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**Executive Council Report
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Chief-Councillor Report
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General Duties – Chief Councillor – Progress Report

First Week

The first week in April followed the Easter Weekend, so the week actually began on Tuesday with a series of meetings regarding forestry-related topics as well as taking an interview with Ha-shilth-sa regarding the recent IR9 Timber Specific Claim settlement. I reiterated the plan that we had presented to our citizens in a confidential portion of People's Assembly back in November 2023. Wednesday was used to catch up on some document reading and home-office work before I hit the road to the West Coast (Tofino, specifically) for a meeting with several First Nations regarding inclusive governance for the Regional District. That meeting ended up being postponed due to the unfortunate passing of a Hupacasath hereditary leader, so I headed back in the mid-day and arrived home in the late afternoon. The Friday ended up being devoted to more reading of materials and catching up on (some) emails in addition to having a call with Senior Municipal Affairs Staff from the Provincial Government in preparation for an online panel I agreed to help give to about a hundred of their administrative staff.

Second Week

The second week was mostly filled with preparation for an evening visit and dinner with the Chairman of a large Japanese corporation interested in our forestry-related operations, specifically Timber Tiles. We ended up having a very good meal together and it seemed as though the Chairman of Mihashi Corporation was very interested in expanding the relationship between our own operations with his company. The second day was the day of the Municipal Ministry Panel that I had been preparing for, then ended up being a good day to catch up on reading materials for upcoming Board and Council meetings, as well as more work digging away at my email inbox. The Wednesday began with preparation for a Framework Plan meeting in the morning, then attending a farewell luncheon for our Director of Infrastructure and Public Works, and then I chaired an ACRD Board meeting in the afternoon afterwards.

Note: Many thanks and well-wishes to Charlie Clappis in his future endeavours. His hard work has positively affected so many important initiatives in Huu-ay-aht over the past decades. May he have the best of luck in forging his own path and building his own future.

The Thursday was an Executive Council meeting followed by travel to Victoria to attend the Association of Vancouver and Coastal Communities Conference in Victoria, BC for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Third Week

The third week started with a Law and Policy Development Meeting on Monday, followed by various internal meetings with staff and then a meeting regarding forestry-related topics. Tuesday the 16th was a Committee of the Whole meeting. I used Wednesday to attend an Alberni Valley and Bamfield Services Committee meeting in the mid-morning, then took on light duties in the afternoon to balance the work I did the previous weekend in Victoria. Thursday was a good day, we met with Ministers Murray Rankin and Josie Osborne in Port Alberni to tour the great progress being made on our Oomiiqsu Mother's Centre project and followed that with a good luncheon at the Port Alberni Government Office with them and their staff. We held a special Executive Council meeting on Friday the 19th due to lack availability of myself and other councillors on the 25th.

Fourth Week

The fourth week began with light duty due to needing to be close to home for childcare related reasons for both the Monday and the Tuesday. I was able to attend to preparation for the Intergovernmental Leadership Forum with the Prime Minister next month, and get ahead of my inbox for the first time in probably a week. I had agreed to take on the topic of the toxic drug crisis once more, and so I spent the better part of the remainder of the day and the following day doing reading and preparation for that, including an update on the efforts of our national treaty organization in lobbying Minister Saks on this very topic. The Wednesday was two meetings, one in the morning on the Framework Plan and the afternoon was a regular meeting of the ACRD Board. Thursday, I traveled to Vancouver to participate in a final report on the governance project we had been conducting with money from the New Relationship Trust and then returned back to give a very successful keynote address at the Indigenous Resources Opportunities Conference in Nanaimo, BC.

<https://youtu.be/Ha8jXQmagP8?si=rftPraY9upuhbXop&t=961>

The Friday was the final day of that same conference, which I attended to its conclusion in the early afternoon and participated in a panel regarding the new multi-nation investment vehicle that was recently launched.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report (and No Emerging Issues)

There were two board meetings and a Committee of the Whole in addition to the two meetings I had with the CAO and Vice-Chair to keep on top of ACRD goings on.

Major Projects – Progress Report

HFN often participates in projects that are either quite large in scale/scope; or they have a degree of political importance that they are carried forward under the supervision of Council itself rather than being delegated to a committee or a department. These projects may include items identified as “special investment bodies” or they may be particularly important infrastructure or investment projects or potential partnerships or joint ventures. In any event, these items fall under Council’s decision making, but the Chief-Councillor will be the lead on these items. In this instance, the major projects I have identified are two-fold: the Bamfield Road, which I have assigned to Councillor Brad Johnson by the time of this report due to his good oversight of the project since the last term of office; and the forestry-related initiatives related to our special investment bodies: Huumiis Ventures LP and Huu-ay-aht Forestry Consulting Services LP.

Major Projects – Emerging Issues

The initiatives covered by this file will likely take up a significant portion of my Fall-Winter schedule. The Executive Director and I have instituted weekly check-ins to ensure that we minimize any negative impact to all the other tasks at hand. Some of these have and will affect the timing and intensiveness of current and future audits, we need to consider this moving forward.

An important announcement should be coming soon, but that’s about all I can report at this point.

External Relations – Progress Report

We prepared for the Intergovernmental Leadership Forum with the Land Claims Agreement Coalition which will take place in early May, I will be speaking to the Toxic Drug Crisis. At the time of this report, it was a reasonably successful conference. I have a few pictures, but it was a closed door conference otherwise.

External Relations – Emerging Issues

We may want to reconsider how much we spend on external relations for our budget, as getting access to decision-makers has made certain projects possible in the past year. We may want to ensure that we invest early in expanded support for External Relations. Tracking return on investment will be important here.

The RFP for external relations help was sent out this month, and I helped ensure some big and skilled companies and individuals were aware of the request for proposals and several of them ended up responding. At the time of this report, we have not yet selected a successful candidate for external relations support but we have more than a few very strong respondents.

Huu-ay-aht First Nations
Ha'wiih Representative Councillor
Theresa Nookemus
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Ha'wiih Council:

Ha'wiih Council will continue to work on the Huu-ay-aht Traditional Naming Project organizing them according to our Huu-ay-aht Houses. Each of the Haw'i'ih are going over their house lists. We are also going over our regular review of Citizens lists.

Ha'wiih has also been working on segments of the School Reparations and Class Action Settlement. Huu-ay-aht is one of the 325 First Nations who joined the collective class action. Re: Residential Schools.

Ha'wiih continues to strive to keep and promote the safety, health and mental health of its citizens, supporting upcoming wellness circles, and programs, support groups, workshops as well as our regular Culture nights in Anacla and Port Alberni.

Ha'wiih has also been working on the Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan for the Huu-ay-aht First Nation Hahuuli. This long-term vision is a guide and framework plan to help guide change and development over the next 20-30 years for Huu-ay-aht. To help identify land uses, open spaces, along with mobility and networking.

Nanaaniqsu:

Nanaaniqsu continues to work with Culture to continue with Culture nights in Anacla and in Port Alberni. They met with the group that attended the 2024 Hoobiyee this past March. It was a success! Our numbers went up at culture nights and remain steady, with citizens committing to attend from as far away as Victoria and Nanaimo.

Nanaaniqsu chose to forego the yearly Gala this year, due to time restraints and the commitment to attend Hoobiyee. A highlight of Hoobiyee was Huu-ay-aht had an artifact returned – it being a weaved Abalone shell. A strong bond was made with all who traveled to Hoobiyee. There is interest in fund raising to help with costs or possibly hosting our own in our Territory.

Citizenship Committee:

The Citizenship Committee has enrolled up to 23 new Citizens since 2023 and has housed them. The Committee is reviewing some of the Regulations under the Citizenship and Treaty Enrollment Act. The Registration forms have been revised to be clearer and more concise as well as user friendly. The form are to be included with the Citizen application which will be on the Huu-ay-aht website.

* All forms **MUST** be completed in full to prevent any delays in applications.

* **NOTE:** Solemn declaration forms **MUST** be signed in the presence of a person capable of taking solemn declarations under Hui-ay-aht Law.

This would include:

- The speaker
- The law clerk
- The Executive Director
- The Tayii Haw'iih

The Citizenship Committee meets monthly on a regular basis.

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Portfolios: Fisheries and Wildlife, Lands and Natural Resources, Treaty Implementation, Parks Canada Co-operative Management Board and HR Workplace and Wellness, Special Project: The Bamfield Road.

Bamfield Road Update: Monthly Inspections are still being done by Meridian Forest Services. It was brought to our attention in previous months that individuals are seeking compensation for damage done to their vehicles because of potholes. We relayed the message that this road is still classified as a “Private Industrial Road” and drivers should drive at their own risk. It was confirmed that there is signage at the start of the road that indicates this. This month’s inspection was completed after all recent repairs were completed, with the exception of the failure at 31.1km and some minor water damage at 41.2km the road was in extremely good shape.

There are some areas that require some minor brushing so that signage is more visible, this will be identified during the next inspection. Overall, the road is in great shape and we encourage drivers to drive at the suggested speed limit of 60km a hour.

Lands and Resources: On April 2nd 2024 I attended a meeting with Mosaic to discuss partnerships and opportunities. Here we discussed the MOU, HIRMP, Real estate, Carbon credits and Bamfield Road. We have had a great working relationship with both Cawakin and Mosaic on the HIRMP. That document is now in draft form and under review by all parties. It was a very informative meeting and I feel both parties came out of the meeting with a clear understanding of our partnership. It’s not well known that HFN and Mosaic do work together so it was stated that we should have some sort of public acknowledgment of work we do together and the vision we share for our lands.

Parks Canada: On April 3rd, 2024, I attended a West Coast Trail start up meeting with Directors, Managers, Supervisors, Crew and the Executive Director in Anacela. The purpose of the meeting was to really relay the message that we are all in this together and that we share the same vision and are proud of the Guardian Program and want it to grow.

I would like to thank Daniel Zayonc for setting this meeting up. I feel it was great for everyone to realize what role everyone plays and how being on the same page is so important. We addressed some past issues and identified the problems so everyone can work together. The main message everyone heard was to follow the chain of command and respect one another in difficult times. The Guardians have started the season brushing the trail and getting a early start to the season so we can have a successful year on the trail.

Treaty Implementation:

Me Too - Negotiations have taken a turn for the negative. After several conversations with DFO about the flexibility in the 2 area G license and some halibut quota, they did not budge on being able to break the offer up into a mosquito fleet style fishery. In a previous report I stated having Linda Higgins go on holiday's could affect these negotiations and it has had an impact. She has now taken a year's leave and we now have a new interim South Coast Area Director and that is Shelia Freeman. These negotiations have become frustrating as we had high hopes of having our citizens on the water for 2024. We have sent a letter to the Minister of DFO requesting a meeting with Maa-Nulth leadership ASAP. A small delegation from Maa-Nulth was in Ottawa this month for LCAC and were able to meet with some members of parliament and their staff about this issue and left some material behind for the Minister. It was stated that the Minister of DFO would be in contact in the next two weeks to propose a meeting time for next month. We are not giving up on this important task.

Marine Shipping Sub Committee Update: A letter was sent to Transport Canada February 8th conveying Maa-Nulth's concerns regarding vessel anchoring in the MDFA. An email response from Transport Canada was received in March. MTS is arranging for further discussion with Transport Canada through JFCT as well as an Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness (EMSA) demonstration and discussion to support better understanding of the presence and impacts of vessel anchoring in the MDFA.

National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR) - Parks Canada Legal support (Ratcliff) conducted a legal review of the draft MOU for a feasibility study, including providing an updated draft. The intention is for each of the Maa-Nulth Nations to have an individual MOU with Parks Canada. MSPWG recommends the MDFA as the collective study area of interest, with Nations optionally include their traditional territory. The MSPWG Chair will share the updated MOU with Parks Canada and Nation representatives. Each Nation will move the MOU forward for a decision internally. Once this MOU is finalized, I will bring this forward for a council decision.

Maa-Nulth Fisheries Committee: A request was received for nominations for the Pacific Salmon Commission under the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The MFC recommended nominations of The MTS Board and that was the MTS president. The board agreed by consensus of the MFC recommendation.

Groundwater: BC has not moved the negotiations forward they have an internal issue they need to figure out regarding sec 39/40. MTS and legal to send a letter to BC to try and advance negotiations.

Enforcement Advisory Committee: The EAC has been working on a framework for violation tickets, this will be brought into force by the end of June. This is regarding violation tickets under Maa-Nulth law within BC.

Metis Issue: In previous months I mentioned the issues where the Metis of Canada believe they have aboriginal rights and title to hunt and fish in our Territory. We had previously sent them a letter stating our objectives and boundaries, they now want to meet with Maa-Nulth. So, a future meeting with leadership will be had in months to come. The approach we took was a more respectful one basically drawing a line in the sand compared to the combative letter they received from the FNLC.

There are a lot of engagements and meetings I attend with the Treaty Society but nothing major or urgent to report on besides what you read above. Also a lot of items are in camera so I just report directly with technical staff or the Executive Director.

HR Workplace and Wellness: The Executive Director will be responsible for representing the new Organization Chart and HR salary pay grid to Directors and staff. The committee reviewed these documents and EC passed the resolution to enact them this month.

Other Duties:

- I attended a 2-day finance training with AFOA, I was very appreciative to attend this work shop.
- Attended Biweekly Framework plan meetings.
- Attended Leadership Caucus in advance of LCAC PM forum.
- Attended Committee of the Whole
- Public Engagement session with (CFIA) Canada Food Inspection Agency in regard to Oysters
- Anacala Community Planning Committee

This was a busy month for me yet again, but I did have about 10 meetings cancelled throughout the month. That I am grateful for, so I had time to catch up on some tasks that were pressing. I am honored to represent our nation as a member of the Executive Council.

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April 2024**

Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Bamfield Sewer Connection Community Interest Project info and link https://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/bamfield-sewer-project?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0x0GaBhq1yQUWZnEx03kttAW66PqZd5qRgzo_Ap9yn4XWqwhySyppX6Vo_aem_AYaMnsvVI50wGDFYDXAd3CaHu5kyW20ahSkT-HXRGoDgB2seo1JG6yzkxmXEaQuXTHbW_PfpjrPoxR6Zo8-JXbRO
- Site visit and meeting at Oomiiqsu Mother Center with Minister Murray Rankin, Deputy Minister Jennifer Mills and MLA representative Josie Osborne.
- Welcomed Kaal Haugen to the Huu-ay-aht team as our new Project Manager.
- Attended meeting with Project Manager to discuss Infrastructure Projects.
- Attended community engagement session on Community Safety and Infrastructure where we received the draft community engagement report on building our community safety and infrastructure story. This was the 4th and last engagement. We had great turnouts for all of them - looking forward to the final report in the coming weeks.
- Was interviewed by the Ha-shilth-sa (Karly Blats) Water infrastructure developments on way for Anacla. Link here <https://hashilthsa.com/news/2024-04-30/water-infrastructure-developments-way-anacla>.
- Connected with Pam Shaw from the community planning department at Vancouver Island University. Forwarded the information to our executive director to talk about next steps in regards to implementing recommendations in our CCP. View summary report of Our Community, Out Circle, Our Voice here: https://huyuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/HUUAYAHT-CCP_v6.pdf
- There is going to be a Virtual Open House re: Bamfield Sewer Connection Community Interest Project on May 6th at 6 PM. This will be the first of 3 virtual sessions - link here for more info https://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/bamfield-sewer-project?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0x0GaBhq1yQUWZnEx03kttAW66PqZd5qRgzo_Ap9yn4XWqwhySyppX6Vo_aem_AYaMnsvVI50wGDFYDXAd3CaHu5kyW20ahSkT-HXRGoDgB2seo1JG6yzkxmXEaQuXTHbW_PfpjrPoxR6Zo8-JXbRO

Emerging Issues

- Cultural Center funds and playfield
- Asset management plan
- heritage plan
- Bamfield Sewer Connection

Children and Family Wellness Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Jurisdiction Funding Model Co-Development with Modern Treaty Nations
- Pre-meet with Maa'nulth re - Jurisdiction Funding Model Co-Development workshop. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure Nations understand the engagement and have an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns related to the Fiscal Funding Model that is currently under development.
- Attended a Fiscal Funding Model workshop with MCFD.
- Attended a site tour of Oomiiqsu with BC Housing. This was a very informative tour where we went through the building. Oomiiqsu is Recommendation 26 in our SSP report. It is expected to be finished on time with doors open and fully operational in October. We are currently working on dates for the grand opening prior to pens down for the provincial election.
- Attended meeting regarding Huu-ay-aht - Capacity Funding – This is ongoing work. Met the new Director General Katrina Peddle. This was a very productive meeting. Attended this meeting with our HFN Executive Director and Director of Children and Families and Wellness. I feel, with the new Director General, we walked away from the meeting with some good intent and outcomes and am looking forward to getting back to the table. Capacity funding should be coming soon for coordination discussions. Mandate letter should be in the works - this will take some time and looking forward to meeting with ISC ADM for next steps.
- Huu-ay-aht Post-Majority Support Services Funding Request - We have received significant funding since submitting our Canadian Human Rights Tribunal forms and hopefully we can have our lease payment paid through CHRT 41 which is currently in the works.
- Oomiiqsu Good news story - Operational funding for 2 years has come in from MIRR for \$3.85M. The Agreement ends in October 2026. The total amount for operations that was announced a couple years back was a total of \$5,000,000 - hoping that we will receive the remainder in 2026 and hopefully by then we will be finalizing things at the coordination table and we'll have long term sustainable funding for CFW.
- We should identify a date for celebration of HOH knowing that the 25-year anniversary of our Modern Day Loghouse is approaching. Once this date is chosen, we should do some traditional protocol invites and then start working on a plan on what things will look like on the day - reflecting back on the many nations that have travelled far and near to witness the opening of our Loghouse 24yr ago it was truly a magical day.
- Meeting re: Band Reparations Class Action Settlement, 325 Nations/Bands - Will be receiving funds to support community planning related to language, culture, heritage, and wellness. The CFW Director has requested this meeting to discuss a proposal she received from the First Nations Education Foundation to support this work prior to submitting a briefing note. Turns out this is the same funding that our Ha'wiih council are going for - the Gottfriedson class action funding.
- Reviewing USMA Service Delivery Protocol Agreement. It's now been 10 years since signing with USMA - looking to connect with the CFW team. Link for PA <https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/usma-protocol-agreement-signed.pdf> and news release of the day we signed protocol agreement April 8th 2014 <https://huuayaht.org/2014/04/protocol-agreement-between-hfn-and-usma-signed/>
- Attended lunch meeting with MNP just to introduce ourselves and talk about the children and families department and our application to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal

(CHRT-41). It was a very productive introductory meeting - looking forward to working with the team and completing the needs assessment.

- Had two very brief but very necessary conversations with Assistant Deputy Minister Catherine Lappe. Conversations took place at the Our Gathering 2024 in Vancouver. First initial conversation took place after a breakout session in regard to children and families conversations and the other conversation took place later in the evening where we were able to connect and talk with senior management within Indigenous Services Canada. ADM Lappe is very supportive in helping us in any way. I feel that there will be a meeting coming down the pipe very shortly. Our conversation entailed geographical limitations in our treaty and Canada's mandate in regard to coordination tables. We talked, among other things, about getting back to the table and the new director general and the decision maker at the table as well as a work around regards to amending our Treaty.
- Good news ISC confirmed CHRT 41 funding applied for post-majority support services, in the amount of \$228,928.66 (the total amount we applied for). Here is a quick breakdown of where the funds will be allocated - Learning, Educational and Professional Development Opportunities like personal computers and internet - plan for 20 youth, as well as financial Support, and safe, Stable, Comfortable Housing like personal care supplement, rental supplement disaster kit distribution for 20th on the homelands.
- Brief conversation with Minister of Children & Family Development Honourable Grace Lore. Grace mentioned that she would like to visit community in June - working on some dates. Attached is minister Lore's mandate
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/government/ministries-organizations/premier-cabinet-mlas/minister-letter/cfd_-_lore.pdf.

Emerging Issues

- Mandate from Canada
- MCFD and our YAA?AK'AP CHILD AND FAMILY WELLNESS ACT
<https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Yaaakap-Child-and-Family-Wellness-Act.pdf>
- Geographical limitations in our MFNT

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Chaired Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Attended FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT MEETING APRIL 3 & 4, 2024 - agenda link here - <https://62d179.a2cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/April-2024-FNS-Meeting-Draft-Agenda-V8-as-of-March-26-2024.pdf?time=1711665444>. The majority of the morning was discussions in regard to three in camera sessions - section 87, BC3D Commission report and discussion, triple R policy. It was a pretty busy meeting crammed with information. Update/Discussion: Fisheries Issues: Salmon Restoration Trust Fund – First Nations Wild Salmon Alliance by Bob Chamberlin.
<https://www.firstnationwildsalmonalliance.ca/>
at the Summit meeting there was election for the treaty commissioners Lydia Hwitsum and Ed John were elected for a two year term.
- Attended Tsawwassen 15 Year Treaty Day Celebration. The celebration was well attended with a lot of Canadian representatives and provincial council and staff as well

as TFN staff citizens, other modern treaty nations, and other nations that are embarking on the treaty process. It was a great celebration with a wonderful ceremony and great speeches. It was a joy to see former Chief Councillor Kim Baird talk about the experience of ratification and the movement that has taken place to present date - very proud moment for TFN. It was great to network and connect with all those that attended. HFN gifted the chief councillor of TFN a wooden feather carved by George Nookemus. Back in 2011 TFN gifted us a feather that currently hangs in our meeting room at our PAGO - thought it would be very fitting to do the same.

- Attended dinner at Sproat Lake Landing to meet with Chairman Hideo Mitsuhashi regarding Timber Tiles. This was a very eventful evening of storytelling and singing. Even though there was a language barrier, I felt it didn't interfere with our evening.
- FFA Core funding for the fiscal year 2024-2025 and the final loan reimbursement payment from Canada to Huu-ay-aht First Nations.
- Attended AFOA Financial Management Training - This 2-day workshop is designed for those non-financial staff/managers and Chief & Council. It gave a very good overview of why you plan and how to take that plan and put it into action in the form of a budget as well as using SMART goals and performance measures to measure success. It takes the student through the accounting cycle so that they know what finance does and discusses the roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholders. The workshop culminates in the review of the First Nation's financial statements, taking the students through their community's most recent audited financial statements and highlights how to read it, what to look for and how to pull valuable information from them. The workshop is broken down into these areas: 1. Understanding money 2. How planning works (CCP, strategic. Business plans) 3. Performance measures – measuring success 4. SMART goals 5. How these plans, goals and measures work into your budget 6. Financial roles and responsibilities of the finance department, Managers, Chief & Council 7. Finance & Audit committee 8. Financial Accounting cycle of a First Nation 9. The importance of Account codes 10. Reading internal financial reports 11. Communications 12. How to read and understand financial statements 13. Year end and audit process. Workshop was very informative and fun.
- Attended Nuuchahnulth Sub-Regional Caucus Agenda – <https://fnhc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Vancouver-Island-Partnership-Accord-2016.pdf>

Next steps after this sub regional meeting is family caucus with Coast Salish, Kwakwaka'wakw and NCN Family altogether on the island there are 50 First Nations the biggest out of the five regions in BC.

NCN-C-M-2024-03 - There was a resolution from this caucus meeting -The Nuuchahnulth Health Caucus moves to strike a Working Group specific to the issue of Medical Transportation and associated Health Benefits prior to the May 2024 VI Regional Caucus.

Moved: Derek Thompson, Proxy Ditidaht First Nation Second Naasathluk (John Rampanen), Chief Ahousaht First Nation. All resolutions and motions go to the NTC board of directors before being approved.

- Ben Howel, organizer of Pachena Bay Music Festival, reached out looking to connect to talk about this year's welcoming. Last year's welcoming was well received and looking forward to seeing what we could come up with this year. Ben is going to present at a Committee of the Whole meeting - looking forward to the outcomes of the discussion.
- Attended the CES Visioning Workshop to explore a voluntary sustainable fee program and other stewardship partnerships and talking about the feasibility study phase -wanting to here from

Anacla and Bamfield community and business owners. It was a good turn out, but felt there should have been more in attendance - have to work on connecting with local business owners. Background info link https://huuayaht.org/2023/09/huu-ay-aht-first-nations-explores-allies-tourism-fee-program-to-build-stewardship-finance/?fbclid=IwAR1dgRjpdln-fOz3F_yRAajo8sSDQsBEqjFWVVQVPiqhm9qt0awzDWh4giA_aem_AUNXPm1F3jcR9RwpUjGwCD6PUDKiFaI8CCB2ApZUMqsaiZR6mrKexf1ww6yBQ8pl7B8hxGb3DKsoSoZyWzBYTZ8p

- Attended a celebration at Kackaamin where a HFN citizen took part in an eight-week program. It was a wonderful morning to witness and say a few words. We've had several citizens utilizing these services at Kackaamin. For more information on services here is the link to their website <https://www.kackaamin.org/contact-us>
- Attended an all-staff luncheon where we recognized staff and celebrated a staff member in the senior management position. A fairwell sendoff of wonderful words were spoken.
- Chaired Citizen Development Committee meeting.
- Prepping for Oomiiqsu site visit with Ministry of Indigenous Relations.
- Setting up invite with Nature United to come to COW <https://www.natureunited.ca/what-we-do/our-priorities/>
- Attended three day gathering called Our Gathering <https://web.cvent.com/event/9b6ef262-bea3-4f58-9c34-4d172311595a/websitePage:f8207bbf-5e8f-445f-9697-e307a6016a85>

Day 1 of Our Gathering:

A Conversation With Minister of Crown indigenous Relations
<https://www.canada.ca/en/government/ministers/gary-anandasangaree.html>

Attended Breakout Session Child and Family Services Jurisdiction: The discussion was on Indigenous, provincial and shared jurisdiction in relation to child and family services in British Columbia to support the decision-making processes of BC First Nations. Canada and the province of British Columbia will share details of what frameworks are available for First Nations in relation to child and family services, such as section 92.1 Agreements under the BC Child, Family and Community Services Act (CFCSA), and Coordination Agreements under an Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families. Tsq̓ésceñ First Nation shared their experience of exploring child and family services jurisdiction.

Attended An Open Dialogue on Collaboration in Residential School Initiatives: CIRNAC's Settlement Agreement and Childhood Claims Branch hosted a breakout session on the Residential Schools Missing Children – Community Support Fund (RSMC). The RSMC works directly with communities to support their plans to locate and commemorate children who never returned from residential schools. 3 themes:

- the current status of RSMC-funded initiatives in BC;
- RSMC funding available for community-based initiatives;
- and case-examples of communities' collaboration with residential school investigations.

Conversation was in depth of the work that has been done in Kamloops and was followed by a roundtable discussion.

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Evan Cook
April 2024**

Finance Report

The finance committee met on April 23. The discussion included making a recommendation to Executive Council regarding an approval of borrowing by the Housing Authority to fund construction of 8 units of housing in Anacla. Also, for the Housing Authority to enter into contracts with various contractors, each with a value of more than \$100,000.

The CFO and I have been in discussions on closing and paying off accounts held by HFN, as these accounts are costing the Nation \$80,000 in interest payments annually. Also, we have scheduled meetings with Royal Bank for recommendations on receiving the best interest, on money we received from our Land Settlement Claim.

The Finance Committee and Ha'wiih council met to discuss and recommend the Human Resources Regulation Amendment. Minor changes to wording were recommended otherwise was approved. The Travel Expenses Regulation will have minor changes, which we will recommend to the EC.

Economic Development Report

The HFNDC Board met on April 10, there was some discussion at the meeting about the fact that not all the HGB Annual Plans are fully compliant with Part III of the Governance and Fiscal Agreement Regulation (section 8). The board referred the matter to the Economic Development Committee to develop options and a recommendation for the Executive Council to consider.

We received the Business Plan for Dicin Foam project. The next step is a meeting with Joe Wong (YLP) and Paper Excellence representatives and our Forestry team to meet in Port Alberni at the end of May. Discussions will also include Value-Added products applications in the forestry sector.

HGB

Plans are still in place to have shovels in the ground for construction of the micro-hotel this summer, delays continue to be an issue by government bureaucrats regarding soil samples.

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Councillor Report

Stella Peters

March/April 2024

Areas of Responsibility: Citizen Development (Mental Health & Wellness, Education & Training)

Public Safety (Community Safety, Emergency Planning & Preparedness, Climate Resilience & Climate Change)

Committees:

Citizen Development Committee (CDC) Chair

Community Consultative Group (CCG) Chair

Co-operative Management Board (HFN/PC) with Bradley Johnson

Anacla Community Planning Committee (member)

Human Resource & Wellness Committee (member)

I apologize for not getting my March Report in. At the end of March I got really sick and was laid up for 3 days. I thought it was just a cold/flu and ended up getting medevacked out of Bamfield by helicopter to WCGH where I was put into intensive care for 7 days. I was told by the doctor in the hospital that I had pneumonia in one lung & was hooked up to many machines.

I ended up checking myself out on the 7th day. I was doing better & I felt I'd recover quicker at home rather than being around sick people. By the third day I was more mobile. It took me about two and a half weeks to regain my strength. I went to see my family doctor & he told me I had Double Pneumonia & Corona 290 which he had never heard of but that's what was on my chart. I was very lucky to recover from that. I stayed home to do my work and attending meetings by zoom. I am doing much better now.

In March I spent most of my time attending meetings or community gatherings:

- All Committee meeting
- Special EC meeting
- First Sitting of the Legislature
- BC Flood Strategy
- Covid Vaccine Presentation (HOH)
- Cultural Camp (HOH) Youth skinning a beaver
- EC meeting
- Anacla Community Planning Committee

- Meeting with DFN Council
- Committee of the Whole meeting
- Climate Change/Energy Discussion
- Second & Third Reading of the Legislature
- Special EC meeting
- Flag Raising in Anacla (3 Flags - Maanulth, Huuayaht, IRS Survivors flags)
- HFN Framework Plan with Forum Open House (Anacla)
- HFN Framework Plan with Forum Open House (PA)
- Indigenous End-of-Life Guide Info Session & Engagement
- Governance Project session
- Oomiqsuu Childcare Centre Manager Interview
- NTC Budget meeting
- Community Safety Engagement Session (HOH)
- EC meeting

Towards the end of April, I started getting back into my EC duties still and am attending meetings by zoom.

- Kiixin Pre-Fieldwork meeting
- Committee of the Whole meeting
- EC meeting

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Law and Policy

The Law and Policy committee reviews and provides recommendations for all legislative alterations or development.

We conducted our monthly meeting in April. In this meeting we reviewed and provided recommendations for policies regarding social media. The meeting also included an update of the ongoing work being conducted by the governance project. Which is focused on reviewing our legislation. The project continues to make great progress. We also discussed guidelines for food support.

Last Fall, the People's Assembly approved a proposal from the Council to launch a law and policy review. The goal is to take stock of what Huu-ay-aht has achieved in the 13 years since Treaty, and to review laws and policies to determine if the work to date reflects and incorporates traditional values and practices. We will be able to use learned experiences and determine if there are some modifications that are now required.

The project has identified and prioritized areas where there may be inefficiencies or concerns that may have an impact on intended outcomes of the original intent of the legislation. We will be engaging with the community and staff to discuss changes and receive feedback.

The legislation we will be reviewing first will be the Community Safety Act, Offence and Law Enforcement Act, the Lands Act and regulations as well as the Maa-nulth Enforcement Workplan. Then we will move to the Financial Administration Act, Financial Administration Regulations, Budget Act and other legislation that may affect financial administration. The third in line for review will be the Government Act and Economic Development Act and regulation and other relevant economic development instruments.

Emerging Issues:

Advancing work in a way that meets the intended deadlines.

Green energy and Climate Sustainability:

Solar upgrades for Anacla Government Office: Huu-ay-aht First Nations have been approved for a clean energy pilot project I was able to develop. This will include the installation of solar panels, battery storage, and electric vehicle chargers as well as upgrading the electrical system to accommodate the new technology. It also includes training and maintenance of the system. This will significantly reduce our dependency on the grid and diesel generator. The consultant is procuring quotes for the required equipment, and coordinating the initial work needed to support the overall installation. This work is aiming to be completed this summer.

Community Energy Plan: I am not involved with this initial project; it is being run by the infrastructure department. Barkley Project Group has completed the first phase of the Community Energy Plan. The community energy plan will identify all potential green energy power generating options that are feasible within the HFN territory. We will be able to use the final report from the community energy plan to develop future opportunities for green power development.

HFN has received some funding from LGCAP, and we will use a portion of this to fund a second phase of energy planning focused on one or two forms of clean power generation. The goal is to identify a power source that will meet existing and future power requirements with clean energy development opportunities. This second phase feasibility study will provide a more in-depth analysis of the potential for developing green energy on an industrial scale which would accommodate our existing and future power needs. There will be a focus on wind, and solar. It may require a combination of them to provide the necessary power for our nation.

Working with administration to work out an approach to applying for the funding and capacity to accommodate the work needed to complete the study. Continue to meet with funders and potential partner organizations to explore opportunities for HFN's Clean energy development.

Met with minister Osborne to lobby for support for HFN's clean energy development.

Carbon Footprint and Green House Gas Emissions: Continue to work with funders and government agencies to explore opportunities to support and fund carbon inventory and mitigation measures. Exploring carbon offsets for resource harvesting and daily operations. HFN is advancing a project for carbon offset.

Multi Nation Energy Development: Multiple nations around the island and mainland are interested in developing green energy. I continue to engage with aligning nations in the exploration of green energy development support, partnerships and investment opportunities. Continue to meet with nations to discuss large scale power investment and development. We are also discussing potential opportunities to support each other in advance our individual power development projects. A first nations power authority is gaining interest amongst nations. This would provide the opportunity for multi nation involvement in owning, managing, operating the producing and distribution of power to citizens throughout Vancouver Island. This would be a lucrative endeavor and would set nations up for long-term financial success.

In my meetings with Minister Osborne, she has been supportive of First Nations taking a leading role in clean energy development within their territory and beyond. In my conversations with clean energy BC, they have indicated that there is a need for a first nations power authority and are supporting the work to advance this. I have been a part of helping Clean energy BC lobby for the development of clean energy for BC First Nations.

Clean Energy BC: I am running for a director position on the board of clean energy BC to help advance Huu-ay-aht's interest as well as first nations interest in developing power for our communities. The nomination process has been completed and there are nine candidates, most come from large industry. It would be a benefit for First Nations to have representation on the board to make sure they are receiving equal support in their endeavors to develop clean energy.

I attended a lobbying event in April to push the provincial government to support the advancement of First Nations energy infrastructure development. It was a successful meeting and Minister Osborne was very supportive of the proposed projects and initiatives. She offered her ministries support.

Climate Resiliency: Councilor Stella Peters and I have continued to meet and discuss planning and development of climate mitigation measures in our territory. I have identified funding opportunities, and I'm working with the funders to advance their support. The planning will be focused on a territory wide climate resiliency plan. This plan will cover wildfires, hydrology/ flood resiliency, extreme heat, shore erosion, as well as some seismic mitigation. A portion of the planning will come from LGCAP, which we have already received. The rest will come from external funders once the intake is open for their funding. This will incorporate all the existing data Huu-ay-aht has developed on the effects of climate change within our territory.

Emerging Issues:

With climate change having such an extreme effect on our territory it is important to complete this work to mitigate future climate related disasters.

HFN Planning/Capital Raise: The project continues to advance and is making great progress. The planners have collected information required to continue their work and meet the proposed timelines for deliverables. This project will provide opportunities that are well thought out and informed.

Working to develop opportunities for development of capital raise projects like industrial scale wind. Projects like industrial scale wind development would provide significant financial benefits for our nation. It could also offer the power that HFN needs for generations to come. There are other opportunities like multi nation investment in electrical; infrastructure to connect communities as well as individual nation power production. This would offer financial benefit for all investing nations as well as solidifying the power needed in each of our communities.

Meetings/Events: (a few of the attended meeting this month)

Met with several funders, Indigenous Climate Hub, Coast funds, BCAFN, NRT, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, ISC, EMBC, as well as others to discuss funding opportunities to support climate resiliency planning, and green energy development.

Indigenous resource Opportunities Conference, met with industry and government and discuss opportunities in the resource sector. Met with other nations to discuss planning opportunities as well as potential partnerships.

Lobby meeting with Minister Osborne to discuss the support of the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, supporting First Nations clean energy production and distribution development, for Vancouver Island. The meeting went well, and she offered her ministries support in some key areas.

Attended a meeting with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, to discuss the Public Interest Bonding Strategy Intentions. This strategy is intended to deliver the first phase of B.C.'s new bonding policy toward ensuring owners of large industrial projects are bonded moving forward so that they pay the full costs of environmental cleanup if their projects are abandoned.

Met with Boralex to discuss the development of industrial scale wind opportunities in our territory.

Continue to meet with leadership of nations around Vancouver Island to discuss the development of clean energy and a first nations power authority.

Attended one committee of the whole and two executive council meetings as well as one on one meetings with the other executive council members.

Monthly Law and policy meeting, we reviewed and provided recommendations for policies regarding social media. The meeting also included an update of the ongoing work being conducted by the governance project. We also discussed guidelines for food support.