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Councillor Aicitath Edward R. Johnson October 2022

Progress Report Area of Responsibility:

Citizen Development Committee

Citizenship Committee

Culture and Language

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Citizen Development Committee

- Meeting with citizen re: outreach
- Citizen Concern Discussion
- Tripartite Meeting on Child and Family Services the single draft protocol with BC, Canada - Modern treaty nations
- Working on 5-week workshop for Working with Survivors of Sexual Violence - A Training Program for Residential & Community Workers with Ancestral Visions
- Attended meeting with MCFD to discuss operational policies in development to support Adoption Act and CFCSA amendments.
- Attended meeting with MCFD to provide comments and ask questions on the third and final consultation draft of CFCSA.
- Attended G2G Maa-nulth Internal Meeting with Leaders and Technical premeeting.
- Attended Maa-nulth and British Columbia Government to Government Leadership Forum Annual Meeting to discuss emerging issues with ministry of children and families
- Walkthrough meeting for the operational Policies for AA and CFCSA Amendments
- Attended Social work oversight engagement meeting
- Oomiiqsu discussion premeeting with external relations and director of children and families and wellness prior to meeting with Andrea McDonald for Oomiiqsu update. Andrea is Constituency Assistant for office of Josie Osborne, MLA
- Attended EC Committee of the Whole
- Worked on Oomiiqsu announcement
- Attended 2-day Nuu-chah-nulth Family Health Caucus where we received updates from FHNC, FNHDA and FNHA, Ten-Year Strategy on the Social Determinants of Health, Health Legislation Engagement.
- Planning to bring in Maa'nulth representative to present to the citizen development committee on Health Legislation
- Attended Maa-nulth and British Columbia Government-to-Government Leadership Forum Annual Meeting October 13, 2022 and voiced our concerns that we had in regards to CFCSA amendments
- Attended Maa-nulth Health and Wellness Working Group Meeting Indigenous Health Legislation

Emerging Issues

- CCG
- Amendments to the CFCSA

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives Culture and Language

- Working on Nuu-chah-nulth Artist Symposium
- Meeting with Jennifer Robinson - UVIC RE: Documentation of holdings in Alberni Valley Museum collection belonging to Huu-ay-aht territories.

- Dinner with Cirque du Soleil
- Attended Potlatch
- Attended What Lies Behind the Treasure - While scholars have looked at the surface of Pacific Northwest Coast art, Haa'yuups delves behind and beyond the surface. He pays particular attention to what is behind the objects and belief systems at the roots of the ceremonies. This in-depth presentation concentrates on four items regularly used in Nuuchahnulth Ceremonies. A knowledge keeper, Haa'yuups portrays a view of the world where people see themselves as part of a whole.
- Language project is coming along nicely. All of the major architecture is done for the integrated dictionary and archived and we have now set up a language cloud for Haa'yuups for the software to reside and content to be uploaded and accessed. The URL is specific to Haa'yuups which allows for data security and sovereignty for HFN. The final module is the online learning platform which is still under development. There is a bunch of material, but it all requires formatting. We spent a lot of time over the last couple of months sourcing content. The next steps will be doing recordings, scanning and digitization and will be working on community engagement sessions to update.

Emerging Issues

- None at this time

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Citizenship Committee**

- Community Engagement Sessions were all successful.

Emerging Issues

- None at this time

Brad Johnson Elected Council Report - October 2022

My Portfolios:

- Capital Infrastructure
- Treaty Implementation
- Parks Canada Cooperative Management Board

Capital Infrastructure Overview

I attend weekly scheduled meeting with Parsons to get Bamfield road updates. The work on the road has been going well. With a few incidents in recent months, work safe BC did an investigation and they were very satisfied with Hazelwood and all their paperwork. As I mentioned last month, we had an all-stakeholder's meeting that went very well, both Mosaic and Cawak qin have been great to work with. They are providing the culverts that need to be replaced in each of their sections of the road. It was decided that Hazelwood will work past the set deadline of November 1st. We anticipate some minor setbacks from weather, but they are going to proceed as long as they can maintain compaction when laying the gravel on the road. At the start of October, we came up with a strategic communication plan, alongside our communication department Munro/Thompson who will be joining to assist when needed. We now have weekly, sometimes daily, road updates or reports being posted on our nation's website and Facebook pages. This has helped immensely. I would like to acknowledge the work that has been done with HGB and the gravel that they have provided for the road, they have played a major role in this project to date. Currently we have one pit creating gravel at the franklin pit. The materials created from this pit will be transported to a stock pile at km26 to be used at a later date. Overall, the road project is going well, the contractor currently has 4-6 crews working on multiple sections of the road. Hydroseeding was done and vegetation has started to grow. I was very impressed with the work that has been completed along the Sarita river. This is a very sensitive area and all environmental measures and technical supports were used when needed. I also attended a Bamfield Road Safety Association meeting, where I just mainly listened to the community's concerns and gave a brief update from HFN's prospective.

Treaty Implementation Overview

- Maa-Nulth Coastal Marine Strategy meetings
- Maa-Nulth Board of directors Meetings
- Maa-Nulth Joint Fisheries Committee meetings (DFO)
- Maa-Nulth Joint Fisheries Sub Committee meetings
- Maa-Nulth wildlife committee meetings
- Maa-Nulth Fishery committee meetings
- Maa-Nulth Enforcement Advisory Committee meetings
- SGIG Infrastructure Budget meetings
- SGIG Caucus
- SGIG Tax meeting.
- SGIG Budget 2022 Housing meeting- weekly meetings.
- SGIG Budget call with Canada meetings
- SGIG LRTM call with Canada meetings
- Alliance Forestry Revenue Sharing meetings

- Alliance Tech Teams meetings- weekly meetings.
- Alliance - BC Discussion on Declaration Act Section 7 Related Legislation

On October 31st I proposed a motion to the Maa-Nulth Board that we should move forward with section 87 sooner rather than later. I expressed that it was of high importance for our nation. I pushed to have this done before December 31 2022. In speaking with the lawyers at the meeting, they said this could be done if all nations agreed. At the time 4/5 nations said yes at the meeting. It was my understanding that one nation had to seek approval from executive council and that would be decided the following day. So it is to the best of my knowledge that this work will be completed by end of year. Without the push from myself at the Maa-Nulth Board, this would not have been deemed a high priority, as it is to Huu-ay-aht. Therefore, this means we will be getting our tax-exempt back on purchases (how things were pre treaty) and income tax and property tax. The Nation will have the right to decide if/when we want to turn any of these taxes on or off.

We received an invite to meet with Minister Joyce Murray (DFO) in Ucluelet - this was a last minute meeting set up by Sheila Copps. As you know, we will take any opportunity to speak with a minister if they are willing to meet with us. This meeting was very positive. We spoke about the MeToo agreement. She wasn't too familiar with the agreement, but her chief of staff was present and was very knowledgeable on this topic. We also spoke about the HFN crab license and what we would like to see done with it for our citizens. She agreed to help us get the license relocated from the east coast to the west coast. This meeting went very well - she gave us over an hour of her time. She committed to working with Huu-ay-aht on our fisheries issues and stated she has a mandate for salmon aquaculture mainly with open net pen transition to land base. She put that in our ear to see if we would be interested in possibly working with the Federal government to develop a land-based fish farm in our territory. Her focus is to protect wild salmon at all costs. She was very happy to hear of the work we have done in restoring the Sarita river in our territory.

The Alliance met with minister Joyce Murray (DFO) where the 8 modern treaty nations expressed their disappointment in DFO. The lack of working together between governments was stressed. The minister apologized for past experiences and agreed to work together. She stated "let's build on what's working and move forward". This was very positive to hear coming from DFO.

We held a Treaty Implementation Committee meeting this month. The committee members expressed that they would like to be more involved with what's working for citizens, where are we at with the treaty, negotiations, and amendments. Crystal and I are working on a plan to update their questions and concerns to better meet the committee's needs. Our next meeting is to be determined, but we would like to hold one more this year if possible.

Parks Canada Cooperative Management Board Overview

We held a CMB meeting October 4th. The main highlighted topic was the Four task force working groups and the briefing notes that were created from the 3 months of work that went into creating the vision of these individual task force working groups. The four working groups are The Cape Beal Headlands Trail Upgrade, Visitor Center, Kiixin and the Land Transfer working group. All taskforce representatives presented to the CMB. We decided we need more time to review the briefing notes so a follow up meeting will be set up at a date to still be

determined. Parks Canada also would like to possibly amend some details and so would HFN at a council level to determine exact locations or certain topics.

The west coast trail had a very successful year. There were 7,741 overnight hikers this year. Our guardians did a fantastic job once again with cultural interpretation and maintenance. Our guardian contract negotiations will be held later this month. I suggested they start 1 month earlier next year to give the crew time to clean up the trail and recertify tickets so it's not so rushed. Also, I'd like to see a raise in our funding as the cost of everything has gone up.

Parks Canada has embarked on a new project with the 3 nations on the WCT in management planning, this will be a 2 ½ year project. The fees for the Park will be going up next year set to \$160 per hiker and \$28 for the ferry. We decided school groups will still have a reduced cost of \$60 per hiker as we would like to still promote the outdoors and education within the park at a minimal cost.

We received funding from PC from the stories of Canada. This funding was used for the 2 new welcome figures at the Kiixin trail head along with the carving for the nation historic site. I would like to recognize Parks Canada for all their hard work and contribution to our nation - it doesn't go unnoticed. They are great to work with and I'm happy to be the co-chair of the CMB for our nation.

Development Capital Raise

There are a lot of moving parts with this project. This month's focus was working with Sheila Cops, Marina and Stan on the NRCAN funding for a Forestry Training center. This project is all conceptual right now, but the idea would be to have a Forestry Training center in our territory or overlapping territory with neighboring nations. The Federal Gov stressed they had a mandate to work with indigenous people to create some sort of facility that would have a first nations perspective lens on forestry. There is some funding available right now, so we are applying for this to have a short-term facility set up. Once they see we are successful there is a lot more money available for a long-term facility to be built. The goal would be to have this facility up and running by September 2023 if all goes well. We are realizing stacking funding is a lot easier to do little projects like this on its own as not all departments in the federal gov work together for funding.

I attended a dinner with Stephan Cote, from Cogier. This was a potential investor that wants to work with Huu-ay-aht. We met Stephan on a recent trip to Montreal. He was very excited to come to our territory and see what Bamfield /Anacla has to offer. I feel this meeting went very well. HGB put on a fantastic dinner and great conversation was had. I feel he sees the HUU-ay-aht vision, and we share a lot of the same values between the two organizations. Time will tell if he comes back with an offer to potentially be a partner in building a community for the future of our nation.

We have signed the feasibility study contract with Moments Factory. They plan on coming out to view our territory and get a sense of our culture and who we are as HUU-ay-aht people. We look forward to hosting them next month as the journey begins on a possibility of a future immersive experience.

This was another very busy month for me, I feel I was very productive in all my tasks I took on. I am pleased to represent our nation as a council member.