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Huu-ay-aht Executive Council Portfolios 2022/2023

Elected Executive Council will hold their new portfolios as follows:

1. ACRD – John Jack
2. Finance Committee – John Jack
3. External Affairs – John Jack
4. Citizenship Committee – Edward Johnson
5. Citizen Development and Services – Edward Johnson
6. Language and Culture – Edward Johnson
7. Economic Development Committee – Duane Nookemis
8. Business Development – Duane Nookemus
9. Natural Resources – Duane Nookemus
10. Housing and Infrastructure – Brad Johnson
11. Treaty Implementation Committee - Brad Johnson
12. Lands and Zoning - Brad Johnson
13. Project Green – Robert Dennis
14. Law and Policy – Robert Dennis
15. Specific Claims – Robert J. Dennis Sr.
16. Hawiik Council Jeff Cook
17. Hahoulthee Committee – Jeff Cook
18. Nuuchahnulth Hawiik Council – Jeff Cook

With their new portfolios, the executive council will have priorities and expectations as leaders of their portfolios.

Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr.

Under the Specific Claims portfolio, Chief Councillor Robert J. Dennis Sr. priorities are:

- To ensure successful completion of IR 9 timber claim, which is expected to be completed by March 31, 2023.
- Continue working with Executive Director and legal counsel to finalize the Caaq`sa Specific Claim.
- Research any other potential Specific Claims.
- Organize HFN Community Engagement to inform citizens of these Specific Claims.

Under his Law and Policy Portfolio, Robert will chair the monthly meetings and ensure all law and policy matters are reviewed and considered by the Law and Policy committee, bring Law and Policy issues to Executive Council for their review and consideration, and all consultation related to Law and Policy development will be attended to.

Under his Project Green portfolio, Robert will carry out the Executive Council decision to explore and enhance HFN Forestry Opportunities.



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Councillor John Jack

Councillor John Jack holds the ACRD, Finance, and External Affairs portfolio.

Councillor Jack will also continue to represent the Nation on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District by:

- Attending ACRD meetings on behalf of HFN
- Huu-ay-aht representative at ACRD and work with Chief Councilor and Executive Council to determine what ACRD related issues need to be reviewed and considered by HFN Executive Council

Councillor Jack also holds the finance portfolio, which includes the following priorities:

- Pursue federal, provincial funding sources for programs and services
- Implement tax policies that increase Huu-ay-aht revenue
- Provide funds to enhance Huu-ay-aht programs and services where required

With this portfolio, his expectations are to:

- Chair the Finance Committee, ensuring a focus on revenue generation increase of 10% annually and expenses maintained or decreased depending on financial analysis
- Lead on HFN Budgeting process including a 3-Year Strategic Plan
- Lead on development of a 3-Year Financial Plan
- Develop a 10-Year Financial Sustainability Plan, if necessary
- Representative on HFN taxation authority
- Work with External Affairs Portfolio and Executive Council to identify political financial issues that require federal or provincial attention
- Submit annual report on committee activities
- Meet regularly with Chief Councillor to report on portfolio mandate

Portfolio priorities for Councillor Jack include:

- Representing Huu-ay-aht government in relation with other government and Indigenous organizations.
- TFL44
- Bamfield Road
- Housing
- Federal and Provincial Fiscal Financing Agreements
- Huu-ay-aht fishery-related issues
- Ongoing review of the People's Assembly motion regarding HGB offices

Councillor Edward R. Johnson

Councillor Edward R. Johnson holds the portfolios for Citizenship Committee and Citizen Development

His expectations for Citizenship and Citizen Development include:

- Chair the Citizenship Committee and the Citizen Development Committee
- Collaborate with Citizen Development Committee to develop government policy that



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ensures Huu-ay-aht citizens achieve a standard of life equivalent or greater than the average Canadian

- Where possible, enhance programs and services
- Promote self-reliance
- Provide an annual report for each Committee

In addition, Councillor Johnson holds the Language and culture portfolio with the following priorities for 2022-23.

- Ensure language programs for all age groups
- Host annual Huu-ay-aht Days beginning August 2022
- Participate in future Canoe Journeys
- Host weekly cultural functions in each HFN community
- Host regular cultural functions that promote and enhance Huu-ay-aht culture and spirituality

Coucillor Duane Nookemis

Councillor Duane Nookemis holds the Economic Development Committee, Business Development portfolio, as well as the Lands & Natural Resources portfolio.

Under Lands & Natural Resources, he has the following priorities:

- Ensure the development and implementation of Integrated Resource Management Plan honouring HFN sacred principles, complete with zoning map
- Ensure full implementation of Maa-nulth Final Agreement Chapter 2 section 10, additions to Maa-nulth First Nations Lands
- Ensure full implementation of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations “Me Too Strategy” and ensure the HFN “Me Too Strategy” is carried out at the Maa-nulth First Nations table
- Ensure Watershed Renewal and Environment Stewardship goals are met

Councillor Nookemis holds the Business Development portfolio and the priorities are to ensure Executive Council decisions related to the following are carried out:

- a) \$25 Million Capital Raise
- b) Project Green
- c) Explore the Western Indigenous Pipeline Group Opportunity
- d) Pursue opportunities that arise out of Salish Sea Initiative
- e) Work with External Affairs to lobby BC to ensure provincial forestry policies do not negatively impact HFN and Tsawakqin forestry

Councillor Nookemis holds the Economic Development Committee Portfolio and the priorities are:

- Ensure Executive Council and citizens input into the development of each Economic Development Plan
- Generate wealth for the Nation with a goal to increase Huu-ay-aht First Nations funding



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- Promote the development of a strong Huu-ay-aht economy
- Work with the Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses to ensure job creation and training for Huu-ay-aht citizens
- Work with HGB to provide incentives to attract Huu-ay-aht citizens to work in the ʔahuuli of the Huu-ay-aht Hawiih
- Develop annual dividend proposals for Executive Council review and consideration by September 30 of each year
- Develop plans that promotes Huu-ay-aht is “open for business”
- Provide an annual report for the Economic Development Committee

Councillor Brad Johnson

As his first time being elected Councillor, Brad Johnson has been given Housing and Infrastructure, the Treaty Implementations Committee, and Lands & Zoning portfolios.

For Housing and Infrastructure, Councillor Johnson’s priorities will be:

- Construction of the Anacla-Bamfield Road
- Waste water treatment plant (opening in April 2022)
- 15 Housing units by 2023 and the sub-division in Anacla
- Ensure the development and implementation of Huu-ay-aht Community Comprehensive Plan and Huu-ay-aht Housing Plans, which will consider privately owned, social housing, and/or rent-to-own options
- Ensure the annual maintenance of all Huu-ay-aht assets take place

Under Treaty Implementation Committee, Councillor Johnson will be expected to:

- Chair the Treaty Implementation Committee
- Lead on all Huu-ay-aht First Nations and Maa-nulth First Nations treaty implementation issues
- Work with Executive Director and HFN lead legal counsel for any HFN Law and Policy development
- Lead on all treaty implementation briefing notes to be presented to Huu-ay-aht First Nation Executive Council
- Representative to Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations and Maa-nulth First Nations treaty table
- Collaborate with Director of Treaty Implementation to ensure full implementation and development of HFN Treaty Implementation Plan
- Submit Annual Report on Committee activities
- Meet regularly with Chief Councillor to report on portfolio mandate.
- Immediate priorities are Me Too Fishing Strategy and Income Tax extension.

Under the lands & zoning portfolio, Councillor Johnson’s priorities are:

- Work with Economic Development Committee to develop economic strategies to unlock the wealth in Huu-ay-aht Land



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- Promote and ensure HFN citizens take advantage of the \$1.00 per year leasing opportunity that enables citizens to build their own housing in the Hahoultee
- Review current Land Use Plan to ensure zoning needs of the Nation

Jeff Cook:

Hawiiith Jeff Cook will chair all Huu-ay-aht Hawiith Council meetings and all Huu-ay-aht Hahoulthee committee meetings.

In addition, he will attend and participate in the Nuu-chah-nluth Hawiith Council quarterly meetings.

Hawiiith Jeff Cook will work with Councillor Duane Nookemus to ensure the development, implementation, and oversight of the Integrated Resource Management Plan, and ensure review, development, and oversight of Huuay-aht Guiding Principles of Sustainability and Core Values and Principles.