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Councillor ȁicitath (Edward R. Johnson) December 2020 Progress Report

Areas of Responsibility:

Community Health
Citizen Development Committee (CDC)
Education, Language and Culture
Citizenship

Area of Responsibility: Community Health

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Found out this month I was accepted as member of Alberni Clayoquot Health Network.
- Attended the First Nations Health Council where we welcomed back Dr. Bonnie Henry
- Attended Covid-19 Vaccination Planning Webinar put on by the FNHDA and FNHA. This meeting was for the BC FN Chiefs/Leaders and Health Directors/Leads. In this meeting we had a special guest Dr. Bonnie Henry, who provided a BC Provincial Update on COVID-19 Vaccination Planning to community leadership and welcomed the opportunity to hear directly from leadership and their issues of importance for our communities
- Huu-ay-aht donated some salmon and money to the Feed the People event that was put on by the Quu'asa team in Port Alberni. Feedback from the president of the Nuu-chah-nulth tribal council says that there were many people who were very happy to get their fish meal and then a turkey meal. People felt so good being thought of. It has been a hard year for people. You know how our people love our salmon and it was a real treat for many. This donation stemmed from last month's NTC AGM
- Conducted a meeting with Vice President from NTC and James Harry of the All Nations Outreach Society. This meeting was very successful. The All Nations Outreach Society is in its infancy and there's potential for growth, I just wanted to put it on the VP of NTC radar.
- Working on video messaging to our citizens regarding safe practices, vaccine and season greetings holiday message
- Attended Island Health covert update meeting.
- Arrange the meeting with Dr Shannon McDonald from the First Nations Health Authority to have a conversation about pushing for nonessential travel to and from Vancouver Island until there is a vaccine regularly and widely available.
- Received a Letter from Chief Gordon Planes from T'Sou-ke Nation. Chief Planes is asking for support from all nations on Vancouver Island regarding stopping all non-essential travel to Vancouver Island to save our people (Dear Regional Chief Terry Teegee)
- Received wonderful news on Dec 28th from CEO Richard Jock of FNHA that Huuayaht is selected to receive early Access to COVID Vaccine.

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 this awareness in the meetings that I attend. Continuing to advocate for our nation and Nuu-chah-nulth regarding our NTC motion that we announced on June 9th.

Area of Responsibility: Citizen Development Committee (CDC)

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Was nominated to be the point person for our nation, regarding continued Justice related work with BC Corrections and the Letter of Intent that has been signed, with direction from our NTC board of Directors
This letter of intent confirms that the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and BC Corrections seek to establish a partnership through the development of a Memorandum of Understanding for Supported Community Reintegration (MOU). Through this initiative, each party will better understand the significant role that a community can play when individuals who are involved with BC Corrections desire to have representatives from their community support their reintegration efforts.
This MOU represents BC Corrections' commitment to improving outcomes for Indigenous clients, and we are honoured by these partnerships and new relationships.
This MOU will outline the process for BC Corrections to work with Indigenous clients and their community to support reintegration. In accordance with existing privacy legislation, the written consent of the individual will be required to authorize collaboration between BC Corrections' staff and identified representatives of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. Individuals will be encouraged and supported to access available resources to successfully reintegrate into their community.
- Attended virtual HUU-ay-aht people's assembly and cultural history night
- HUU-ay-aht Tripartite meeting with BC and Canada where we talked about the Mothers Centre funding and the March 26, 2020 Notice to BC and Canada under federal legislation and BC Funding where we received 400K. Talks will continue in the new year
- Nananiqsu meeting this month was a social gathering. At the end of the meeting our Nananiqsu agreed to meet again the following week, as well as a chit chat meeting with our citizens, our Nananiqsu felt it was important to open up the meeting to all HUU-ay-aht, to connect. Chit chat meeting will take place December 29th at 10:00 AM. these meetings have been very successful.
- Attended community engagement session regarding community comprehensive plan.
- Citizen Development Committee meeting on Dec 1st 2021.
- SSTF meeting on the 7th of Dec
- Received the first draft of the external SSP evaluation report on Dec 26th.

Emerging Issues

- Operations costs for aboriginal mother center

Area of Responsibility: Citizenship

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Citizenship Committee Meeting review of citizenship applications. It is HFN law to hold citizenship committee meeting monthly, we had a successful citizenship committee meeting on December 11th.

Emerging Issues

- Legal team needs to finish up work on the Citizenship Act then needs to go to Ha'wiih and then to community for community engagement sessions.

Area of Responsibility: Education, Language and Culture

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Bamfield Community School Association meeting where I was accepted as a Director
- Attended and hosted virtual cultural history night on social media, talking about C-19 safety measures and safety
- 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.
- Attended language classes on every Wednesday since the beginning of October. This class was an Introduction to Nuu-chah-Nulth Language (NCN-096) at North Island College. Class was 6-9, and I'm proud to say that I passed this class
- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth language classes on Tuesdays. This Tuesday evening class will be taking a break over the Holidays and re convening in the new year. This class was very helpful, it worked well with my Wednesday evening classes at North Island College.
- Virtual HUU-ay-aht talent show to showcase our citizens talents
Would be a very positive outcome to showcase our citizens and be able to celebrate together. We would need to recruit participants to showcase their talents. This could be easily communicated to citizens and set up through zoom. We could start advertising in the new year and have it sometime in February. Some examples Poetry, storytelling, language lessons, guitar, piano or other instruments. I'm sure we all know of someone or we could nominate someone to participate in a virtual HUU-ay-aht talent show to showcase our citizens talents

Emerging Issues

- Looking to engage with First Nations Education Foundation and language cooperative Canada in the new year.
- 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 phone bees to our citizens regarding culture and language.

Other

Meeting w/Trevor, Edward, Munro/Thompson re: External Relations