

March

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 2- update on CMHC housing grant approval.• March 5 – met Superintendent PRNPR Karen Haugen to discuss issues and projects we will consider within the Cooperative Management Board Structure for 2021-22.• March 2 and 5, reviewed and considered DFO herring reports and provided herring scouting update. And, research 2020 reports for comparison purposes.• March 9 – attended and participated in Port Alberni Port Authority.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 3 and 4, appointed Ben Clappis to represent Huu-ay-aht First Nation at the BCAFN as per council decision.• March 4 and 8, research on TFL 44 First Nations.• March 8 – research on Salish Sea First Nations.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 22 - Community Engagement sessions on TFL 44 deal.
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 15, discuss communication priorities at the weekly Executive Council portfolio meetings.
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 1- received verbal report that herring was seen in Bamfield and Grappler Inlet.• March 2 – received written herring update from DFO.• March 6 and 7 – done herring reconnaissance of Trevor Channel and Nuumukamis Bay area.• March 10 – attended and participated in discussions with Salish Sea Initiative to ensure protection of HFN treaty fishing rights.• March 8, 9 and 10 – Herring reconnaissance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the month of March, I received and reviewed herring reports for the West Coast of Vancouver Island. • March 12 to 15, attended to setting cedar boughs for siihmuu, no siihmuu.
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This matter is discussed with Executive Director at our 7:30 meetings each day.
7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss revenue issues with Finance Chair. • Discuss policies needed to enhance a strong Huu-ay-aht economy. • March 10 – attended and participated in HFN – HGB meeting to discuss Campground expansion and work plan, COVID 19 protocols and potential campground opening and marketing.
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 10 – attended and participated in the discussions to establish a Salish Sea legacy fund of \$50 m promoting Huuayaht culture tradition and values.
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet every morning with Executive Director to ensure key and priority management and administrative issues. • March 2, 8, 15, 22, 29 – attended and participated in Huuayaht COVID 19 weekly meetings.
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People’s Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the month I spent time reviewing materials and preparing for HFN People’s Assembly on April 10.
11) 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"> • March 1, 8,15, 22 and 29, attended Executive Council portfolio meetings to review and consider and plot tasks for each week. • March 10 – attended and chaired Special Executive Council meeting to discuss calling of a Special People’s Assembly. • March 11 – attended and chaired Executive Council meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 16 – chaired and attended leadership meeting to review and consider Integrated Resource Management Plan Framework and budget. • March 18 – chaired and attended Special Executive Council meeting. • March 19 – HFN legislative session, first sitting. • March 30 – attended HFN legislative session, 2nd and 3rd reading.
12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People’s Assembly.	
13) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to emerging issues.

Emerging Issues:

1. **2021-22 HFN Budget, will set up meeting with each portfolio holder, ED and SMS, Instructed Connie to set up.**
 2. **Financial Plan, find \$ 7 m shortfall. Resolved.**
 3. **Communication – develop 2021-22 communication plan, will work with Connie and consult with EC.**
 4. **External Affairs, help set up resources needed to fulfil work.**
 5. **Portfolios for 2021-22**
 - a) **John Jack – Finance Chair, ACRD and Climate Change, Law and Policy**
 - b) **Duane Nookemus – Treaty Implementation Committee, Lands and Natural Resources, Fisheries**
 - c) **Edward Johnson – Citizenship Committee, Community Development and Services, Language and Culture**
 - d) **Trevor Cootes – Economic Development Committee, External Affairs, Cooperative Management Board.**
 - e) **Charlie Clappis – Infrastructure and Housing, Anacla Community and Recreational Development, Emergency Preparedness**
 - f) **Robert Dennis – Chief Negotiator, Executive Council Oversight, Executive Council Chair,**
 - g) **Derek Peters – Hawiih Council Chair, Hawiih Council Oversight, Hawiih Council Consultation, Co-Chief Negotiator.**
- **Instead of meeting every Monday as HFN EC team, we’ll meet bi-weekly if needed. Nicole provided notice**
 - **Cost of living adjustment.**
 - **Portfolio appointment now official, Portfolio Mandate instructions completed by April 15, 2021.**



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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Councillor ʕicitath (Edward R. Johnson) March 2021 Progress Report

Area of Responsibility:

Community health
Citizen Development Committee
Education, Language and Culture
Citizenship

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives: Community Health

- March 2, 2021 - One day Vancouver Island Regional Winter Caucus. The FNHA Winter Caucus is usually spread out over three days, but due to the pandemic it has been postponed since November and was just a one day meeting jam packed on Zoom. Which is understandable FNHA is working 80% covid relief and 20% administration, where we received updates on:
 - Public Health Emergencies and Anti-Racism Update, read full report **Addressing Indigenous-specific Racism and Discrimination in B.C. Health Care**. Reached out to Vice President of the UBCIC to find out next steps on how we are going to utilize this report and carry out the 24 recommendations. Full report here <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/613/2020/11/In-Plain-Sight-Full-Report.pdf> and summary on the report <https://www.bcafn.ca/sites/default/files/docs/news/In-Plain-Sight-Summary-Report.pdf>
 - First Nations Health Council Update on Overview Revised Engagement Timeline, Regionalization from a Governance Perspective, Cultural Safety, Legislation and Policy Development and FNHC Evaluation.
 - Vancouver Island Addressing Racism Task Force
 - Advocacy Request: Vancouver Island Resident Public Health Safety Measures
 - Pandemic Response / Vaccine Update from Brennan MacDonald Regional Executive director and Dr Jeff Deselt from Island Health. Jest some stats from their presentation 254 total FN overdose deaths from January to December that is 14.8% of all OD deaths in BC. 2020 now has the highest number of OD deaths of FN since 2015. 20 deaths in December were FN that is 13.2% of all OD deaths in December were FN.
- FNHA Gathering Wisdom XI will be a one day virtual event in June 2021.
- ACHN Attended Poverty Reduction Focus Group where we went over the survey data - Building Prosperity in the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network
- Decolonizing Community Spaces ever Monday started on Feb 22nd and ended on March 8th - Webinar was put on by the ACHN.
 - Session 1: Decolonizing Community Spaces
 - session 2: Understanding Power in Relations & Spaces
 - session 3: Shifting Culture
 - this was a interesting read that we visited throughout the workshop white supremacy culture http://www.csworkshop.org/PARC_site_B/dr-culture.html One of the purposes of listing characteristics of white supremacy culture is to point out how organizations which unconsciously use these characteristics as their norms and standards make it difficult, if not impossible, to open the door to other cultural norms and standards. As a result, many of our organizations, while saying we want to be multicultural, really only allow other people and cultures to come in if they adapt or conform to already existing cultural norms. Being able to identify and name the cultural norms and standards you want is a first step to making room for a truly multi-cultural organization. Was a great workshop connected with several people throughout the region.

- Attended Provincial update by Minister Adrian Dix, Dr. Bonnie Henry and Dr. Penny Ballam on (March 18, 2021) regarding adjustments to the Provincial COVID Immunization Plan. https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/03.18.2021_COVID_Immunization_Plan.pdf
- Meeting with the First Nations Health Authority regarding a A New Model of Care Oomiiqsu. Where We talked about how the FNHA can help/support the Oomiiqsu on a social determinants of health level. We made a clear ask that we need help with the operational costs of the Oomiiqsu. This was a good meeting and our next meeting is on April 20th, 2021. In the meeting was Hanna Scrivens, Regional Manager, Maternal, Child & Family Health, Georjeana Paterson, Regional Mental Health & Wellness Liaison and Cody Caruso, Regional Health Liaison.
- Meeting with the Coordinator Alberni Clayoquot Health Network about Funding Opportunity
- Attended a Town Hall event with Dr. Bonnie Henry and Dr. Shannon McDonald to provide an update, and to take questions related to the provincial government's recent announcement of its Phase 2 COVID-19 vaccine rollout.
- We are on track to meet the provincial expectation for all adults to receive their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before July 1. All of B.C.'s health authorities are working hard to accelerate the vaccination rollout, providing registration access to certain age groups earlier than expected. I am very thankful for the FNHA advocating on our behalf as well as island health the communication between both FNHA and IH have been good, especially our communications we receive weekly updates from IH/ FNHA for our communications
- Chairing weekly Covid-19 Meetings every Tuesday.

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 have that we announced on June 9th.
- Going to set up a meeting with First Nations Health Council Rep to talk about Oomiiqsu Mother Center to ask for FNHC to advocate on our behalf on a political level for operations funding on a social determinants of health level.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives: Education, Language and Culture

- Bamfield Community School Association Board of Directors meeting every 1st Monday of the Month.
- Attended Culture Language and Heritage caucus with other First Nations BC
- We were successful in receiving funds from The First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) a grant to assist in providing supports in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for students who live TSL and normally attend public and off-reserve independent schools.
- Attended Culture Language and Heritage meetings.
- Language and History position should be posted this coming April I am excited it been a long time coming we need to be delivering language programs to our citizens.
- We have 18 enrolled citizens in post-secondary
- Hišuk ma c̓awak Integrated Resource Management Plan video with M/T. Huu-ay-aht First Nations intends to create a coordinated plan for forest and environmental management in our entire Ḥahuuli that respects the present and future needs of the Nation and the ecosystem in our care.
- Restorative Justice Discussion with a fellow Alberni Clayoquot Health Network representative was a great discussion going to connect and network with others in restorative justice on the Island. Looking to set up a meeting 2nd week of April with the Community Safety Programs Manager for Tsleil-Waututh FN to see how they work there restorative justice program in the past we have had two restorative justice workers in community as of now we have 0 looking to resurrect our restorative justice program.
- Working on getting RBCM MOU approved to speed up process for repatriation of treasures.
- Attended the British Columbia Economic Development Association were Huuayaht Community Host the Opening of the day I opened up with a prayer song.

Emerging Issues

- Still waiting for culture and language position to be filled

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives: Citizen Development Committee

- Huu-ay-aht Coordination Agreement Meeting Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families where we received funding model PowerPoint from Canada.
- Chaired Citizen Development Committee where we reviewed Citizen Development Officer survey results next steps bring to executive council and waiting for report on citizen development policies, programs and legislation from CDO. <https://huyuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/citizen-development-regulation-2012-official-consolidation.pdf>
- Our CFO found funds held up by NTC's error was \$360,000. We have now received these funds, funds for our SSP to go towards initiating the 30 recommendations.
- Chaired Nananiqsu meeting
- Delivered food boxes to the Nananiqsu in Parksville and Nanaimo was the last bi-weekly food box has been a wonderful time volunteering delivering the food boxes, the Nananiqsu have been very greatly appreciative of all the food they have received.
- Connected with Council from Hupacasah FN and received support letter from Hupacasah First Nation
- Appointed to NTC RCMP Committee 1st meeting next month to go over terms of references
- Oomiiqsu working on getting letter to BC Housing from HFN letter on commitment

Emerging Issues

- Continuing to look for long term funding for mother center this month we as Huuayaht have committed to the first 5 years of operation for a total of \$1.4 million and have indicated that in a letter to BC housing to get the project up and going as we commence and engage with BC and Canada through coordination agreement for the next year. Knowing that it's a collaborative and Group effort to get this up and going I have reached out to FNHA knowing that there could be supports through the social determinants of health looking forward to next meetings scheduled for April 20th.
- I am in need of a detailed budget from the last two years possibly 3 of the children and families and Wellness office Department/Social Services Project regarding our coordination agreement with BC and Canada.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives: Citizenship Committee

- Citizenship Committee Meeting No citizens to review at citizenship committee meeting on March 12th 2021.

Other: Weekly EC Team Meeting, Virtual Talking Trees Trees Tour Sunshine Coast, Indigenous Talking Trees Walking Tour – Live Virtual on the Sunshine Coast CES Re TFL 44, Legislation first, second and third readings, Participated in Community Clean Up in lower Anacla., Tiny cabin off grid meeting with EC T. Cootes, Land Taxation Discussion meeting with John Jack, and our HFN CFO and our HFN CDO Miya Inkster, Miya works a lot with other FN re Land Taxation thought it would be good to connect and talk about taxation senses it is coming in 2023 **and** Networked and connected with Frank Dragon talking about the history of the Maa-nulth treaty and how things are going.



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Councillor: Charlie Clappis March Report

Responsibility	
Infrastructure and Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3- Meeting with Trevor Sewer Funding Strategy • March 4- Housing Solutions Lab Planning call • March 5- Weekly meeting with Jim-Capital Projects/Housing application • March 9- Weekly call with Jim-Sewer • March 11- Affordable housing discussion-Bamfield Community Shareholders • March 15- Housing Solutions Lab-Workshop Planning call • March 16- Meeting with Trevor, Amanda, Mapping Overlay • March 19- Waste water discussion • March 23- Meeting with Anthony/Ecotrust • March 29- Housing Solutions Lab Citizen Workshop
Recreation and Community Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 1- Warrior Weekly gathering • March 8- Warriors Virtual Drum making • March 15- Warrior Weekly gathering
Law and Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 31- Planning call
Community Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 8- Bamfield 2030 Committee • March 11- Community Hall Society BoD • March 10- First Nations Technology Council BoD • March 15- Bamfield Community Affairs Meeting • March 18- Community Forest Eco-forestry workshop Herb Hammond • March 22- TFL Community Engagement • March 22- Music by the Sea BoD • March 24- Bamfield Chamber AGM • March 25- Community Forest BoD

Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• March 4- Special Council Meeting• March 9- Port Alberni Port Authority meeting• March 10- Special Council Meeting• March 11- Executive Council Meeting• March 16- TFL Leadership meeting• March 17- Weekly Executive Director meeting• March 18- Special Council Meeting• March 19- First Sitting Legislature• March 23- Weekly Covid meeting• March 23- Special Sitting Legislature• March 24- Weekly Executive Director meeting• March 25- Executive Council Meeting• March 30- Special Council Meeting• March 30- Weekly Covid Meeting• March 30- Second and Third sitting of Legislature• March 31- Weekly Executive Director Meeting
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Emerging Issues

1. New 2021 Portfolio implementation
 - a. Land Use and Zoning
 - b. Emergency Preparedness
2. Quarterly Plans-Administration meetings
3. Housing Policy Working Group formation
4. Infrastructure Technical working group implementation