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**Executive Council Report
February 2022**



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Chief Councillor Report Dennis Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 15 to February 12, I had no meetings with other governments. • Feb 22 - Attended Bamfield Community Affairs meeting and provided verbal update on HFN activities. Action item: Organize HFN delegation meeting. Road update first. • Feb 23 - Attended and participated in a federal matter related to Cape Beale headlands. HFN to make sure our interests are included in the change. We may need a site visit to ensure all aboriginal and treaty rights are not impacted.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 15 to February 12, I had no meetings with other indigenous governments. • Feb 15 - Met with Hupacasath to discuss the development of an Economic Protocol. Nicole to locate Tseshaht-HFN draft protocol. • Feb 17 - Attended and participated in Project Green Chief meeting. Follow up action includes meeting with key First Nations. Prefer having 30-40 First Nation on side before meeting the Premier.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 15 to February 12, I had no meetings with HFN citizens.
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 15 to February 12, I had no government functions related to maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments. • Feb 16 - Participated in Marge White achievement award videoing.
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 15 to February 12, I had no government business related to protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The election Act says that during the campaign period, Executive Council and the Executive Director must not engage in, or travel on government business unless reasonable required for the proper functioning of government. We called it the "pens down."
7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleased to say that I noticed HGB operated as usual during the pens down period.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 17 - Attended and participated in Project Green Chief's meeting. • Feb 18 - Attended Capital Raise update meeting. • Feb 22 - Attended meeting with Trudy Warner regarding: Project Green, Capital Raise, and Parks.
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 15 to February 12, Connie and I would check in with each other on an as needed basis to see if there was any government business reasonably required for the proper functioning of government. • Feb 18 - Attended Special EC meeting and following the meeting, I informed Councillor Trevor Cootes that his portfolios are temporarily reassigned until after the investigation.
11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including <ol 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"> • From January 15 to February 12, I did not establish or dissolve portfolio because I didn't see it as reasonably required to the proper functioning of government. • Feb 18 - Prepared first draft of Portfolio assignments. • Feb 27 - Drafted Brad Johnson's portfolio letter. • Feb 28 - Met Brad Johnson regarding his portfolios.
12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From January 15 to February 12, I did not act as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council and People's Assembly.

**Brad Johnson, Elected Council
February 22 - March 23, 2022**

Portfolio:

- Housing and Infrastructure
- Treaty Implementation

Housing and Infrastructure

Overview:

- All tenancy agreements have been signed for April 1st 2022 under the new housing policy
- Went on a tour to familiarize myself with the Upper Anacla Housing projects
- Brought forward Citizen's concern regarding a Dog Park for the community
- Attended weekly Bamfield Road update meetings
- Addressed Several Concerns from citizens about housing
- Was interviewed by the Time Colonist for a road update with Kevin Gordon
- Attended my first reading of legislation

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Waiting for new April 1st fiscal year budget and grants to move forward in initialing projects
- Wastewater Treatment Plant completed, official opening date is April 22nd (Earth Day)
- Everyone who has signed their tenancy agreements in Upper Anacla can move in as of April 1st, with some woodstoves needing to be installed.
- Currently waiting to secure a bid from companies that have put their name forward to secure a contract. March 29th, 2022 is the contract deadline for a road tenure.
- Secured two local Bamfield residents to operate the Waste Water Treatment Plant
- There is gravel being crushed and made in most pits along Bamfield Main

Emerging Issues:

- We need to hire a director to fill the vacant position
- We need to hire a Housing coordinator to fill the vacant position to support citizens and address concerns
- There are a few road positions available for Citizens for employment. I have asked for them to be posted in all platforms.

Treaty Implementation:

Overview:

- I have been assigned to be the co-chair for CMB
- I was appointed to the board of directors for Maa-nulth
- Attended several meetings with Alliance Group
- Several meetings with Crystal Jack to provide overview of everything that has been going on under Treaty Implementation
- Attended a Maa-nulth meeting regarding developing a coastal marine strategy
- Went to Kiixin for our historic plaque placement (CMB)

- Attended Tin-Wis to meet with two Interior Indian Bands from the Oysoyoos area. Huu-ay-aht hosted a day to show the relationships between Parks Canada and ourselves. We had a great attendance and representation from Huu-ay-aht. It was well received from the Chiefs and Parks Canada. (CMB)
- Reviewed a presentation for the development capital raise, provided feedback on my suggestions and some concerns.

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Kiixin historic plaque site has been identified and carver has been selected. A letter was sent out to invite the Minister to attend this event. Waiting to hear back.
- Shared Priorities Framework between the Province of BC and members of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations has now been approved and signed by Premier John Horgan.

Emerging Issues:

- Keeping in contact with Parks to secure their March 31st funding budget to support the project for Kiixin.
- Still waiting for a response back from the Minister if they can attend the plaque placement event at our historic Kiixin site

Through the past three weeks I have attended many committee meetings to learn the process and how they are run and implemented. I have also spent some time sitting in meetings with Duane regarding a coastal Marine Strategy. I participated in an Old Growth Summit meeting, power points and event planning. I had the opportunity to be part of a Project Green meeting in Powell River with the Tla'amin nation.

I received a blanket from Lower Similkameen Indian Band when Huu-ay-aht presented at Tin-wis. I also received, on my trip to Powell River, a t-shirt from Tla'amin Nation as a gift. I believe both gifts were under \$50 so I don't need to claim them but just wanted to recognize and report that I was given a gift from other nations.

Councillor: Aicitah Edward R. Johnson February 2022 Progress Report

Area of Responsibility:

Citizenship Committee
Community Health
Infrastructure
Education, Cultural and Language
Citizen Development Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Citizenship Committee

- It is HFN Law to have a Citizenship Committee meeting every Month if there are applications to review

Emerging Issues

- None

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Citizen Development Committee

- Huuayaht Youth Council is needed where the youth can present their ideas so that they have a voice. Youth council can consist of a president, spokesman, bookkeeper, note taker and greeter.
- NANANIIQSU meeting - On the agenda was citizen motion Cultural Healing. This motion is on the agenda for CDC 1st week of March then off to the Ha'wiith.
- Looking to set up meeting with the Kw;umut Lelum re Protocol Agreement <https://www.kwumut.org/>
- Restorative Justice Meeting with Loraine Lee (Alberni Valley Restorative Justice Society Board).
- I am set up to addend workshop The Secret Everybody Knows work with Jane Middleton-Moz for the 1st week of March.
- Calling a SEC meeting in the 1st week of March to provide detailed briefings to EC and seek direction on our Yaa?akap (Social Services Jurisdiction & Coordination Agreement) Project update. Three legal issues have arisen that may have implications for Huu-ay-aht's process.
- Have been invited to speak at the FNLC Child and Family Wellbeing Symposiums happening in March
- We should revisit the outreach worker position and to frame it like the outreach position that the Heisler First Nation has - example article attached here: [First Nations hire outreach workers to find their own people on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside | CBC News](#) to network and to be a part of the All-Nations Outreach Society. Nations that are involved with the ANOS are Squamish, Heiltsuk and Nisga'a First Nations and growing. This would be an opportunity to network with other FN that have feet on the ground. This new look can be called the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Outreach Worker in Mental Health and Substance Use Services. With this role we can provide services to HFN citizens through our CFW office in getting the help that our homeless need to detox. We need to be ready for when the time is right but being ready is key. In working in collaboration with our CFW team, we can evaluate our citizens-in-need's psychological and emotional status during withdrawal and stabilization. This will play a key role with assisting in discussions with our clients and/or families about substance use issues and a way to maintain the best outcome for our family's health - knowing that

it's up to the individual to make the change within themselves but also being able to get to a point where there is somebody on the streets to let them know they're not alone and that we have the resources available for when the time comes for change.

- Cultural Healing – The work that Quu-asa will be doing next month will really hit home to a lot of citizens and we need to be prepared for it. Will present motion to EC in regard to developing a Critical Response Policy and Critical Response Team and recommending to have a communication and support plan in place. Would like to bring a Trauma-Informed Specialist onboard as part of CFW team.
- Here is a link to an article regarding Tseshaht's announcement about plans to scan site of Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS) and the team they have put together. [Tseshaht First Nation announces plans to scan site of Alberni Indian Residential School – Port Alberni Valley News](#). They are currently fundraising for a memorial to honour all those who attended AIRS – see link [Tseshaht First Nation | ?uu?atumin yaqck^wiimitqin \(Doing it for our Ancestors\)](#).
- Tasi?akqin ?uyaqhmisukqin (Our Journey, Our Story) Research Interview with Vanessa.

Emerging Issues

- Huuayaht Youth Council Youth Council Formation
- 3 legal issues have arisen that may have implications for Huu-ay-aht's process at our Social Services Jurisdiction & Coordination Agreement project
- Request for post-secondary list for our Ha'wiih to start composing letters to increase the communication and acknowledge those that have furthered their education.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Community Health**

- Attended Vancouver Island Region TOWN HALL re:OMICRON VARIANT
- A total of 2,224 people died as a result of toxic street drugs in B.C. last year.
- Attended NTC Emergency Management Coordination Call. NTC is looking to have a covid debrief session in May or June now that we are slowly transitioning from a pandemic to an endemic.
- Working on a Declaring a Public Health Emergency – Opioid Crisis

Emerging Issues

- Opioid Crisis numbers have more than doubled since 2016. There needs to be answers. There needs to be questions. What aren't we doing? What needs to be done? Overdoses are on the rise each year more and more and are hitting our Nuu-chah-nulth communities.
- OMICRON VARIANT
- Mental Health

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Infrastructure**

- Attended Weekly Meetings re Bamfield Road
- Attended pre-Infrastructure List meeting getting ready to bring to EC
- Working with ED on ground-breaking ceremony for cultural center and developing a cultural protocol for infrastructure for all future development to prepare the land culturally before clearing and build on new and future projects

Emerging Issues

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

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

- Funding for K-12 report case study? set CES in Anacla and Bamfield.
- In accordance with the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement Section 20.7.3 which reads, after the Effective Date, a MFN may propose that BC name or rename other geographic features with names in the Nuu-chah-nulth language, and BC will consider those proposals in accordance with Provincial Law, policy and procedures. This would be so nice to see happen, Huu-ay-aht names getting onto “official” maps! There is so much history that goes with the names. A couple of years back Kevin Neary worked on a project to have the names standardized for spelling and put on a map with descriptions. Here is the map that was put together and was reviewed and agreed to at the time.

<file:///C:/Users/edward.r.i/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CX3YDG2W/Place%20names%20update%20Nov.%202020.pdf>

and suggest Huu-ay-aht Place name from Ec-chiss.

1. Nuumukamiis
2. Sarita River - Anaqshilth
3. Chachincus
4. Pachena River - Anaqta
5. Sugsaw Creek - Caaqsaa
6. Carnation Creek – ChaCha-sii-us
7. Poet Heights - Duusapulth
8. Cape Beale, - Chaymuqta-suu
9. Bamfield -
10. Kiixin
11. Place names around Aguilar Point, Aguilar house, lifeguard station, etc.
12. Former Burkholder property, - Cimq

20.7.4 At the request of a Maa-nulth First Nation, British Columbia will record names in the Nuu-chah-nulth language and historic background information about place names submitted by that Maa-nulth First Nation for inclusion in the British Columbia geographic names database for the geographic features that are described in this Agreement, in accordance with Provincial Law, policy and procedures.

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/07043_23

- There is a need for names for new streets in Upper Anacla, playing field in Upper Anacla and the Cultural Center in Upper Anacla - bring to the next ha'wiih meeting
- This February marks The Beginning Of The International Decade Of Indigenous Languages. Great article and words coming from Minister of Canadian Heritage Pablo Rodriguez heritagemgr@nndfn.com <https://www.albertanativenews.com/the-beginning-of-the-international-decade-of-indigenous-languages/>
- CN SAR Welcome
- Should be hearing back soon on whether we were successful or not for rapid word collection grant through the NIB - will put the funding proposal in with First Nation Education Foundation.

- Connecting with Executive Director regarding cultural events over this the summer.

Emerging Issues

- Huu-ay-aht names getting onto “official” maps suggest Huu-ay-aht Place name this is very important reconciliation process and to our specific claims....
- In need of a language worker
- K-12 in Anacla

Correspondence

- Form the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
<file:///C:/Users/edward.r.i/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CX3YDG2W/2021-12-16%20Letter%20to%20HFN%20from%20Minstry%20of%20Transportation%20and%20Infrastructure%20re%20Transportation%20Act%20REF%20307483.pdf>
- From Ministry of Citizen Services regarding the Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
<file:///C:/Users/edward.r.i/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CX3YDG2W/2021-12-17%20Letter%20to%20HFN%20from%20Ministry%20of%20Citizen%20Services%20re%20Freedom%20of%20Information%20and%20Protection%20of%20Privacy%20Act%20REF%20116362.pdf>
- Swearing in the new Councillor
- Portfolio Discussion Meeting w/ Robert <https://huyuayaht.org/2022/03/01/executive-council-receives-new-portfolios-following-the-by-election-2022/>
- Tasi?akqin ?uyaqhmisukqin (Our Journey, Our Story) Research Interview
- Interview for Ha-Shilth-Sa w/ Robert & Edward

**TREVORCOOTES, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
February 2022 Executive Council Meeting**

EC/Member of Legislature:

- EC established a Covid 19 task force to participate weekly on work and recommendations to EC
 - Weekly meeting stopped in August and is standing item on EC meetings
- Covid Guidelines in place until January 2022. Vaccinations are also 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 Portfolio:

- To work in collaboration with delegated HFN Public Officials to promote the development of a 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.
- Provide monthly report to Chief Councillor and Executive Council on matters pertaining to Economic Development

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- EDC Economic Development Committee working through legislation to bring the EDP (Economic Development Plan) to 2022 Legislature. Priority to prepare our Huuayaht Economy and Business for the opportunities that are coming with the Bamfield Road Upgrades
- Held HFNDC board meeting
 - The HFNDC board reviewed and approved the HGB Annual plans for the 7 LP (limited partnerships) owned and operated by Huuayaht
 - HFN Forestry LP
 - HFN Hospitality LP
 - HFN Fisheries LP
 - HFN Gravel LP
 - HFN Market LP
 - HFN Management LP
 - HFN Lands LP
- Covid 19 has greatly impacted Huuayaht Economic Activity. We have been working diligently with the Province and Feds on guidelines and restrictions 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, 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 working towards finalizing EPA by fall of 2021, meetings with BC Hydro picking up meeting twice a month
 - After election held update meeting
 - Focus is to finalize EPA (Energy Purchase Agreement) and BP (Business Plan)
- 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, Hawiith and Nanaiisqu.
 - With EDC and EC leaders did a virtual tour with Talaysay tours. Looking 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 in preparing our Economic Development plan for the 2022 Spring Legislature. This is a priority for EDC and sees 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 portfolio's 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 a 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

- Held an update meeting with External Affairs group. Top issues are Covid, Inflation, Fisheries, Housing, Labor force
- 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 being created for Leaderships 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.