

July 28, 2020

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The focus for this month has been to get the Bamfield road issue across the finish line. I spent quite a bit of time working with Elizabeth Cull on the Bamfield road and other provincially related issues.• Worked with Botterell to prepare a briefing document for Don Wright.• Work with Elizabeth Cull and Trevor Cootes to prepare for Union of BC Municipalities annual convention. This since has been cancelled due to election act restrictions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 8,2020; attended to NTC Directors meeting to discuss and approve the acquisition of the NTC office building on 6th avenue Port Alberni.• Attended regular meetings with ABCMTN to discuss and develop briefing documents for meetings with BC.• Delegated EC members Charlie Clappis and Edward Johnson to attend meetings with other Indigenous organizations related to their portfolios.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 22 - Attended HFN CES.• July 25 – attended and presented power point on TFL 44 acquisitions• Held one on one meetings with HFN citizens regarding the TFL 44 acquisition.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met regularly with communications to plot HFN communication strategy related to ongoing HFN issues, particularly community engagement sessions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support HFN citizens right to harvest in the Hahoulthee and support resource plans that enable HFN citizen's right to exercise treaty and aboriginal rights, will request Charlie to prepare detailed report on this.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in Executive Council discussions regarding the by-election.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted the TFL 44 LP acquisition that will provide HFN and affiliates about \$39,000 to \$50,000,000 over a 25 year period. • Raised HFN undercut issue with Trevor and Connie. • Attended monthly meeting with Larry Spencer to discuss current timber market conditions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held discussion with Ed Johnson portfolio holder and Tliishin regarding language and culture.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring proper management and administration of government. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold regular telephone conversations with Connie Waddell ensuring proper management and administration of government.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in discussions with Executive Council regarding People's Assembly. • July 25 - Attend and participated in HFN People Assembly.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councilors; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held regular discussion with Executive Council members regarding their portfolios.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked with Executive Director and communications team to ensure materials for function that I act as the public spokesperson for HFN.
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Emerging Issues:

1. Housing – amend housing policy that will enable tenants to occupy HFN housing units based on HFN cultural values and principles.
2. Want complete update on the Status of the Integrated Resource Management Plan.
3. Update on the Consultation with Executive Council and regarding HFN portfolios and committees. with Executive Council members and Tayii. In discussion with Connie I made the following point, because of budget constraints that arose during our current cash flow discussions. Executive Council can take the lead in showing financial prudence.
4. Propose detailed discussion on Elders and the budget needed and development of a plan to take care of HFN elders based on our Ancient Spirit Modern Minds values and principles.
5. Each portfolio to develop a financial plan to increase revenue for their portfolio operations. This would encourage and promote team work enabling the team to align their goals and objectives and operations.



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Councillor Łicitath (Edward R. Johnson) July Progress Report

Area of Responsibility: Reviewing all Portfolios and committees Community Health, Language and Culture, Cooperative Management Board and Citizen Development Committee (CDC)]

Area of Responsibility: [Community Health

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus - COVID-19
- Attending weekly Strategic Priorities Review and Taskforce meeting Planning In regard to COVID-19
- Attended BI weekly Provincial BC First Nations Chiefs and Leaders Teleconference
- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus - COVID-19 Updates
- Attending BI weekly Housing Oversight Body Meeting.
- Attended our HFN People Assembly.
- HFN workshops on Addressing Addiction and Trauma September 28 to October 2nd for SMT and EC Got the green light last executive council meeting. Workshop is going to be a two day session for each group EC and SMT. On the fifth day of that week both groups are going to come together to develop a strategy or series of activities to address the trauma, addictions and other issues. It's going to be great to bring the leadership together with the senior management team to develop an action plan to address major health and social issues especially over the pandemic .
- Met the new Island Health Medical Health Officer Michael Benusic, Michael is replacing Retired Dr Paul Hasselback.
- This month the Province has released the first annual report on progress for implementing the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act. <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020IRR0012-001198>
Quick Facts:
B.C. is the first province or territory in Canada to pass legislation to implement the UN Declaration – recognizing in law the human rights of Indigenous peoples. The Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (Bill 41) was introduced in the B.C. legislature on Oct. 24, 2019, and passed unanimously on Nov. 28, 2019. The legislation was developed in collaboration with the First Nations Leadership Council at the direction of First Nations chiefs throughout the province. The act creates a framework for reconciliation as called for by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. In 2017, every cabinet minister in the provincial government was given a mandate from Premier Horgan to implement the UN Declaration and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.
- Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond was appointed on June 19, 2020, by Health Minister Adrian Dix to lead an investigation into Indigenous-specific racism in the British Columbia health care system and was launched this month July 9, 2020. That day the investigation was launched on my commute home from work, I had the privilege of listening to Charlene Belleau of the First Nations Health Council, speak on CBC radio about the investigation that Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, independent investigator, on the allegations of racist practices in B.C.'s health-care system. Charlene spoke very well and passionate, while I was listening to Charlene speak I thought of the Trauma Informed Care Elders Workshop that was done couple years ago with the West Coast General Hospital. The way that Charlene's spoke was exactly what the workshop was all about and I was curious on the status of the final report because I strongly believe that the stories gathered from the Trauma Informed Workshop will be valuable to the investigation.

I sent an email to Eunice Joe Director, Regional Engagement FNHA Vancouver Island to inquire on the status of the report After learning the final report has Not been completed Expressing my thoughts and concerns because there are stories of our Nuu-chah-nulth elders who felt safe enough to share and open up to their experiences in health care. As a result of the Trauma informed Care Workshop, I felt that it would be beneficial to the investigation to

share the voices of our elders. Our elders need to be heard. In result FNHA have connected internally to advise of the request to share the report. There are some updates needed and I was ensured that it is shared in the near future with Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond's Review Team once finalized. This report has been a long time coming and I'm glad that it's going to be part of the investigation. I think of the stories that were shared over the course of two days And people from the health field that witness those stories was a very powerful two days.

My late auntie Wemptis (Hilda Nookemis) participated in the workshop She was a very wonderful and knowledgeable woman Knew all the ties and connections throughout the west coast.

My auntie was all about change and creating a better future for our people I would like to thank the FNHA for moving forward with the stories of our elders so that it can be provided to the Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond investigation.

Emerging Issues

- As we actively monitor and respond to the pandemic, We need to continue Informing our citizens on dealing with the challenges posed by the pandemic and keep themselves and others safe. Even though we have flattened the curve of the pandemic, We're not out of the Woods yet we need to be vigilant and prepared for the second wave of infection. We need to continue to protect each other, especially our Elders and people who are vulnerable, through physical distancing and handwashing. Suggesting that we pick up our communication In regards to safe practices.

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

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Received a report on our vulnerable Nuu-chah-nulth.
Approximately a year ago, Port Alberni RCMP Indigenous Police Section developed a method or philosophy of policing that was tailored toward our most vulnerable Indigenous clients. RCMP invited the major players, First Nations, and community partners to unveil the program. RCMP promised a pilot period and a review of the program in one year. This report is intended to show you what the RCMP learnt, some examples of how the program has worked, and where the RCMP are going. This program has generated a lot of interest for its relentless and intense approach to the safety of the Nuu-chah-nulth people. The program has also brought to light some barriers and gaps to broader systems in play; where the RCMP continue to process and overcome those issues to the best of our abilities. The one thing we know for sure, this takes a collaborative approach of everyone's expertise to address and maintain the safety of our Nuu-chah-nulth.
- Successful candidates for the 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 Bradley Dennis gladly accepted his nomination and the other on Fiscal Relationships councilor Edward Johnson will be taking this subcommittee position. Deadline for nominees was July 31, 2020.
- Social services panel survey wrapping up this month as of July 29th there was 168 untul responses we were aiming for 300 and hopeful we would reach the that goal. Closing date for survey will be August 10th
- 30 recommendations our last meeting was Sept 20 2019 and after that the task force was busy with implementation of specific items (e.g. the workshop with EC, developing evaluation framework and preparing for negotiations and legislative project). So we haven't had a recent more comprehensive review of the list since the fall. Looking to have a Social Services Task Force meeting sometime before August 28 to review 30 recommendations.
- B.C. introduced last month the temporary outdoor jobs program for youth up to age 29, our Education, Employment & Training Manager is applying for funding.
- Virtual graduation recognition looking to plan for September 15, 2020 working with our Education, Employment & Training Manager.
- Next Citizen Development Committee meeting Aug 20, 2020.

SSTF Is now going to be receiving written reports form CF office like above Each month.

- FIELD COURSE at the BMSC with Deborah Curran Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and School of Environmental Studies Executive Director, Environmental Law Centre University of Victoria will be hosting from August 25-28 and Aug 31-Sept 2.

Some of the outline for the FIELD COURSE IN RECONCILIATION, ECOLOGY AND PLACE-BASED LAW. At this point it is still draft, but most of the content is set the field course will be broadly considering, Nuu-chah-nulth and Huu-ay-aht ecological and cultural history, Indigenous law and aboriginal and treaty rights, Science and law, Land and marine use planning, and Natural resources infrastructure and tourism. Stella Peters has now agreed to meet with the class on Monday August 24, Counselor Trevor coots will be participating in one of the days as well Hoping to get Others involved to be guest speakers for the two weeks that the field course is happening there are spots available from 9-12. Last year John Jack participated and covered treaty implementation And Christine Gruman and I participated one morning out at Haynes Island. This year the field course will be a little bit different due to the pandemic the course will be virtual Stella is being creative and doing her presentation out at Kiixin.

Emerging Issues

- Looking to have a Social Services Task Force meeting sometime before August 28 to review 30 recommendations.
- Selecting new SSTF member – (Sheila Charles has accepted)
- Selecting date to review 30 recommendations with SSTF – (reviewing 30 recommendations on august)
- Still haven't received a reply back from Indigenous Services Canada. (Received letter from them August 3rd)
- The recent Temporary layoffs to the CF office may affect our negotiations.

We have provided Notice under the Act, (An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Metis children, youth and families) of HUU-AY-AHT First Nations' intention to exercise our legislative authority in relation to child and family services. we have Requested that the federal and provincial governments enter into a coordination agreement with our Nation, But before entering negotiation of a coordination agreement with Canada and BC we should think about bringing back our Family Support Liaison and Family Ties and Preservation Worker sooner rather than later. Before their layoffs affect HFN Child Welfare Negotiation proposed workplan and budget that are going to be going on for the next yr.

Area of Responsibility: [Language and Culture]

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Talks with Stanley Coleman in regards to cultural orientation with Meridian forestry
- Review Portfolios and committees.
- 2020 UBCM Convention Working on language and culture meeting?
- Language cooperative Has gone to finance and Ha'wiih Council for recommendations, Finance likes the idea, but would like to see a budget budget and Ha'wiih Council Would like more information.
- I met with an elder last weekend on the July 18th at upper Anacla, the elder mentioned that she would like to talk to me in regards to a cultural matter so then mentioned that I would be at the homelands on the 18th and I would make time to meet in the meeting we talked about the canoe/paddles and teachings. The elder was very concerned of the condition of the canoe and that the paddles where left in the canoe as well the shape of the trailer and felt that it was very disrespectful the way that the canoe was left the last time it was used. In our conversation the elder referenced late Alec Williams a lot on teachings that were passed down to her on how to take care of your paddle. Going to work with our Ha'wiih Council on protocol for canoe.

Emerging Issues

- Language cooperative still needs to go to our elders group, gathering in the near future I don't see happening anytime soon I'm recommending that the Language Co-Op go to the elders at a later date In September or October wanting to proceed without going to the elders For now.
- Reviewing Language and Culture portfolio

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

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Stories of Canada funning- Need to connect with wishkey to see if he can talk about culture with Parks Canada staff Kind of like a cultural orientation Talking about HFN history In the park.
- Honoring Hahuuthli' funding for a West Coast Trail 'welcome, welcome figures for the beginning of WCT Just need to sign contribution agreement with Parks Canada funding for project is 34,000 To be spent by end of fiscal need to advertise for master carvers to compose welcome figures timeline budget.
- Interview with CBC in regards to West Coast trail and the impacts of no hikers this year due to closure
- Meeting with parks Canada in regards to funding called (Stories of Canada) - Honoring Hahuuthli Funding amount is 34,000 funding would need to be spent by end of fiscal. In past conversations we agreed funding would go towards welcome figures To be located at the beginning of the WCT.
 1. We need the agreement for funding transfer to be signed by executive director
 2. need to advertise three bids for carving project indicating start date and end date and specifications length and size roughly in between now and in the fiscal year there is 29 weeks.
 3. This is something that would bring the community together when carver is awarded contract 2 carve welcome figures I feel community members cared participate safely And Warriors program could be involved as well and men's group
 4. Need to bring to Ha'wiih Council

Emerging Issues



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TREVORCOOTES, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL JULY REPORT, 2020 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

PORTFOLIO:

- EC established Covid 19 task force participate weekly on work and recommendations to EC
 - Move into phase 2
- 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.

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- 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