Housing by September
- Implementing Panel Report -Continue Transition to Housing Provider by July 1

**Area of Responsibility: Recreation and Community Development**

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

4 week extension for grant spending on the 8-week growing your own food program called Anacla Community Food Initiative with a small grant. Continued construction on Elders firewood sheds with the Warriors program. Continued discussions with Ricardo on future planning with the Warriors

Emerging Issues

Committee member call-out, waiting for TOR

**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**

Meeting discussion on TOR template

**General**

Covid-19 pandemic meetings and planning



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## **TREVORCOOTES, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL JUNE REPORT, 2020 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING**

### **PORTFOLIO:**

- EC established Covid 19 task force participate weekly on work and recommendations to EC
- 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
- Huuayaht Tourism Destination Plan – Collaborative Agreement signed with ITBC in May 2019, ITBC helping Huuayaht build Destination Plan



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- 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
- 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.

## **External Communications Federal**



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- 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