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**Executive Council Report
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Chief Councillor Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working with Rob Botterell we are representing Huuayaht at the provincial level and met three Ministry's Deputy Ministers to advance Project Green. Excellent progress there. We have an excellent partnership and working relationship with BC.• We anticipate a meeting with the Premier in May to consider HFN issues.• Minister Rankin and Minister Osbourne informed me that BC has approved funding for the Oomiiqsu Mother Center in the amount of \$5M. It is approved for five year - 1 M annually. Formal press release from the province is forthcoming. Councilor Edward Johnson and his team have done an immense amount of work to advance the Oomiiqsu project, a major social Project recommendation.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I've assigned Treaty Implementation portfolio to Brad Johnson and mandated him to represent Huuayaht at the Maanulth table, especially to matters relating to Fiscal Financing negotiations, Me Too, federal Minister's visit to sign ceremony in June, Cooperative Management.• I continue to attend NTC Directors meetings to support NTC related issues, continue with our excellent relationship, and when needed to seek NTC support for HFN issues.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• My main objective is to ensure citizens are seen, are heard, and made to feel part of. We achieve this through community engagement sessions and holding People's assembly. I also continue to maintain an open-door policy to my office to enable citizens to discuss their issues with me.
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I meet regularly with Executive Director to ensure we maintain effective systems of communication with Huuayaht and other governments. This month we worked on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Project Greenb) Capital Raise

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Old Growth Summit d) Parks Minister visit e) Caa`wak?qin press releases f) Salmon Derby
<p>5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treaty implementation Committee is HFN's avenue to ensure we are protecting and enhancing HFN aboriginal and treaty rights. The biggest threat to our aboriginal rights continues to be the Old Growth issue. If the province halts Old Growth Logging this will be cultural genocide on cultural activities related to canoe making and housing structures such as posts as beams will no longer be available. Cultural genocide is not an option. Sadly, First Nation Provincial leaders and Nations support Halting Old Growth Logging. This a treaty right we must protect.
<p>6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is one of the most challenging responsibilities because we all have our own interpretation of the laws; therefore, it becomes a challenge to ensure adherence to, and enforcement of, constitution, legislation, and policies. I urge all Executive Council members to read up on our laws and policies. Also, where needed, check with legal counsel for legal interpretation to better understand the laws and policies. Main area seems is the giving direction to public officials. I receive numerous concerns monthly. Executive Director is doing her best to oversee this issue.
<p>7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of you know that governments cost money and that these costs will increase annually. I maintain a regular check in with Executive Director on maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy. • Also, John will be implementing financial strategies to ensure a strong financial position for HGB. Sound financial management and revenue generation is essential to sound Huuayaht economy. • Sustainable employment is essential to a sound economy. • Strong and effective governance structure is paramount to a sound Huuayaht economy.
<p>8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tliishin has made it very clear that promoting values, culture, tradition and language are key

	<p>priorities for Ha’wiih Council. Councillor Edward Johnson has been given mandate instructions to work with Tliishin to meet these key priorities.</p>
<p>9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I continue to have regular morning calls with Connie to ensure proper management and administration of government. We do our best to follow up on issues raised in these telephone calls. • In addition, I work with Jen to ensure oversight of portfolios. We’ll have our first report in May to see how that is working. We’ve had <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Compliance issues b) HR issues c) Communication tasks d) Special functions and events e) Nations’ financial position.
<p>10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People’s Assembly;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our annual Budget Act was passed and enacted. Spending authority is now authorized. I ask each of you to review and address any financial matters related to your portfolio. • A friendly reminder to each Executive Councillor, that it is your individual responsibility to bring briefing notes for Executive Council’s review, consideration, and approval.
<p>11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including</p> <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"> • I continue to have regular morning calls with Connie to address any portfolio concerns brought to her attention. • As you all know, I’ve done a portfolio shuffle after the election. • I’ve made two changes to the original portfolio announcement. • Updated portfolio has been provided to ED. • I want to acknowledge the following, John Jack Finance Committee Chair who continues to lead us to a strong financial position. • Congratulations to Duane on getting our private lands to HFN treaty land designation. Final steps are underway at federal and provincial levels. • Congratulations to Ed on getting us provincial funding for HFN Mother Center. • Congratulation to our Old Growth Planning committee, led by Tliishin on planning a major event to get HFN Stewardship narrative to the public.

<p>12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This month we dealt with the following communication issues.<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Caa`wak?qin tall tree protection strategy.b) Path forward – UBC webinar, this had an audience of over 800 participants.c) Old Growth media releases and planning.d) Caa`wak?qin manufacturing study.
<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">• Moving forward, I'll be attending UBCIC, FNS and BCAFN and AFN meetings to advance priority HFN issues and be more aware of issues outside Huuayaht.

**Brad Johnson, Elected Council
March/April 2022**

Portfolio:

- Housing and Infrastructure
- Treaty Implementation

Housing and Infrastructure

Overview:

- Continued discussions regarding housing needs with Jim Lee
- Addressed and acknowledged citizen concerns that were brought forward regarding Housing concerns.
- 2-3 Bamfield Road planning meetings a week.
- Attended Wastewater Treatment plant planning meetings
- Infrastructure budget meetings
- Prioritized infrastructure list /wish list for this year's budget

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Director of Housing and Infrastructure position has been filled, which addressed last month's emerging issues
- Gravel pits are filling with material for the road to be ready. We currently have 6 million dollars worth of gravel produced.
- A few citizens have already filled some available road positions. Currently going through some training for when their start date is released. I have advocated for citizens to get involved with the road project on all levels.
- Culture center plans are being drawn by an architect for a 3D visual
- Secured funding from Parks Canada for Kiixin Plaque and a contract was signed.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant officially opens April 22/22 with a Grand Opening Ceremony

Emerging Issues:

- We are 20 days behind scheduled for the Bamfield Road project
- We need to protect gravel pits materials and stockpiles. Some gates have been installed (not all yet)
- We might need to secure more money to allocate to the culture center.

Treaty Implementation:

Overview:

- Maa-nulth Board of Directors meetings: There is a new Vice President Kevin Jules KCFN. Discussed Google Canada Agreements. There is High Speed Fiber Optic Cable that is laid in our territory.
- Attended Maa-nulth wildlife meeting regarding Elk in our territory and protecting the heard
- Attended Maa-nulth Marine Strategic Planning Meetings - This is beyond fisheries. It's looking at everything that interacts with the marine environment using a holistic view.
- Attended Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee meetings
- Attended Maa-nulth Internal Forum on Economic Accommodations Tax sharing on major projects meetings
- Attended Maa-nulth Enforcement Advisory Committee meetings regarding our Nation's relationship with the RCMP
- Attended Child and Family Service engagement meeting with Modern Treaty Nation.

- For the Alliance of Modern Treaty Nations - The declaration of action plan was released on March 30th, with separate sections on Modern Treaty Nations to address the shared priorities framework.
 - Block funding was discussed
 - Property tax engagements
 - Government to government tables
 - Fisheries and implementation meetings
 - Indigenous habitat participation program

- Development Capital weekly meetings were attended

- Attended Cooperative Management board meeting with Parks Canada. This was the official first meeting of the season April 15th, 2022. First meeting in 2 years (Covid)
- Cape Beal headlands meetings with Parks Canada weekly

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Maa-nulth amendments to finance this fiscal year with FFA-Housing money is not limited to just TSL anymore.
- Maa-nulth video was presented for the 11 years of treaty. I thought it was very well put together and well received.
- Received a grant for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
- CMB May 10th Huu-ay-aht will be hosting a delegated visit. The purpose of this is to show other nations how we have a working relationship with neighboring nations and Parks Canada.

Emerging Issues:

- We are going to see if Maa-nulth nations are ok with HFN taking the lead on the MeToo clause discussions at a higher level. This might not be an issue; however, I will know more once it's asked at the Board of Directors meeting at the end of the month.

Other various tasks outside of portfolios:

- Old growth summit planning: weekly meetings
- Project Green updates and weekly meetings
- External affairs - Looking at ideas to speed up the MeToo Clause to get it into action. How do we change our crab license from east coast to west coast - FFA agreements - how can we find more funding? Land claims - where we are at and what's the status? All these topics to be discussed at the Federal level. Look into meetings with certain ministers for related topics. I passed all information to Hill & Knowlton Strategies.
- Attended an Old Growth Value meetings for HIRMP.
- Discussed what makes an old growth tree. Is it age? Is it size? Discussed that our forests should be available for cultural purposes.
- Lidar is used to identify key old growth and eco systems in our territory. Discussed large trees (Big Tree) - how are they decided to be left. HFN is thinking 7 generations ahead for both Forestry and Fisheries.
- I want to acknowledge for our Citizens that I did not attend the 2nd and 3rd reading of Legislation in person due to high importance Bamfield Road meetings that were held in Port Alberni. Chief Robert Dennis approved of my Virtual attendance for Legislation.
- Overall, I had a very busy productive month with a lot of key initiatives moving forward for our nation.

Councillor Aicitah Edward R. Johnson March 2022 Progress Report

Area of Responsibility:

Citizenship Committee
Community Health
Citizen Development Committee
Specific Claims

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Citizenship Committee

- Successful Citizenship Committee meeting March 28th. Next regularly scheduled citizenship meeting will be every first Thursday of the month.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Citizen Development Committee

- Chaired bi-monthly Citizen Development Committee meeting March 3rd.
- Citizen development committee meetings will be every third Thursday of the month.
- Attended Jane Middleton-Moz training - The Secret Everybody Knows.
- Attended HFN Coordination Agreement Oversight Committee Recurring Meeting.
- Met with Kw'umut Lelum in Nanaimo to discuss potential protocol agreement.
- Had a phone call meeting with Deborah Curran - UVIC – re: confirmation of Field Course in Reconciliation, Ecology and Place-based Law. It will run in person this summer from August 22 to September 2, at BMSC COVID permitting. Also discussed HFN student summer job opportunity through the funding that Deborah received from UVic for a community engagement award, which comes with \$10,000 to further work with communities.
- Attended Community High School Initiative meeting. We also talked about Field School Symposium in Sto'lo territory and a cross-cultural exchange with our youth.
- Spoke at FNLC Child and Family Wellbeing Symposium with the HFN team.
- Had a conversation with First Nations Education Foundation regarding cultural carving activity at Bamfield Community School.
- Received good news regarding motion from back in January about funding from the International Indigenous Brotherhood Trust regarding rapid word collection - \$200k.
- Attended BCSA review meeting.
- Attended BCSA board of directors meeting.
- Attended social Nananiiqsu meeting.
- Chaired the Nananiiqsu social meetings. These will be held every second Tuesday of the month, alternating between social and business meetings.
- Attended community dinner in Anacla at the HOH.

Emerging Issues

- Formation of youth council.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Community Health

- Attended FNHA Virtual COVID-19 Town Hall Event.
- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus where I made a motion (please see below).

“A motion passed at the Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus on March 24, 2024. As stated in

the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations Health Caucus TOR, decisions made at caucus meetings shall be presented to the NTC Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting for endorsement:

For the Nuu-chah-nulth family to support the immediate attention of NTC Board of Directors at the upcoming board meeting in March, 2022 to declare a public health emergency to address the opioid crisis. **Moved by: Edward Johnson, Huu-ay-aht, Second by: Archie Little, Nuchatlaht.**

In result of motion at Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus Motion for the Nuu-chah-nulth family to support the immediate attention of NTC Board of Directors at the upcoming board meeting in March 2022 to declare a public health emergency to address the opioid crisis and to call on the Provincial and Federal Governments to act urgently in consultation with First Nations to support our people impacted, the NTC Board of Directors call on FNHA to advocate for a 7 day a week Rapid Access Addiction Clinic and fully certified Detox centre in Nuu-chah-nulth Hahoulthee to address the needs of our people impacted by substance abuse/mis-use. **Moved by: Chief Charlie Cootes, Uchucklesaht Second by: Archie Little, Nuchatlaht".**

- Attended COVID-19 Lessons Learned Provincial Government Review
- Attended Ha'wiih Council Meeting to talk about new street names for upper Anacla, playing field and a cultural protocol with infrastructure department.

Emerging Issues

- None

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Specific Claims**

- Met with Ratcliff for a Specific Claims Update. It was a good meeting. Here is a link to Canada's Specific Claims Policy and Procedures Guide: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100030501/1581288705629#chp10>.

Emerging Issues

- None

Other

- Met with Lower Similkameen Indian Band and Osoyoos Indian Band to talk about the WCT Guardian program and our Co-Management with PRNPR. The meeting was at the Tinwis Great Room.
- Attended First Reading of Legislature
- Attended Second/ Third Reading of Legislature