

February 2021

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 1, researched historical files to support Specific Claims research, in particular material related to Huu-ay-aht living in Bamfield.• We received notification from Kate Bloomfield, legal counsel representing HFN in their Specific Claim. Kate informed me of the possibility of the Tribunal trying to reach a settlement by this fall. This is definitely good news supporting our revenue situation.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 1, 2021, attended NTC meeting on Experiences with RDMP.• February 2-met virtually with Frank Dragon from KCFN to discuss FFA negotiations and updated from his perspective.• February 4, prepared for Pachiidaht First Nation Forestry meeting and attended meeting to discuss TFL 44 deal.• Feb. 9 – attended and participated in a meeting with the Port Alberni Port Authority agreed to have PAPA at Hawiuh Council and Community Engagement Session.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February 4, 2021, done interview with various news outlets regarding the status of the Bamfield Road.• Attended to issues raised by citizens.
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. I continue to meet with citizens when asked.• Assigned councilors to speak to their portfolio issues.• Feb 5 to 10, attended to communication issues related to the road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 18 – CTV interview on the Bamfield Road. • February 22-24 – attended to communication matters related to the USW and HFN Memorandum of Understanding.
<p>5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Friday I met with the House of Caa’aa’qwat to discuss a conceptual self-supporting project. • February 24 – attended HFN Forestry Tour to see how HFN forestry operations are meeting or exceeding provincial forestry standards
<p>6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connie and I talk every morning and the opportunity to discuss this area of responsibility is always open. •
<p>7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2 and 10, 2021, attended Salish Sea Arms-Length meeting to review the proposed Salish Environmental Legacy Fund, a chance to participate in a \$50,000,000 investment fund. Heard from the Relationship Trust and the Great Bear Rainforest Trust and their governance structures. • February 5 - attended and participated in TFL 44 update. • February 10 - met with HFN and HGB representative to discuss HGB and HFN economic issues to ensure Executive Council is on top of political related issues and HGB is attending to economic operational issues. • February 19 – attended and participated in the HFN Economic Summit that clearly identified the political issues needed to support Economic Development. Invest in Infrastructure. Work together on major projects. Roles and responsibilities. • February 26 – attended Huumiis board meeting, very pleased to hear a report that the our 7% interest realized a \$422,000 dividend for Huumiis.

<p>8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to Tliishin regarding promoting Huu-ay-aht values, culture, tradition and language. Need improvement. The main responsibility for this lies with Hawiih Council. Will work with tliishin to ensure this is properly resourced. Major part of budget discussions.
<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 attention. • Met virtually with Steelhead LNG to touch base on the status of the company. • Feb 2, 9, 16, 23-attended and participated in weekly COVID 19 weekly meetings.
<p>10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People’s Assembly;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 11, 16, 17 and 25 – attended and chaired Executive Council meetings.
<p>11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councilors;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 22-had our first Monday morning Executive Council meeting to review portfolios and related political issues.
<p>12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People’s Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>13) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See emerging issues.

Emerging issues:

- 1. SELF – Salish Environmental Legacy Fund – seek EC approval to support the establishment of the Self Environmental Legacy Fund or whatever name the Salish Sea First Nations decide.**
- 2. Private land loans update – directive to John that this be in every financial report.**
- 3. Private land conversion - seek EC decision to start the process by April 1, 2021. Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement 2.10.23, 2.10.24 and 2.10.25**



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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Councillor ȕicitath (Edward R. Johnson) February 2021 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

- Started chairing weekly Covid-19 Meetings every Monday
- 2nd vaccines were given the first 17th of Feb in Anacla
- Attended Alberni Clayoquot Health Network table of partners Monthly Table of Partners meeting
- Attended Nanaiiqsu Meeting
- Attended Community Engagement Session re: Comprehensive Community Plan
- Meeting with Munro/Thompson for Family Day video recording
- Attended webinar "Decolonizing Community Spaces" Feb 22nd 3-5 and the next three Mondays.
- Next FNHA meeting is called for March 2nd a one day Vancouver Island Regional Winter Caucus.

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 Nuuchahnulth regarding our NTC motion that we announced on June 9th.

Area of Responsibility: Citizen Development Committee (CDC)

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Going through final edits for the SSP External Report
- Reviewing draft of the external SSP evaluation report
- Attend monthly SSTF meeting on Feb 26th
- Networked and shared some of Huu-ay-aht's Social Services Project story with the community of Daylu Dena (Lower Post), part of the Kaska Dena Nation (they have 3 Nations in British Columbia, and 2 in Yukon).
- Meeting with Ken Watts re: Oomiiqsu Project
- Meeting with Mayor Minions re: Oomiiqsu Project
- Meeting with Executive Director of the Alberni Community & Women's Services Re: Oomiiqsu Project and ACWS Second Stage Housing Project on how both projects can complement each other.
- CDC Committee meeting
- Huu-ay-aht Coordination Agreement Kick-off meeting with BC and Canada re: Bill C-91
- Reached out and requested an opportunity to meet to discuss our Oomiiqsu Aboriginal Mother Center project with the First Nations Health Authority to seek support on a social determinants health level just

waiting to hear back from representatives from FNHA. Thinking should hear back from them in the coming weeks as they are focused 80% C-19 and 20% administration

Emerging Issues

- Operations costs for aboriginal mother center
- I would like to reach out to all Nuu-chah-nulth tribes to seek support letters thinking of the benefits and positive outcomes of this new model of care. I've talked with several people that mentioned that this would have benefitted them if this new model of care existed when they were young, countless stories of children being separated from their mothers, stories of lives being lost because of paths that were disrupted by the separation of children and their mothers, and I think about the stories that could be created and results of the positive effects from this new model of care 10, 20, 30yrs down the road. The stories of pushing back against colonialism and the aftermath of the IRS system. As mentioned in the business case study Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation have over 10,000 citizens (on & off Reserve) residing on Vancouver Island. Over 3,200 Nuu-chah-nulth citizens reside in Port Alberni or the immediate surrounding area. The population of all Nuu-chah-nulth communities grew between 2007 and 2017. The population of Port Alberni is 20,712 as of 2016 (Census, 2016). Roughly 18% of Port Alberni's population identifies as Indigenous, equating to over 3,700 individuals.

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 February 12, 2021.

Area of Responsibility: Education, Language and Culture

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Bamfield Community School Association Board of Directors meeting every 1st Monday.
- Attended Culture Language Heritage Caucus where we talked about Language Scoping Methodology and Language Research
- CLH meeting with Canada
- Networking connecting with FIRST PEOPLES' CULTURAL COUNCIL discussion paper on national strategy for the Implementation of Bill C-91
- Attended VIU's Engaged Citizens Speaker Series Re : Addressing Indigenous-specific Racism and Discrimination in BC Health Care
- Attend Ha'wiih Council meeting.
- Welcomed the participants to the Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference that normally happens at BMSC, this year it is online Although the conference will not be proceeding in Huu-ay-aht Territory, they have reached out to continue the tradition.
- Community Cultural Center meeting w/UBC Students Presentation and discussion of early ideas of students design and vision.

Emerging Issues

- 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. Looking to get on the Ha'wiih Council agenda

Other

- Meeting w/Trevor, Edward, Munro/Thompson re: External Relations
- Attended HUU-ay-aht - 2021 Economic Summit
- Budget Review with finance portfolio holder John Jack Member of Council for HFN.
- Meeting w/ HFN Executive Director re: Budgets
- Meeting with HFN Director of Community Services re: Budget
- Meeting with HFN Director of Child and Family Wellness re: Budget
- First Nations National Leadership Forum on Bill C-15
- Fisheries & Marine Protected Areas "Reconciliation".
- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council discussion on guiding their engagement with Canada on "Reconciliation". This was a follow up to the work that was done in 2019. We discussed questions related to Fisheries and Marine Protected Areas: 1. What does "Reconciliation" look like? 2. What are our expectations? 3. What priorities do NTC Nations have in the implementation of UNDRIP? 4. What can we do collectively as Nuu-chah-nulth?