

May 2021

Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attended to a call with Minister Rankin regarding HFN treaty and governance issues.</li><li>• Met with Minister Bennet of Indigenous Services Canada to hear the rollout of Infrastructure Budget 2021 and heard presentations from other First Nations. Very impressed with KCFN.</li><li>• Worked with Executive Director to ensure HUU-ay-aht representation at Self Governing Indigenous Governments (SGIG).</li><li>• Attended the zoning amendment meeting with PA city council.</li><li>• In terms of progress, the fact we have an external affairs portfolio has been extremely helpful for me, having Elizabeth Cull has been extremely helpful also.</li></ul>
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Met numerous times with Chief Jeff Jones of Pachiidaht First Nations and Chief Brian Tate of Dididaht First Nations to develop a declaration regarding sustainable forest management in each of our territories.</li><li>• Attended monthly NTC Directors meeting and WC Ma-ahs Society meeting.</li><li>• And, to attend virtual community engagement meeting in Pachiidaht.</li><li>• PFN, DFN and HFN continue to meet regarding forestry related matters in each of our territories.</li><li>• IRMP Declaration to be finalized in early June.</li><li>• Maintaining effective relationships with other Indigenous organization has helped advance HFN issues.</li><li>• Worked with Chief Ken Watts on issues related to our two governments.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bamfield Road</li> <li>b) Hotel in PA</li> <li>c) TFL 44 –</li> <li>d) Aboriginal tourism</li> </ul>
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorized Trevor to do Hashiltsa article about HFN receiving funding for economic recovery. See Hahsiltsa May 6, 2021.</li> <li>• Participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MFN Treaty and attended video interview celebrating MFN 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.</li> <li>• Maintaining a close relationship with our citizens has helped me to advance HFN EC issues.</li> </ul>
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tliishin, Olivia and I Met at Franklin River to do interview with Hashiltsa and CHEK TV regarding the establishment of a check-point at norther HFN territory.</li> <li>• Maintained list of communication issues.</li> <li>• Communication plan is essential to good government.</li> </ul>
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensured each portfolio holder works to protect and enhance HFN treaty rights.</li> <li>• Keeping a close eye on federal policy that may affect our treaty rights.</li> </ul>
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through discussion with Coral there seemed to be some concern about Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Act 11 (1) regarding directing employees, government members must not give direction or instruction to government employees or contractors, by name or position, <b><i>without the prior approval of the Executive Director.</i></b></li> <li>• Before talking to any staff member or contractor talk to Coral first.</li> </ul>

7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with WFP and HGB representatives to discuss and plan a stumpage strategy for HFN provincial tenures.</li> <li>• Meet occasion with Economic Development portfolio holder to ensure mandate issues are met.</li> </ul>
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met with Ed to ensure language and culture mandate is met.</li> </ul>
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May – attended and participated in two HFN COVID 19 meetings.</li> <li>• Met with Robert Botterell to ensure the implementation of the 25 Million Investment Raise.</li> <li>• Participated in team meeting to develop plan moving forward.</li> </ul>
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People’s Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended EC meeting Monday May 10, 2021, Friday May 14, 2021, Thursday May 27.</li> </ul>
11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and</li> <li>ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councillors;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended 2 HFN EC team meetings to review and consider all portfolios and emerging issues.</li> </ul>

**Emerging issues:**

1. Review of Karen Haugen June 3 email. Robert
2. TMX issue, HFN EC needs to decide if they want to be part of this. I see significant advantages to being part of this initiative. Duane.
3. EC support to purchase membership with First Nation Forestry Council. Robert
4. Regarding the audit, what is plan to ensure we get our audit done by July 31, 2021.



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## **Councillor ̓icitath̓ (Edward R. Johnson) May 2021 Progress Report :**

### **Area of Responsibility:**

Community health

Citizen Development Committee

Education, Language and Culture

Citizenship

### **Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives: Citizenship Committee**

- Had a successful Citizenship Committee meeting on May 14th.
- Info on Citizenship <https://huuayaht.org/services/citizenship/>

### **Emerging Issues**

- *Took some time to get quorum 30 minutes.*

### **Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Citizen Development Committee**

- Citizen Development meeting where we reviewed CDC survey report, next is to review the CDO Review Report at our next CDC meeting next month. The CDO review is done after the CDC survey is complete this is done every four years. The CDO review will be going to EC as well in June.
- May 25, 2021 – Huu-ay-aht First Nations is pleased to announce it has been awarded \$763,924.33 from the Province of British Columbia's Childcare B.C. New Spaces funding. Read more on the New Spaces funding here <https://huuayaht.org/2021/05/25/huu-ay-aht-awarded-763924-from-the-provinces-childcare-b-c-new-spaces-funding/>
- Oomiiqsu - Public Hearing Presentation to the City of Port Alberni Council for land rezoning with the HFN Oomiiqsu team. Our presentation was well received very positive outcomes. For more information on our Oomiiqsu Project <https://huuayaht.org/the-oomiiqsu-aboriginal-mother-centre/>
- Attended HFN Coordination Agreement Internal Team meeting bi-weekly
- Meetings with several Nuu-chah-nulth leaders and FNHA seeking support letters for our Oomiiqsu project before our meeting with the City of Port Alberni Council.
- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth and RCMP Committee meeting
- Social Services Project External Evaluations are going to be printed, just need to work on press release.
- Communications with our education, employment and training manager on graduation ceremony
- Phone call meeting with Bill Ward HELPING OUR PEOPLE SURVIVE AND THRIVE <https://www.billward.life/> Bill is going on tour July 19th and would like to stop in our community, this visit would come at a cost.

- Ongoing meeting about Oomiiqsu Mother's Centre Proposal with Assistant Deputy Minister Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives Division, Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. Meetings are to network and strategize on how to move this Project forward
- Pachena Bay Campground Reopening Discussion
- Worked with our HFN Communications team and NTC on putting a video together for BC Child and Youth in Care Week from May 31 – June 4. For more info on CYCW <https://www.bcchildandyouthincareweek.com/>

### Emerging Issues

- *SSP External Evaluation need to work on press release*

### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives: Education, Language and Culture

- Attended Bamfield Community School Association Board of Directors meeting. We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. For more info on the BCSA here is the link <https://bamfieldcommunity.ca/>
- Attended Culture Language and Heritage caucus where we discussed process towards identifying SGIGs' Language Expenditure Needs.
- Attended CLH Call with Canada, some links to the Bill c-91 Act are below <https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/canada-unveils-indigenous-languages-bill-to-fanfare-criticism/#:~:text=Bill%20C-91%2C%20An%20Act%20Respecting%20Indigenous%20Languages%2C%20would,Articles%20Centre%20in%20Ottawa%2C%20where%20Heritage%20and%20https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/pl/charter-charte/c91.html>
- Conversation with Chief Mark Point from Skowkale First Nation in Chilliwack. Chief Point would like to invite us to the opening of Skowkales' new building sometime in Aug.
- Connected with BMSC for a virtual field trip on May 11<sup>th</sup> where I was to be a panelist but was not able to attend. Thankfully, Trevor Cootes stepped in and did the territory acknowledgement. This virtual field trip involved ROV and was broadcast live via social media in Sarita Bay.
- Networking and talking with Deb Masso from EJ DUNN school. Going to be setting up a time to talk with a class that is learning about huuayaht history where I'll be talking about being a self-governing Nation, culture and language.

### Emerging Issues

- *Need to start virtual language classes with our current language speakers*

### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives: Community Health

- Attended the ACHN Monthly Table of Partners meeting. This table meets every third Wednesday of every month from 9:30 to 11:30 via Zoom.
- Attended FNHA VI Orientation, where we received orientation from FNHC Regional Representatives and FNHA Regional Team. In this orientation we have discussed the framework engagement process between First Nations Health Authority, First Nations Health Directors Association and First Nations Health Council and we talked about our Vancouver Island partnership accord. More info is attached here <https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-Island-Health-Partnership-Accord.pdf> <https://hashilthsa.com/news/2014-06-13/declaration-nuu-chah-nulth-women>
- Attended Virtual Town Hall - Event put on by the First Nations Health Authority. FNHA provided First Nations Chiefs, Leaders, and Health Directors in British Columbia with an update and answered questions related to the current Provincial Health Order, provisions and steps to counter COVID-19. FNHA also provide an update on vaccine roll-out and our partnered approach.
- Attended FNHA Nuu-chah-nulth Family Caucus
- Media Release from FNHA on First Nations Toxic Drug Deaths which doubled during the pandemic in 2020. All FN had talks and meetings leading up to the release attached here. <https://www.fnha.ca/about/news-and-events/news/first-nations-toxic-drug-deaths-doubled-during-the-pandemic-in-2020>
- Bi-weekly covid update meetings
- Pachena Bay Campground Reopening Discussion meeting

### Emerging Issues

- *Needs to be more communication between the First Nations Health director's association and the First Nations Health council reps, as well as the communication between First Nations Health council rep and Nuu-chah-nulth.*
- *We should look into Elders homes. This does not need to be an Elders care home, but customizing our building that's going on in upper Anacla and strategically placing these houses surrounded by community, so that they can see the growth. These homes would be one level and easily accessible.*

### Other

- Attend Me Too Information Session w/Brent Lehmann
- Meeting with Chief Councilor and acting ED to talk about the portfolios that I have and any emerging issues to ensure that we are on the same page

*My neighbour's strength is my strength, my neighbours success is my success and, my neighbour's failure is my failure.*