

November 2020

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kept in close contact with HFN administration and legal team regarding Bamfield Road Funding Agreement negotiations.• Met three times with Kevin Neary regarding the HUU-ay-aht Specific Claim for Bamfield Inlet.• November 16, 2020, attended and participated in Bamfield Community Affairs meetings to report on HFN related issues.• Held strategic discussion with legal counsel regarding the three Specific claims and directed a report be given to Executive Council.• External Affairs portfolio is the engine that drives the advancement of HUU-ay-aht issues. I am pleased with the work Trevor and his team are doing in the External Affairs.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• November 28, 2020 – attended NTC Annual General Membership Virtual Meeting, meeting was well attended highlighted with the Harm Reduction Team report. This is the first on the ground update of how the NTC team hit the pavement to tackle homelessness and the opioid crisis.• <i>I urge that HFN donate to the Feed People and distribute warm clothing to homeless people, on December 9, 2020.</i>• In the new year I want to be kept up to date on all government relations with other indigenous organizations, when I meet with each portfolio holder on December 16, 2020 I will be stressing this.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I am very pleased with the work of our Communication Department.• During the month I had a call with Hashlthsa as a means of ensuring HFN citizens are informed on the following issues.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bamfield Road 2. COVID related issues 3. Waste - Water Treatment Plant.
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 continued to have numerous sessions with HFN citizens relating to child welfare, housing, financial, citizenship and economic issues. • Assigned councilors to speak to their portfolio issues.
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 9, 2020 – met and participated in Specific Claim meeting to gather cultural and historical information that can enhance HFN Specific Claim, a treaty right in the Maa-nulth Agreement. • I spent time speaking with our fisheries team to get better understanding of the status of our renewal and enhancement initiatives so that I can make a determination whether we should participate in fishery initiatives with other indigenous organization. • Our treaty rights are very important to us. I am very pleased with the work Duane and his team are doing in Treaty Implementation.
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I make it a standard practice to meet with the Executive Director to ensure adherence to, and enforcement of the constitution, HFN legislation and policies. • Community development is an essential part of our treaty and I am pleased with the work Edward and his team are doing in Community Development.
7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 3 – attended a RHB to receive a briefing on TFL 44 transaction. • November 4 – attended and participated in monthly HFN-HGB meeting to discuss, plan and strategize on business related issues.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our overall governance practice is to ensure we promote and maintain a sound Huu-ay-aht economy. I want to thank Trevor and his economic team for achieving modest returns during the pandemic. • HFN Finance are an essential component of a sound economy. I am pleased with the work John and his team are doing in the Finance Committee.
<p>8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 9, 2020 – met with Connie and Trevor regarding the Reconciliation Pole that HFN may take over as a Marketing strategy. • Also, discussed the possibility of HFN having a pole in front of Luma Housing in Victoria. • Through past community engagement sessions we are able to determine that language and culture are vey high priority. I am pleased with the work Tliishin and his team are doing at the Hawiih Council level and the Lanaguage and Culture portfolio,
<p>9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each morning at 7:30 am I have a telephone discussion with Connie to ensure proper management and administration and review of Nation matters that require our immediate attention.
<p>10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People’s Assembly;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 3, 2020, attended and chaired Special Executive Council meeting. • November 12, 2020, attended and chaired regular Executive Council meeting. • November 19, 2020, attended and chaired Special Executive Council meeting. • November 26, 2020, attended and chaired regular Executive Council meeting.
<p>11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 5 - Attended and participated in External Affairs meeting.

<p>ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councilors;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 6 – attended and participated Luma housing meeting in regard to Infrastructure and Housing portfolio. I’m very pleased with the work from Charlie and his Infrastructure and housing team.
<p>12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People’s Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have been very busy reviewing files and reports so that I am prepared for the People Assembly.
<p>13) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy.</p>	

Emerging Issues

- 1. Donate to feed the people. Donated \$1,000 and fish. Well received.**
- 2. EC discussion and consideration to take over the Reconciliation Pole as major part of HFN/HGB marketing strategy.**
- 3. EC review and consideration to do a pole for the Luma Housing project in Victoria. This is Premier Horgan’s riding and will gain us incredible recognition and credibility with the Premier.**



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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Councillor Āicitath̓ (Edward R. Johnson) November 2020 Progress Report:

Areas of Responsibility: Community Health, Education Language and Culture, Citizenship and Citizen Development Committee (CDC)

Area of Responsibility: Community Health

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Alberni Clayoquot Health Network as a guest.
- Attended Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council AGM.
- Came up with a revised pandemic workshop restoring Wellness in our community and dates for February 15th week hoping that we will be in a good place come February and hoping to be able to have an in person workshop revised workshop is going to have our children and families Department working with community services Department and select few executive council that are directly related to health. Going to be working with our executive director on details And bringing revise details back to executive council.
- Attended BC SGIG - Mental Health Covid Funding Allocation For treaty nations In attendance was Nisga'a Nation, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations, shíshálh Nation, Toquaht Nation, Tsawwassen First Nation, Uchucklesaht Tribe, Westbank First Nation, Ucluelet First Nation and Tla'amin Nation Where we talked about funds for each community we all decided on 50% population and 50% community.
- Attended The First Nations Health Council where we Welcomes back Dr. Bonnie Henry.
I asked the question to Dr Bonnie Henry on the aftermath of COVID-19 on our youth In regards to mental health attached is a article by SFU that provoked me to ask the question <https://www.sfu.ca/sfunews/stories/2020/11/report-predicts-increased-youth-mental-health-struggles-related-.html> Doctor Bonnie Henry says she envisions celebrating our youth and if anybody knows how to celebrate hits the first nations people. I also asked the question on the rollout of the vaccine And what she forecasts Dr Bonnie Henry mentioned that we would be in a really good place 8 month's for now.
- Attended Nuuchahnulth family caucus Where we passed the following motion
Whereas, there are further and ongoing concerns regarding access to Jordan's Principle, the Nuuchahnulth Health Caucus directs the FNHA to collaborate with Indigenous Services Canada Headquarters office to explore new service delivery model(s) to better meet the needs of our Children & Youth in Vancouver Island Region and throughout BC.
Moved: Edward R. Johnson (Proxy, Huu-ay-aht First Nation)
Second: Joshua N. Charleson (Chief, Hesquiaht First Nation)
Carried by Consensus

In accordance with the Nuuchahnulth Health Caucus Terms of Reference, this is to be brought to the NTC Directors table for endorsement. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2020.

- Reviewed NTC-FNHC MOU Dated on September 25th 2017 As well as reviewed the Nuuchahnulth health caucus terms of reference.
- Attended zoom video conference with island health leads to get an update on island health Where I raised the question on how to go about pushing for nonessential travel to and from Vancouver Island until there is a vaccine widely and readily available. The purpose for this question was to put it on

everybody's radar all the higher ups from island health were in attendance as well MLAs from the region. The response to my question was to reach up to the FNHC which I did week before with no response from the FNHC.

- Vancouver Island Regional Caucus Cancel in result of Rising COVID-19 cases And that there will be a virtual town Hall meeting scheduled this month instead. This cancellation is unfortunate but very understandable this is where I wanted to raise the concern of pushing for nonessential travel to and from Vancouver Island until there is a vaccine readily available this would have been the perfect place to bring it up with all three families on the island Coast Salish, Kwakwaka'wakw and Nuu-chah-nulth in the meeting to make this happen/creating this awareness. I sent a message to Les Doiron FNHC and Eunice Joe FNHA Prior to the Vancouver Island regional caucus in regards to the nonessential travel. As well as had have conversations with External relations via email on how to go about have pushing for the nonessential travel to and from Vancouver Island until there's a vaccine readily available. I know what I'm proposing is unlikely for there is need for essential travel between the Island and mainland. Another consideration is how restrictions could be enforced. Thinking if we don't get the big ask there are other things that we can ask like limit ferry sailings limit number of ports of entry setting up security checkpoints into communities police support and limited to essential travel only.
- Attended community comprehensive plan one on one session.
- Attended joint topic special panel webinar Where we received COVID-19, Emergency Management and mental health and Wellness updates. Where I heard CEO Richard Jock of the FNHA talking about tablets for elders. I then inquired about this with the First Nations health authority currently working on getting tablets for our elders That are in need.

Emerging Issues

- COVID-19
Continuing to push for nonessential travel to and from Vancouver Island until there is a vaccine readily and widely available creating that awareness in the meetings that i attend. Continuing to advocate for how are nation end Nuuchahnulth In regards to our NTC motion have that we announced on June 9th
- I find out next month if I could have a seat at the table As a member of Alberni Clayoquot Health Network. Hoping to be accepted next month this would be a great opportunity to network with others in the region this table is directly related to my citizen development portfolio and community health portfolio as well as education culture and language

Area of Responsibility: Education, Language and Culture

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Bamfield Community School Association AGM where I put my name in to be a director.
- Attended and hosted virtual cultural history nights on social media.
- Attended Cultural Language Heritage meetings Where we met with Canada and heritage Canada talking about language program research, funding spreadsheet Review of funding and activities for cultural revitalization.
- There's been phone calls going out on behalf of our hereditary Chiefs in regards to culture and language it's going to be exciting to hear the outcomes of these engagements with our citizens. To be able to link them to our four cultural events that we were planning prior to the pandemic.
- Traveled to Chilliwack to deliver Cedar log to Chief Mark Point from Skowkale First Nation. Was a wonderful long day on November 7th traveled with Stan Coleman along with two logging trucks. After coming back from the hot zone in Chilliwack I stayed home for two weeks
- Attended language classes on Wednesdays and Tuesdays.
- Attended Huuayaht graduation recognition on zoom Where we recognized our fine and upstanding citizens was a wonderful night below is a list of names that we recognized
 - Copper Blandin – Early Childhood Educator Certificate – Pacific Rim Early Childhood Institute

- Eileen Chester – Indigenous Family Support Certificate – Camosun College
- Shakyla Croft – Adult Dogwood Diploma – Eighth Avenue learning Centre
- Alec Frank – Coastal Forest Worker Certificate – North Island College
- Cole Giroux – Coastal Forest Worker Certificate – North Island College
- Lee-Anna Gurney – Health Care Assistant Certificate – Camosun College
- Dylan Haugen – Electrical Apprenticeship Level 2 – Vancouver Island University
- hinatinyis – Indigenous Language Revitalization Diploma – University of Victoria
- Jason Jack – Coastal Forest Worker Certificate – North Island College
- Dion Joe – Professional Cook Apprenticeship Level 1 – North Island College
- Honey Johnson – Adult Dogwood Diploma - NETP
- Arianna Johnson-Sabbas – High School Dogwood Diploma – Alberni District Secondary School
- Jennifer Joseph – Criminology Diploma – Vancouver Island University
- Sean Kosteniuk – Adult Dogwood Diploma – NETP
- Humiis Ethan Little – Coastal Forest Worker Certificate – North Island College
- Tristan MacDonald – Coastal Forest Worker Certificate – North Island College
- Belinda Nookemus – Coastal Forest Worker Certificate – North Island College
- Michelle Nookemus – Prep Cook Certificate – North Island College
- Victoria Nookemus – Nail Technician Diploma – Alter Ego Studio and Cosmetology Institute

Emerging Issues

- Looking to engage with First Nations Education Foundation and language cooperative Canada in the new year.
- I'll be hearing back on if I can be a director at next months Bamfield Community School Association meeting
- looking at our four cultural events that we were planning prior to the pandemic now that the light is at the end of the tunnel it's time to revisit these cultural events that were in the planning Pre COVID-19.
- Outcomes of the foam bees to our citizens in regards to culture and language.

Area of Responsibility: Citizenship

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- I am the new Holder of this committee again I last head this portfolio back in February when I left this committee there was work and changes to be done to the citizenship act the Citizenship act still needs to go to Ha'wiih I need to get the ball rolling and to get things in place for legislation next year, But before doing so the legal team needs to finish up work on the citizenship act then go to Ha'wiih and then have some community engagement sessions.
- It is HFN law to hold citizenship committee meeting monthly we had a successful citizenship committee meeting on November 20th.

Emerging Issues

- changes to the citizenship act is sitting with legal team

Area of Responsibility: Citizen Development Committee (CDC)

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Nananiqsu group meeting first one since the beginning of the pandemic was very well received all the elders had a great time
- Attended meeting with Director of Children and Families and Director of Community Services to discuss portfolios was a productive meeting
- Attended social services panel leadership survey review

- Attended and hosted social services task force meeting reviewing 30 recommendations And have had a brief look at the social services panel report discussed the rollout of the report in attendance in this meeting was our external relations was a good meeting for her to attend.
- Delivered food boxes and engaged with our elders through Covid safety measures
- Attended BC Assembly of First Nations via zoom.
- Meeting with Kwuntiltunaat In regards to bill C 92
- Going to be attending and hosting citizen development committee on December 1st

Emerging Issues

- Operations costs for a aboriginal mother center
- Starting up conversations in regards to bill C 92
- Social services panel survey should be wrapped up by the end of January

Other

set up meeting Lu'ma Native housing Society tour and meeting with Marcel Swain in Colwood. Outcomes of the meeting potential housing for our citizens in Vic for newly constructed luma housing facility in colwood. As well as talked about potential building construction in Port Alberni 50 units project, Luma Housing is in the early stages of putting in a proposal in and is looking for partnership. Follow up meeting later on that week with Chief Counselor Ec-chiss and other.....

Attended Workshop to Discuss the Formation of an Indigenous Forum In regards to indigenous economic participation in Trans Mountain.