

Dear Huu ay aht Citizens,

We are writing to provide you with an update about where we are at in the inquiry process and to share our thoughts about the timelines of our next steps.

### **Meet & Greet**

We met with HFN Citizens at a Meet & Greet in Anacla on October 5, 2022. 18 citizens attended this event

We met with HFN Citizens at a Meet & Greet in Port Alberni on October 6, 2022. 9 citizens attended this event in-person or on Zoom & this event was also live-streamed on Facebook.

### **Connecting with and Listening to the experiences HFN Citizens**

We have been so appreciative of your willingness to come forward and speak to us about your concerns and your experiences.

The pace of our work picked up in December 2022 and continued through to the end of January 2023.

We have been meeting citizens in-person, in various locations, and via zoom sessions. We have now interviewed more than 25 citizens and we are honoured by the trust they have placed in us and by the hope they have expressed in coming forward to advocate for change.

### **What the Inquiry Panel will Do with what we have Heard**

We have been mandated to listen to the concerns and experiences of HFN citizens regarding any misconduct by HFN members of government.

The experiences we have heard about will form the basis of a set of recommendations for systemic change.

Our report will NOT identify wrong-doing by any particular individual and the concerns will be written about in a way that protects the identity of those who have shared their experiences with us.

The experiences that HFN citizens have shared with us will form the basis of recommendations for:

- i. identification of systemic issues,
- ii. the development or amendment of legislation and policy,
- iii. the provision of resources,
- iv. training for staff or members of government,
- v. community healing;

## **Our Deliverables**

<https://huyuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/FINAL-Inquiry-Terms-of-Reference-02194979.pdf>

- Inquiry Panel Final Report: this report will be shared with the HFN Executive Council by March 31/2023 and then it is to be made public

## **Upcoming Events and Timelines**

### **February:**

- You still have the opportunity to connect with us and we encourage you to continue to do so. You can connect via a letter, an email, a phone call or a zoom meeting

### **Mid-March:**

- We will meet with the group of HFN citizens who expressed their interest in being part of a "Working Group".
- The Working Group will be provided with a DRAFT set of recommendations that they will be asked to read, discuss and comment on.
- Consultation with the Working Group is to ensure that our recommendations include the perspective of HUU ay aht citizens and that they have the potential to be relevant and useful to the lives of citizens and that they are reflective of HUU ay aht laws, ethics, values, culture and perspectives.

### **by March 31/2023**

- The Inquiry Panel Final Report will be shared with your HFN Executive Council. This report is then to be made public (date of the public sharing of the report is yet to be determined)

We are appreciative of the trust many of you have placed in us and are humbled by the courage so many have shown in coming forward to share your experiences. The hope that so many of you carry, for change and for healing, is what is necessary for change now and for the next generations.

With kindness and respect,

Sandy Cunningham and Jen Dehoney

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