



huuayaht

ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

# MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 2023

9:00 am – Zoom Port Alberni Government Office

---

**Attendance:** John Jack (Chair), Edward Johnson, Brad Johnson, Stella Peters, Stephen Rayner, Evan Cook,

**Excused:** Theresa Nookemus

**Guest:** Shannon Janzen, Teresa Gagon, Patrick Schmidt, Hazel Cook, Eric Denhoff, Tommy Happynook, Heather Castleden, Brie Haley, Mike Murdoch, Austin Tokarek, Tonse Suresh

**Resource:** Coraleah Bauer - Law Clerk, Karen Haugen - Executive Director, Alexis Young – Deputy Law Clerk, Amanda-Lee Cunningham – Communications Manager

---

## 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

## 2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Delete: 5a. Maa-nulth Treaty Society  
9e. HFNDC Board Appointee  
5d. Indigenous Policing Update

Add: 5f. Initiatives Fund / Contingency Budget  
5e. Committee Appointments

MOTION PASSED re: Adoption of Agenda as Amended

Resolution #EC231012-01

## 3. DECLARATIONS

Executive Council had no declarations at this time.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE

### a) Correspondence Log

Chief Councilor John Jack reminds Council that the correspondence log is fyi.

**5. IN CAMERA SESSION:**

MOTION PASSED re: Go In-Camera

**Resolution #EC231012-02**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-03**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-04**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-05**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-06**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-07**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-08**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-09**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-10**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-11**

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

**In-Camera Resolution #EC231012-12**

MOTION PASSED re: Go Out of Camera

**Resolution #EC231012-13**

The meeting went in camera from 9:03 am until 12:05 pm

**6. FINANCIALS**

**a) Pre Approval of Contracts**

The Executive Director going over the 1 proposed contract with Executive Council.

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of Contract with Deloitte

**Resolution #EC231012-14**

## **7. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPROTS (August)**

### **a) Executive Director Report (August / September)**

The Executive Director going over the August and September Executive Director Reports with Council. She mentions that an all-staff meeting was held, topics discussed were how to conduct oneself, what harassment and violence is. She discussed the work that's being done in both the Finance department and Infrastructure department.

MOTION PASSED re: Executive Director August - September 2023 Report

Resolution #EC231012-15

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **a) Fall 2023 People's Assembly**

Executive Council going over the briefing note provided for calling the 2023 Annual People's Assembly.

MOTION PASSED re: Fall 2023 People's Assembly

Resolution #EC231012-16

### **b) Trustee Update**

The Chief Councillor John Jack reads out the proposed motion to Executive Council.

MOTION PASSED re: Appointment of Huu-ay-aht Settlement Trust Trustees

Resolution #EC231012-17

## **9. FINANCIALS**

### **b) August Financials**

Executive Council going over the August 2023 monthly Financials.

MOTION PASSED re: August 2023 Financials

Resolution #EC231012-18

Recessed 12:28pm – 1:00pm and Appointment Deputy Edward Johnson as Chair

Resolution #EC231012-19

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) VR Project**

Dr Tommy Happynook is presenting a VR project that one of the students in UVIC is doing that Huu-ay-aht has an opportunity – this won't be a cost to the nation. Councillor Brad Johnson and Councillor Stephen Rayner to connect with Avalon.

### **b) Archeological Project**

Dr Tommy Happynook presenting to Executive Council that the Archaeology field school that has a couple of spots for indigenous students run through Camosun field assistant actual archaeological program. Possibly having community come out and participate and for students to walk away with the certificate. He also mentions that there have been remains that were dug up in Sugsaw and is asking

who the appropriate person would be. Dr Tommy Happynook will send a proposal to Chief Councillor John Jack to move on the next steps.

## **11. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATION**

### **a) UBC/UVIC Research Update**

Heather Castleden from the UBC/UVIC Research Update is here presenting to Executive Council on the project that has been ongoing since 2005, she will be providing a preliminary report on the outcome of what staff had to say. She is asking how the current council would like to be communicated, Councillor Edward Johnson mentions he appreciates the report with a check in and mentions that this can be brought to the COW.

### **b) Barkley Group Update**

Brie Haley, Austin Tokarek, Tonse Suresh and Mike Murdoch from the Barkely Group are here to inform Executive Council on the 3 projects they are working on. One being the Community Energy Plan the next is the Sarita Hydro Power Project and the EV Public Charger Program.

## **12. Administrative Matters:**

The Next Meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2023.

## **13. ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 .p.m.