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**Executive Council Report
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Chief Councillor Report Dennis Report Jan 2022

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan 17 – HFN did attend the annual BC Cabinet meetings to advance HFN provincial issues due to pens down during HFN by-election.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By mandate instructions to Councilor Duane Nookemus, he's been instructed to represent HFN at Maanulth Directors meetings to advance treaty land transfer and participate in Fiscal Finance Agreement negotiations. Reviewed video titled Maa-nulth Treaty – 10 Year Retrospect. Recommending HFN inform MFN we don't approve of the video.
3) Representing government in relations with Huu-ay-aht Ha'wiih and Citizens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>I engage with Derek on regular basis to discuss issues related to the Ha'wiih Council.</i> <i>On January 6, I attended Ha'wiih Council meeting regarding Project Green to have RHB give more detailed report on the project.</i> <i>On Jan 10 I attended to the Chantell Nookemus ceremony virtually.</i>
4) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jan. 4, attended meeting with Judith Sayers and Mariah Charleson to discuss HFN issues, COVID 19, RCMP and the Canada and First Nation Leadership announcement regarding Family and Children.
5) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	
6) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treaty implementation Committee is HFN's avenue to ensuring we are protecting and enhancing HFN aboriginal and treaty rights. The biggest threat to our aboriginal rights is the Halt of ALL Old Growth Logging in BC.
7) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	
8) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> My main focus is to ensure that any Executive Council decisions and actions are made in the best interests of present and future generations of Huu-ay-at citizens. Having a sound economy is the main one. Increasing revenue is another main priority. Additional funding enables HFN to enhance

	federal, provincial and HFN programs and services.
9) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	
10) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 1 - addressed emails that alleged staff discriminatory behavior. Referred the matter to Connie. • I continue to meet with Connie to ensure proper management and administration of government. I have utmost confidence in the Executive Director. She makes every reasonable effort to attend to issues raised in our 7:30 meetings each morning. • I also notice that Connie has good working relationship with staff, Executive Council and citizens. • Jan 3 - attended a special COVID 19 meeting to review the current status of the pandemic. • Jan 5 - attended the Waste Water Treatment Plant weekly meeting to receive a progress report. Plant will need an operational plan and workers. Plant will be operating by Jan 31, 2022 - On time and on budget so far. • Jan 6 - attended and participated in Specific Claims meeting to review and consider Traditions Consulting Specific Claim report and to authorize pursuit of funding.
11) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 6 - attended and participated in Ha'wiih Council meeting to update Ha'wiih on Project Green. • Jan 11, 14, 20, 21, and 27, attended and chaired EC meetings.
12) 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 Councillors; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 10 - I wrote emails to each portfolio holder to mandate them to attend to certain portfolio functions and responsibilities for the last quarter.
13) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	
14) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy.	

I have no emerging issues at this time.

Councillor: Aicitath Edward R. Johnson January 2022 Progress Report

Area of Responsibility:

Community Health

Citizenship Committee

Education, Language and Culture

Citizen Development Committee

Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Infrastructure

- Attended weekly Bamfield Road meetings.
- Attended Bamfield Main Post Construction Maintenance Discussion meeting.
- Met with Executive Director to talk about promoting the private lots for citizens who want to build their own homes at upper Anacla.
- Met with Executive Director to talk about 2022 and 2023 and 2024 subdivision plan. Outcome of the meeting was that I need to connect with Operations Infrastructure Manager and Strategic Planner.
- Reviewed the infrastructure list to prioritize infrastructure for the next year.
- Working on fourth quarter priorities:
 - Promote the private lots for citizens who want to build their own homes
 - 2022-23 and 2023-24 sub-division plan
 - WWTP operational plan
 - Bamfield Road
- Cultural Center is getting some attention. The lot is being prepared across from our Anacla Government Office. This is very exciting because in the very near future this new infrastructure building will be housing our treasures that we will be receiving from the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Emerging Issues

- Maintenance of the Bamfield Main after completion of road construction.
- Completing infrastructure list.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Community Health

- Chaired our monthly COVID task force meeting. There is a rise in COVID numbers with the new variant. Schools have been postponed until the 10th of January. The task force worked on communications for our HFN, AGO and PAGO.
- Setting up Community Consultative Group (CCG) meeting for March 1 to review the LOE with the RCMP they bring to the CDC. This letter of expectation will be in force for a period of two (2) years from the date of signing and may be amended by mutual agreement and with the support of the CCG. After the CCG reviews and or changes, the next step is to go to CDC, then EC for signatures.
- In communicating with our health director, we have discovered that not all citizens that live off TSL who receive a positive test result regarding COVID-19 are getting reported to us.
- Attended VI Region Town Hall re Omicron Variant.

- Rapid tests have been sent to Anacla and all of Nuuchahnulth from FNHA. The Rapid testing kits are only to be used for a person that is experiencing symptoms, referred to be tested by a doctor, or after completing the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool (thrive.health) links here <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>. There were 19,000 rapid tests for all three families on the island and more are to come.
- Attended FNHA Virtual Town Hall Event with all FN in BC.
- Working on bringing back the Restoring Wellness in Our Community: Addressing the Root Causes of Addiction workshop back for SMT and EC. I've been in communications with FNHA from the island to acquire funding for workshop. This was a pandemic workshop that was cancelled because of the pandemic last year.

Emerging Issues

- Coming up with dates for workshop

Progress on Achieving Initiatives **Citizenship Committee**

- Citizenship meetings are every second Thursday of the Month. It is HFN Law to have a Citizenship Committee meeting every Month.
- Working on 4th quarter priorities putting a communication plan to inform Huu-ay-aht citizens of new citizens and citizenship and the Treaty Enrolment Act - working with Legal Counsel and Committee.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Education, Language and Culture**

- Working on a Rapid Word Collection Workshop grant with FNEF.
- Attended meeting with Christian Zacharuk, the Deputy Minister of Education, to talk about K-12 in Anacla. Points that were made in the discussion with Deputy Minister were:
 1. Without Grades 9-12, Huu-ay-aht families have to send their children out of the community for an education. This is a continuation of the long history of separating Indigenous children from their families. Reconciliation must involve keeping families together.
 2. Without Grades 9-12 we have a hard time attracting families to return to Anacla or to move there to fill job vacancies - a good example is the Marine Sciences Centre which often cannot get people with school age children to relocate.
 3. The School District says when there are more children, they will consider adding Grades 9-12. However, we can't attract families with children without the full K-12 school being on offer.
- On January 12th the Cowichan Tribes had just voted to create their own independent school district, with the Dididaht First Nation and two others, as Indigenous communities take back control of their children's learning. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bc-first-nations-full-control-education-1.6311022>. With this announcement, I can see some networking, exploring, and entertaining the thoughts of initiating and doing the same.
- We are promoting Huu-ay-aht values, culture, traditions, and language through cultural history nights on zoom and cultural brushings.
- Reviewing and giving input/feedback on Maa-nulth 10 year Anniversary Film.

- 2022 – 23 Language and Culture Plan, including HUU-ay-aht Days, Canoe Journeys teams, Tluukwana and Spiritual Camp.
- Working on fourth quarter priorities.

Emerging Issues

- K-12 in Anacla.
- Still in need of a language worker.

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

- In preparing for our next CDC meeting, I will be bringing the Community Plan Review, Social Service Legislation, Citizen Motion on Cultural Healing from the HFN PA and the LOE with the RCMP for the CCG.
- Setting up a Nananiqsu meeting for Feb 22 to talk about cultural protocols, restorative justice and the Citizen Motion on Cultural Healing from the HFN PA.
- Attended cultural ceremony for a graduate who was graduating from treatment center on the mainland.
- Attended meeting with Minister Mitzi Dean to talk about the Oomiiqsu.
- Attended meeting with NTC VP and president to talk about Covid-19, RCMP update and the Federal Child welfare announcement.
- Working on fourth quarter priorities:
 - Evaluation of Social Service Project recommendations and work with ED to ensure project delivery.
 - Getting K-12 in Bamfield Community School, continuing to meet with BMSC and Bamfield Community.
 - Identify number of children in grades 7-11 and develop a plan to ensure that needs are being met to improve education and graduate.
 - Develop HFN Housing Plan and work with John to complete a “made in HUU-ay-aht” Rental Policy.
- Need to start working on a plan to fund the Social Service Project. The funding agreement for this pilot project is coming to an end in 2023. As a reminder, here's a link below on the press release <https://www.albernavalleynews.com/news/huu-ay-aht-first-nations-to-receive-4-2-million-in-funding/amp/>
I am going to request to work with our CFO to get the financial numbers for the past four years. This was in the works previously but has slowed down because we of the absence of a CFO. I am also going to be working with the task force/ HFN Coordination Agreement Oversight Committee Team.

Emerging Issues

- Request to seek numbers from CFO for the Social Services Project.
- Request for post-secondary list for our Ha'wiih to start composing letters to increase communication and to acknowledge those that have furthered their education.

**TREVORCOOTES, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
January Report, 2022 Executive Council Meeting**

EC/Member of Legislature:

- EC established Covid 19 task force - participate weekly on work and recommendations to EC
 - Weekly meetings stopped in August and is standing item on EC meetings
- Covid Guidelines in place until January 2022. Vaccinations are now including younger age groups
- Pens Down for Huuayaht By-Election until Feb 13th 2022

PORTFOLIO:

- Economic Development
- Training & Employment
- External Communications
- CMB Cooperative Management Board

Economic Development:

- To work in collaboration with delegated HFN Public Officials to promote the development of diverse, sustainable, and strong Huuayaht economy through the development and implementation of the Annual Economic Development Plan.
- To work in Collaboration with Business arm to ensure viable and profitable business operations, including the following 10 bullets.
- Provide monthly report to Chief Councillor and Executive Council on matters pertaining to Economic Development.

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Held HFNDC board meeting
 - Since Oct having HGB having HFNDC Board to Op Board meetings.
 - 1 new board member appointed to HFNDC/EDC.
 - 3 new board members appointed - Evan Cook, Eric Denhoff, Hazel Cook.
- Covid 19 has greatly impacted Huuayaht Economic Activity. We have been working diligently with the Province and Federally on guidelines and restriction and sharing the impacts on our community and our businesses. We are going to be working over the next month on an Economic Recovery Plan and an amended Economic Development Plan reflecting Covid 19 impacts. As Chair of the HFNDC board, we are going to be reviewing revised Annual Plans for each of our LP's Limited Partnerships.
- Run of the River – Continue to meet with BC Hydro in working towards finalizing EPA. Meetings with BC Hydro picking up - meeting twice a month.
 - Met with CIB on Financial components to the project - 3rd meeting.
 - Seeking \$4.7 million in funding for our Clean Energy Run of the River project.
 - Meeting with BC Hydro in person on regular basis, goal is to have a positive mutual relationship with BC Hydro to work towards finalizing an EPA.
 - Status is ongoing
- With the positive Road Decision in Sept 2020, the Ec Dev Portfolio will be working in the next 3 years to be prepared for the opportunities that will come with the completion of the road.

- As Chair of HFNDC board, worked with Chair Op Board Angela Wesley on a Huuayaht Economic Summit for Feb 19, 2021
- Held a Virtual Huuayaht Economic Summit. Next steps are coming to create a process to have recommendations come to HFNDC. The work will include engagement with EC, Hawiih, Nananiisqu and Huuayaht Citizens, target to hold a 2022 Huuayaht Economic Summit status is ongoing.
- Holdfast and Indigenomics contracted to assist Huuayaht through Economic Summit Process.
- WFP – Attended meetings related to TFL 44 LP transaction - currently in a 2 step process to finalize transaction.
- As chair of the HFNDC board, worked with Karen Haugen as acting Chair of Operating Board.
- EDC/HFNDC - EDC has set the timeline for bringing the EDP through process leading up to spring legislature
 - Consideration is being given to hosting an Economic Summit, last one held was in 2017
- Huuayaht Tourism Destination Plan – Collaborative Agreement signed with ITBC in May 2019, ITBC helping Huuayaht build Destination Plan.
 - Draft Kiixin Destination Plan presented to EDC and will be presented as a part of EDP at spring legislature with input from Citizens, EC, Hawiih and Nananiisqu.
 - With EDC and EC leaders, did a virtual tour with Talaysay tours, looking at how we can possibly do Kiixin virtual tours.
- 15 Huuayaht Citizens have successfully accessed the \$5000 Entrepreneur Grant.

Emerging Issues:

- Finalizing Business Plan and EPA (Energy Purchase Agreement) with BC Hydro.
- EDC would like to revisit the land use plan to help support EDC and prepare our Economic Development plan for the 2022 Spring Legislature. This is a priority for EDC and see this as critical in preparation for the Bamfield Main chip seal being completed.
- Economic Development Committee/HFN Dev Co Board working to ensure our Huuayaht Group of Businesses are ready for the opportunities that are coming with the Bamfield Road Upgrades.

Employment & Training

- Added to my portfolios for the 2021/2022 fiscal
- Develop initiatives that promote education and training and capacity in our citizens to ensure sustainable jobs for them.
- Achieve the target of 200 HFN people employed by 2020 and 100 training positions by 2024.
- Provide monthly report to Chief Councillor and Executive Council on matters pertaining the ET Portfolio.

Progress on Initiatives:

- Working with Executive Director, HGB, TFL 44 LP on an Action Plan for our Community - met in September
- Coastal Worker Certificate ongoing, thanks to Seanna, Hamish, Brent and myself working with WFP and NIC on development.

Emerging Issues:

- Met with Executive Director on approach to job actions plan, a briefing note will be coming to EC before end of year on a way forward

External Communications Federal

- Working with H&K on Federal Strategy ongoing
- Priorities Fisheries Strategy and Housing/Infrastructure system.
- 1 priority pushing road issue ongoing
- Helping push Huuayaht Fisheries goals externally
- Helping Infrastructure portfolio holder push housing priority externally

Other Duties assigned – Law & Policy Development committee: attended one meeting

Progress on Initiatives:

- Federal Election called in August, worked with H&K on draft letter to each party on Huuayaht priorities
- Huuayaht Political Priorities
 - The Bamfield Road
 - Housing
 - Fisheries
 - Fiscal Finance Agreement
 - Climate Change
 - TFL 44
- The External Affairs held one meeting in October – A Federal Political Strategy is being created for Leadership's consideration on meeting Huuayaht Priorities.

Cooperative Management Board

- FN Caucus meet with Parks, Dididaht and Pacheedaht on a monthly basis
- Business Resumption plan - working on a date to reopen the WCT. Priority is community safety and to ensure measures are in place to keep staff and hikers safe. Huuayaht recognizes the importance of the Economic Recovery for Huuayaht, Dididaht, and Pacheedaht.
- Meeting postponed in September due to passing in October,
- Huuayaht in partnership with Parks will be hosting Osoyoos and Silmikameen first nations on our side agreement with Parks Canada to share structure, lessons learned and to hear from our Huuayaht Guardians.