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**Executive Council Report
May 2024**



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Chief Councillor John Jack – May 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Chief Councillor
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Major Projects
External Relations

General Duties – Chief Councillor

First Week

May began in the midst of a trip to Ottawa to meet with the Prime Minister and several federal Ministers at the Intergovernmental Leadership Forum with our friends and relatives with treaties and treaty-like relationships with the Crown – a group known as the Land Claims Agreement Coalition (LCAC). As with last year, my contribution was speaking to the opioid crisis that is affecting the breadth of all member-communities in the LCAC and (likely) beyond. Wednesday the 1st was for preparation meetings with the whole of LCAC, and then Thursday the 2nd was the ILF itself. On Friday the 3rd, I caught an early flight home.

Second Week

The second week began with an invitation from the BC Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport (TACS) to attend a BC Arts Council Community Connection in Nanaimo, BC. After attending to office work at home, mostly tackling my burgeoning inbox, Tuesday the 7th had two meetings regarding local government and the regional district, and then reviewing respondents to an RFP concerning government relations. I traveled to Victoria that night to attend a BC Legislature reconciliation event the following day. The following day, I attended the first regular Executive Council meeting in Anacla, and then attended to office work (mostly catching up on emails again) until an online meeting with the Tseshaht FN on local government related matters.

Third Week

Monday the 13th was dedicated to external relations, where we discussed the upcoming Premier's Forum with the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations (ABCMTN or simply "the Alliance"), and then a debrief on a side meeting Maa-nulth member-nations were able to have with Minister Anandsangaree regarding the Me Too Clause and Side Agreement for fisheries. The next day, I attended to more home office work – mostly emails and inbox clearing – then attended an ACRD-related agriculture meeting and a meeting regarding the Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan with Forum Asset Management. I then returned to home office work including any follow-up work needed coming out of the annual report. On Wednesday the 15th, I attended two online meetings, one local government and one federal advocacy, before attending the funeral of a Huu-ay-aht citizen and mother, afterwards attending an Island government meeting on Natural Resources and then interviews regarding the government relations RFP. The Thursday was a split day, with some meetings in the morning online regarding how we book meetings with Ministers and Senior Staff at an upcoming conference, and then another local government meeting regarding inclusive governance and legislative reform. I was then supposed to attend a Tseshaht Council meeting to talk about that last subject, but it was cancelled and my portion postponed to the date of this report. The Friday was a light day - I had meetings regarding forestry and then used the rest of the time to catch up on emails and online-based work.

Fourth Week

The Monday was Victoria Day, so it was a statutory holiday. The Tuesday was packed with meetings regarding the HFN Tax Authority and setting Real Property Tax Rates for this upcoming year, and then an HFN Committee of the Whole meeting. I then attended to an online meeting of the Bamfield Community Association to help introduce the HUU-AY-AHT Framework Plan to notable Bamfield residents and property owners. Wednesday the 22nd was a Breakfast with Council at the Italian Hall, and then I chaired a meeting of the ACRD in the afternoon. The Thursday afterwards was an Executive Council meeting that I attended online because I needed to get to a notary appointment to attend to some of the last items from my late brother's estate. Lastly, I attended a HUU-AY-AHT Framework Plan workshop and then participated in interviews with the remaining shortlisted respondents to the government relations RFP and then drove to Nanaimo to meet with a key figure in the forestry industry to discuss wider issues.

Fifth Week

On Sunday the 26th of May, I attended a great Breakfast with Council in Anacla – I'd really like to thank staff for the excellent planning on that one. And then on Monday, I took it easy and attended to some home office matters and caught up on my inbox – I believe this was the day that I broke a tooth. On Tuesday, I attended the NTC Board online. On Wednesday, I attended to some confidential matters in Vancouver. I took Thursday the 30th off, though I still answered some emails, due to getting some emergency dental work done. On Friday, I attended the North Island and Southern Coast Advisory Committee of the Island Coastal Economic Trust meeting where I was re-appointed to the Board of Directors on behalf of NISCRAC.

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

We are making progress with the ACRD on the HUU-AY-AHT Framework Plan. It has come to my attention that my attendance at the Bamfield Services Committee will become more and more important. The wastewater project we have in partnership with the Bamfield Marine Science Centre and the ACRD is an important infrastructure component of a comprehensive and holistic approach to development in our territory. We want to grow the area both residentially and economically, but we want to ensure that we are attending to the tedious but consequential work of basic infrastructure capacity to ensure we don't fall into some of the same pitfalls that has befallen Tofino and Port Renfrew.

I would like to ensure that we better prepare our organization for meaningful participation in some ACRD services that link to our strategic considerations, so if staff could ensure familiarity with how it all works, they can help identify pre-authorized Council decisions to allow me to commit resources to those services.

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 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.

External Relations – Progress Report (No emerging issues)

By the time of this report, we have made a decision regarding the support we'll have in government relations. This should better aid us in planning, implementing and evaluating a good political advocacy strategy when it comes to Provincial and Federal government relations in key Huu-ay-aht, Maa-nulth and other organizations. We have a Provincial Election coming in the Fall of this year, and a Federal one in the following year. We need to be ready for various contingencies and having a firm of experts help us through that will allow us to use our time and other resources more effectively.

Councillor ȁicitah̄ Edward R. Johnson - May 2024

Area of Responsibility:

Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure
Children and Family Wellness Committee
Deputy-Chief Councillor

Anacla Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Missed the ACRD Board Orientation due to conflicting schedules.
- Chaired Anacla Community Planning Committee Meeting.
- Framework Plan - Reporting Back Workshop - Good meeting reflecting back on our workshop last month and looking forward to bringing FORUM back in June with CES in PA and Anacla to receive feedback and input on the process of the framework plan.
- Anacla Community Engagement session – Report came out this month (Building Our Community Safety and Infrastructure Planning Story).
- Participated in Director of Infrastructure and Capital Projects Interviews.
- Bamfield Sewer Connection Community Interest Project - The ACRD and Huu-ay-aht First Nations are exploring the benefits, community interests, and process of connecting the community of Bamfield to Huu-ay-aht First Nations' new Wastewater Treatment Plant. There has been a growing concern over the health of the Bamfield Inlet and potential impacts on human health. The Anacla Community Wastewater Treatment Plant is now operating and supports the vision of promoting the health and economic development of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations, while also promoting the environmental health and stewardship of the local marine environment. The plant is currently providing sewer connections and processing to Upper Anacla village, Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC), and the Bamfield Community School. This new treatment plant has the potential to further reduce the level of contamination in Bamfield Inlet, by expanding its treatment service to further limit the sewage being discharged into the ocean. Understanding the level of support for a wastewater service in Bamfield is a priority of the ACRD. This process will assess the community's level of interest and will lead to an assent vote (referendum) in the fall of 2024. The residents of Bamfield will determine the future of wastewater services in Bamfield. To stay informed and be part of the conversation, keep an eye on the page link below for upcoming engagement opportunities and new information being shared. https://www.letsconnectacrd.ca/bamfield-sewer-project?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR0x0GaBhq1yQUWZnEx03kttAW66PqZd5qRqz_o_Ap9yn4XWqwhySyppX6Vo_aem_AYAmnsvVI50wGDFYDXAd3CaHu5kyW20ahSkT-HXRGoDgB2seo1JG6yzkxmxEaQuXTHbW_PfpjrPoxR6Zo8-JXbRO
- Met with the infrastructure team to discuss the Cultural Center Floor Plan. We also talked about the Bamfield Community hall and BMSC wastewater treatment plant usage fee.
- Here is a list of active projects and what phase they are in:
 - 1- Water Treatment - RFP is closed this month and evaluation committee meeting to evaluate bids. Selection and contract award by end of June 24. Design and scheduling through the fall - some work may start this winter but likely the spring of 2025. Construction slated to be completed by 2028.
 - 2- Cultural center- location has presented extra costs - additional funding needed. Looking at getting more accurate numbers. Design confirmed additional engineering

required for mechanical and fire. Site and road prep before fall, construction in 2025 completed by end of March 2026.

- 3- HOH – upgrades for 25 year anniversary - project scoped, collecting quotes and requesting CHRT 41 funding. Due to be completed before May 30/2025 if funding approved by fall 2024.
- 4- New daycare Anacla- Start up planning meeting June 6/24. Design completed fiscal year 2024. Start of construction spring 2025 CHRT41 funding
- 5- Youth and Wellness center still in concept- planning in fall of 2024 - CHRT41 funding.
- 6- There are some various small projects - mostly unfunded and scoping still needed.

Emerging Issues

- Sewer connection for the Bamfield community hall
- Framework Plan - HFN EC to be present on all engagements.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Children and Family Wellness Committee**

- Attended HFN Youth Gathering Planning Bi-weekly meetings.
- Looking to Tla'amin First Nation in regards to their agreement with MCFD. Hoping to connect/network at the leadership Premier's forum hosted in Powell river
<https://www.tlaaminnation.com/tlaamin-nation-reaches-interim-agreement-with-ministry-of-children-and-family-development/>
- Attended Oomiiqsu and CHRT 41 meeting with legal and Director of Oomiiqsu where we talked about the CHRT 41 funding application project, ran through the plan going forward with MNP and Gwaii and got some feedback on the process, protocol and people to bring into the work. The other item on the agenda regarding Oomiiqsu was about the memo for Executive Council recommending which entity (Huu-ay-aht, the Housing Authority, or a newly created society) should serve as the operator of the residential units in order to best minimize liability risk, while also being practical and cost-effective. We discussed logistics and other questions that are important in that recommendation.
- ADM Catherine Lappe Pre-meeting discussion.
- Attended Jurisdiction Funding Model Co-Development with MTFN.
- Reached out to Honourable Grace Lore - Minister of Children and Family Development- in regards to visiting our community. This was talked about and mentioned by the Honourable Lore in a conversation at a workshop last month, Grace mentioned that she heard all about us and would like to visit the HFN community. Waiting on a response back from MCFD minister on potential proposed dates in June.
- Pre meeting for upcoming tripartite and bilateral meetings re CFS.
- Coordination Agreement Discussion - Main Table with BC and Canada.
- Attended two-day First Nations Leadership Forum on Early Learning and Child Care.
- Attended a joint meeting w/Ratcliff & MNP re: Funding Capital Assets for Child & Family Services for CHRT-41. Some of the key projects we are working on list below:
 - Priority #1 – Childcare Centre and Housing Services (in upper Anacla, central location)
 - Priority #2 – Wellness Centre (upper Anacla, central location) and improvement to Saring Eagle (lower Anacla)
 - Priority #3 – Second Stage Housing (in upper Anacla, central location)
 - Priority #4 – Safe House (near Anacla but not in community)
 - Priority #5 – House of Huu-ay-aht renovations and/or expansion (Youth Centre considered)

- Priority #6 – Anacla playground and play space (upper Anacla).
- Mother Center is on schedule. A citizen asked a few questions in regard to the outdoor cultural space on site. Very exciting to be at this stage of design. I recommend that the outdoor cultural space sort of mimic the longhouse style gazebo that is outside of North Island College with the roof representing the Big Dipper handle just like our modern day longhouse HOH and that the face of the gazebo face east.
- Reviewing DRAFT Interim What We Heard Report May 2024 Re Co-Developing a Funding Model to Support First Nations Jurisdiction over Child and Family Services.
- Making arrangements to attend Health and Wellness Working Group In-person Retreat Update next month.
- Attended meeting w/Ratcliff & MNP re: Funding Capital Assets for Child & Family Services Re: CHRT-41 funding. Info on CHRT-41 here in link <https://sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1644607163941/1644607214188>
- Call for Justice 1.7 Final Report ink here <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1717103903695/1717103981609>. Only two of 231 Calls for Justice are complete, and more than 50 per cent have not been started. Well documented gaps¹⁷ in life expectancy, health outcomes, education, income, and almost every other metric are evidence that existing human rights protection mechanisms are not enough to protect the rights of First Nations,
- link for Press release on the report <https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/failure-to-implement-mmiwg-calls-to-justice-not-acceptable-to-our-people-afn-chief-says/vi-BB1nyAiB?ocid=entnewsntp&pc=LCTS&cvid=5511c603d8aa451f8d2bc032597be9dd&ei=16>

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Deputy-Chief Councillor**

- Master Plan Bi-Weekly Meeting
- Attended meeting re: Gov't Relations and Strategy Support RFP Reviews
- Post Meeting Discussion Introduction to Kihew
- Chaired Committee of the Whole meeting
- Attended Breakfast with Council
- Sat in on all staff workshop on day 1
- Attended Huu-ay-aht First Nations Tribunal
- Attended breakfast with council in the Alberni Valley as well as on the homelands

Councillor Brad Johnson Report – May 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

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

Bamfield Road Project

Monthly inspections are still being done by Meridian Forest Services. Once again, the road surface in general is holding up extremely well. Some light grading along the side of the road in wide spots that are not chip sealed needs some attention. We identified a bridge at 36 km that needs decking replaced and that will be completed next month. As potholes develop, they are being addressed and filled in a timely manner. I'm very happy how all parties are working together to protect the investment of the re-surfaced Bamfield road.

Lands and Resources

The Lands and Resources team are still working on the living document for the HIRMP. I attended a meeting with the technical group to discuss roles and responsibilities of all partners that are invested in this document. The group is working towards finalizing the document so that it can be shared with citizens in a condensed report for the People's Assembly.

Indigenous Coastal Waters Stewardship Society (ICWSS) has released the funding of 1 million dollars to nations from what used to be known as the Salish Seas Arm's Length funding. I can confirm HFN has received the funding and the Lands and Resources department will be allocating some of it to stewardship activities.

On May 21st, 2024, we had a presentation from the Lands and Resource department to the Committee of the Whole on the proposed Guardian expansion and what that may look like. The presentation was well received and it's great to know we have a plan moving forward that can protect not only our lands but potential waters as well. Hearing that our guardians will not just be visible on the west coast trail but throughout our entire territory is something I have been pushing for since being elected. Once funding is identified, this program can move forward.

Parks Canada

Next CMB meeting is scheduled for June 5th, 2024.

Treaty Implementation

On May 27th, 2024, we had the Maa Nulth Board of Directors meeting. Here is an update from the working groups.

Maa-Nulth Fisheries committee (MFC)

Account was reviewed by all nations and all species totals were accepted by DFO at the JFC. All nations are in preparation for this upcoming season to fish Barclay Sound sockeye, chinook, coho and halibut. A Maa-Nulth Barter and Trade document has been completed. This document was

developed for internal guidance to provide clarification of the rules and procedures regarding Trade, Barter, and Designation under the Maa-Nulth Domestic Fishing Right within the Maa-Nulth Treaty. The MFC met with Kelp Rescue and researchers from the University of Victoria to discuss their work and potential opportunities for Maa-Nulth to collaborate on kelp research. Plans were also put in place for Maa-Nulth, led by HUU-ay-aht staff, to coordinate with Kelp Rescue for the harvesting and distribution of urchins from study sites in the MDFA.

Maa-Nulth Wildlife Council (MWC)

I attended a meeting on May 15, 2024. KCFN presented on the development of a deer survey methodology using drones to determine abundance, distribution and sex/age ratios. This new survey may be an option to replace deer spotlight surveys that have been challenging for Nations to conduct given lack of available transects and low deer density. KCFN will update MWC as their testing continues. MWC has been discussing options for elk translocations into Maa-Nulth territory, for translocation work to occur next year. BC requires notification and planning in summer 2024. A MWC subgroup will set up a meeting with the MFC chair to discuss barter & trade and translocation opportunities for nations. Following a presentation from BC at the March MWC meeting, MWC requested legal review of the BC Wildlife Act Review project to understand potential impacts to Treaty rights and interests and inform Maa Nulth recommendations to BC. HFN was allocated 2 elk for this upcoming Hunting season 2024 in the Klanawa region. The Elk herd is doing well and is sustainable to harvest 1 antlered and 1 antlerless Elk. Next meeting is set for July 17th, 2024.

Maa-Nulth Tripartite Implementation Committee

On May 29, 2024 the Executive Director and I attend this meeting in person at the Uchucklesaht Government office. Here we updated everyone on what HFN has planned for the upcoming year and how the past year has gone and what challenges we have faced. It was a very informative meeting with all 5 Maa Nulth nations in attendance. It was interesting to hear about the growth that all nations have had and what everyone is up to. We also discussed the on-going collective work we do on Treaty implementation, the new CMTI position, and Treaty amendments.

National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR) - Parks Canada

Parks Canada is sharing the latest version of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) with each Nation for review and approval. Parks Canada is aiming to have the MOUs signed and returned by the end of June 2024.

Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation (CMTI)

For over 20 years Indigenous Modern Treaty Partners have been calling for improved independent oversight so that the Federal government is held accountable for Modern Treaty commitments. The Commissioner will be an Agent of Parliament and be responsible for implementation. This role was co-developed with Indigenous Modern Treaty partners to ensure independent, credible, effective and sustainable oversight of modern treaty implementation and hold the Federal government accountable to parliament for modern treaty objectives publications and relationships. I attended 3 days of meetings where we went line by line with Canada to review the document to make sure that everything Modern Treaties wanted was in this document. It is a very ambitious time frame to get this work completed because time is of the essence to introduce this in legislation by September to get it up and running with this current government mandate.

Ground Water Negotiations

These are now at a standstill as BC has not budged since last month on their internal issues. It was stated that with the provincial election coming up and potential fire season upon us that BC would not have the resources to move forward at this time and that we would continue negotiations in the new year.

Trans Mountain Pipeline Major projects update

The Mutual benefits agreement that Maa Nulth has with Trans Mountain pipeline triggered the “in service” agreement. On May 15th, 2024, the first tanker ship left the dock. This means \$80k in funding will flow to all 5 nations, and next year an additional \$80k will be paid out.

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.

HR Workplace and Wellness Committee

On May 31st the new HFN policy manual was presented to staff. A lot of work and feedback went into amending this document and it was greatly received by staff. Although change is tough at times, I feel we are moving forward in a positive way for this organization. Next committee meeting TBD.

Other Duties I attended to this month:

- Tribunal
- Biweekly Framework plan meetings
- Anacla Community Planning Committee
- Maa Nulth FFA update
- Multi Nation SRKW management plan
- EC meetings x 2
- Special EC meeting
- Committee of the Whole meeting
- Meetings with the Executive Director x 3
- Project Green meetings
- Land property meeting with Evan and HGB
- HIRMP meeting
- Breakfast with Council in Anacla
- Breakfast with council in Port Alberni
- Maa Nulth Special Board of directors meeting and regular BOD
- ICWSS meeting
- CMTI meetings x 3
- MSPWG
- Maa Nulth IC meeting
- Maa-Nulth Fisheries Committee
- Joint Fisheries Committee DFO
- Maa Nulth Wildlife committee
- Alliance Premier form Planning meeting

This was a busy month for me yet again, I am honored to represent our nation as a member of the Executive Council.

Councillor Evan Cook Report – May 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance

Economic Development

Finance

- The Finance Committee met on May 29.
- The committee recommended the Travel Expense Regulation Amendment, with minor changes to meal allowances and the collection of meal receipts no longer required.
- CFO to provide 2024 first quarter financial Report and 2023 first quarter to compare and analyze financial trends.
- Met with Royal Bank to discuss setting up a minor's trust to protect and invest the per capita distribution's to Minors on its membership list. A minor's trust is used to protect and invest money for the benefit of minors until they are adults. The costs of maintaining a minor's trust in the opinion of the CFO and I is too high, like lawyer's fees, submitting a T3 tax return, management and auditor fee each year.
- The Nations financial audit with the assistance of Deloitte Canada is proceeding and will be completed by the end of summer. This is good news as third-party assistance can be very costly.

Economic Development

- With the HFN economic staff being shorthanded and plans to hire new staff next month, the Economic Development Officer and I have kept new projects to study to the minimum; also, we have devoted a great deal of time to the development group Forum. With additional staff being hired next month we will have more support and begin looking into more projects. The new projects we will focus on -- Bioenergy and Container Green Houses.
- Attended Indigenous Governance and HR Conference
- B.C. needs new Private Sector Projects to drive Investments and support long-term economic growth, at a time when available equity investments is tightening globally. To meet climate goals, clean energy and value-added Timber will be important.
- Dicifoam (biodegradable Styrofoam project) - Meetings with potential partners are ongoing, Next steps will be meetings with Catalyst Pulp Mill and potential partners - Plantee (insulation) and Wet'suwet'en First Nation.
- Maa-nuth First Nation (FFA) - BC received Treasury Board authority for a 10-year mandate for the fiscal funding agreement and for the core full-time funding component, of the Lands and Resource Funding Model.

Councillor Stephen Rayner – May 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Law and Policy

Green Energy and Climate Sustainability

Law and Policy

- The Law and Policy committee reviews and provides recommendations for all legislative alterations or development.
- May's law and policy meeting was postponed to June due to scheduling and content. In May's meeting we were going to review the governance project and look at next steps. This project 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. Trying to accommodate priority legislation and accommodate emerging priorities.

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 has procured and reviewed the quotes for the required equipment and has coordinated the initial work needed to support the overall installation. Work should be implemented in the next month or so. This work is aiming to be completed this summer.

Community Energy Plan:

- I am not involved with this initial project; the infrastructure department is running it. 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. We will also be applying for funding through CEDR and BCICEI once it opens for intake. 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 the infrastructure and Economic Development department to develop an RFP to procure a consultant to lead the work on behalf of HFN.
- Met with the ministry of Energy Mines and Low Carbon Innovation to lobby for support for HFN's clean energy development.

Carbon Footprint and Green House Gas Emissions:

- We will be preparing to apply for funding through BC under the Clean BC industry fund. The intake deadline is June 28th. This will provide a study showing the areas we can reduce our carbon footprint and provide next steps for planning and implementation. 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. 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 Energy Mines and Low Carbon Innovation 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.

Clean Energy BC:

- I received the most votes, and I am now a director on the board of Clean Energy BC. This will help advance HUU-AY-AHT's interest as well as first nations' interest in developing power infrastructure and interconnectivity for our communities. The election process is complete and there are three first nation directors, the rest come from large industry. It is beneficial 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 continue to lobby at events to push the provincial government to support the advancement of First Nations energy infrastructure development.

Climate resiliency:

- Councillor Stella Peters and I have continued to meet and discuss planning and development of climate mitigation measures in our territory. The Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaption intake deadline is October 4th. A portion of the planning will come from LGCAP, which we have already received. We will be working with administration to determine the scope of work, priority and where the work will land in the administration. I have met 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. 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 planning 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.
- Continue to work to develop opportunities for development of capital raise projects like industrial scale wind which will be included in our second phase feasibility for clean power development in our territory. The wind project as well as others could offer the power that HFN needs for generations to come. Continue to explore 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 meetings I attended this month)

- Met with funders, Consultants and clean energy developers, Iskum Investments, BC Hydro, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation, ISC, EMBC, as well as others to discuss opportunities to support climate resiliency planning, and green energy development. Generate twenty-four conferences, meet with industry and government and discuss opportunities in the clean energy sector. Met with other nations to discuss planning opportunities as well as potential partnerships.
- GFOA panel discussion meeting for upcoming speaking engagement on behalf of HFN.
- BC FN meeting to discuss indigenous inclusion.
- Met with clean energy developers to discuss the development of clean energy opportunities within 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.

- Internal meetings - committee of the whole, executive council meetings, RFP meeting, meeting with other councillors, breakfast with council, planning meeting, meetings with administration.

Councillor Stella Peters – My 2024

Areas of Responsibility

Citizen Development
Public Safety
Emergency Planning and Preparedness

Citizen Development:

Mental Health and Wellness:

- Mental Health and Wellness will always be in the forefront of the needs for our citizens, as it is something that affects and has impacted many First Nations due to the intergenerational trauma from IRS. The health and wellbeing of our citizens is something we want to address to ensure their safety and that they are being cared for and support the ones with addictions and homelessness. We talk about these concerns as well at our Committee meetings.

Education and Training:

- Meetings relating to Education have slowed down for me at this time. We continue to look at opportunities for our citizens at our committee. Our Education Department staff are keeping busy with the school year coming to an end - thanks to Brent Ronning and Vanessa Sabbas. I am looking forward to all our Huuayaht Scholarship recipients and graduates.

Public Safety

Community Safety:

- We have looked at the “30 Recommendations” and we have and still continue to look at what we need to make our community a safe place for our citizens. We talk about this at our Committee meetings as well as having Community Engagements here in Anacla where we listen to the concerns raised and what we as elected Government can do - what are the needs, the priorities.
- As you are all aware we have hired Footprints Security to do some training in our community. We met with them on May 8th. Right now, we have Rob Dennis Jr (Qiic Qiica) being trained by them and will have some Security Training done in July. We want to have our own “Wiq Waq” Security Program in our Territory.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness:

- I have been attending meetings related to Emergency Planning and Preparedness as it is very important to plan and be ready for any type of situation that we may face or that might have an impact on us. We are in the process of hiring an Emergency Coordinator so we can develop a plan to update existing plans and prioritize the needs of our community.

Emerging Issues

- Emergency Plans for HFN, the only one I have received is the Communicable Disease Plan from Coral from our Health Department, and I started asking last for them in August. I would like to see the plans for each Department, and have them all on file (Forestry, Fisheries, Lands, Natural Resources, AGO, PAGO, HGB, PBC, Pawaats).

Climate Change and Climate Resilience

- I attend meetings relating to Climate Change and Emergency Planning as they do overlap quite often. I feel with the changes in climate that we need to plan and be better prepared. It's not just tsunami warnings, with the changes in temperature we are facing hotter temperatures in summer, both before and after, which brings the concern of forest fires and droughts. The winters have also become more extreme - heavy rainfall, freezing rain, ice, snowfall and how do we prepare for that. How do we make sure the safety and wellbeing of our most vulnerable are being looked after.

Committees I belong to are:

- Co-Operative Management Board (HFN/PC) with Brad Johnson
- Citizen Development Committee (CDC) Chair
- Community Consultative Group (CCG) Chair
- Anacla Community Planning Committee (Member)
- Human Resource and Wellness Committee (Member)