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**Executive Council Report
August 2024**



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Chief Councillor John Jack – August 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Chief Councillor
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Major Projects
External Relations

General Duties – Chief Councillor

First Week:

The first week of August was a shortened week as it started on Thursday, which was still during the first part of my Annual Leave.

Second Week:

The second week started with BC Day, a statutory holiday. Tuesday kicked off with a flight to Vancouver for a special Law and Policy Development Committee meeting with the New Relationship Trust experts Maryantonett Flumian and Sylvain DuBois, who are both from Ottawa, so meeting in Vancouver helped them with flights and what-not. Wednesday the 7th started with meetings regarding the HFN Framework Plan, then a prep Meeting with Earncliffe regarding Government Relations planning for the next year and a half. It was followed by a tripartite meeting of government officials from Ditidaht, Huu-ay-aht, and Pacheedaht in Nanaimo, BC. Thursday the 8th was an Executive Council meeting in Anacla. Friday was a low-intensity day, no meetings attended or scheduled, but time was taken to catch up on emails and messages and to prepare for Framework Plan engagements in Vancouver and Victoria on the Saturday and Sunday.

Third Week:

On Monday the 12th, I took the day off to get my vehicle's front-end attended to, though I did take the time to do more emails and general reading of materials. Tuesday, I took the morning off to balance the work done over the last weekend's engagements. In the evening of Tuesday the 13th, though, I participated in a meeting of the Bamfield Area Services Committee for the ACRD to finalize the referendum questions for East and West Bamfield. On Wednesday, I also took the morning off to balance from last weekend. Then I attended a Framework Plan meeting at 11:30am and then headed to Port Alberni for meetings regarding the Bamfield sewer system referendum. On Thursday, I took another easy day but attended to some items regarding forestry and the ACRD. Friday the 16th was the day I traveled to the House of Huu-ay-aht and the Pachena Bay Citizen's Sites for Huu-ay-aht Days.

Fourth Week:

The Law and Policy Development Meeting was moved to 11am on Monday the 19th from 10am, which suited some appointments that the Chair needed to have done. I had a quick meeting with the Executive Director that afternoon and then caught up on emails and messages until it was time to pick up kids from camp and daycare around 4pm. At 10am on Tuesday the 20th, I attended the Committee of the Whole in Port Alberni and then we had an Executive Council meeting immediately following the conclusion of the COW meeting. On Wednesday the 21st, I attended a special Finance Committee meeting regarding the Audited Financial Statements. On

Thursday the 22nd, we had a meeting to check-in on the status of the Bamfield Road, then went into a meeting with Stephen Evans for an initial touch-base. At 1:30pm, I attended a meeting with HFN staff and Council to discuss potential partnership opportunities with new faces at MOSAIC. Friday was very much a day for the Land Claims Agreement Coalition with meetings regarding Advocacy and a meet & greet with the LCAC's own GR firm: HK Strategies. My last meeting of the week was with BC Ministry of Finance Staff regarding the Pay Transparency Act and specifically the Gender Pay Gap.

Fifth Week:

I took the last week of August off due to daycare and day camps being closed this week.

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

The referendum questions for East and West Bamfield should be completed by the time of this report. The decision questions are likely to be put forward in a straightforward manner and we will likely recommend that contextual information be communicated well and well in advance of the referendum itself. By the time of this report, we should be hearing back from BC Ministers about the meetings we will have during the Union of BC Municipalities AGM and Conference in mid-September.

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)

We scheduled a meeting with Council and some staff with Earncliffe regarding the next steps in planning the time before the next Provincial and Federal Elections. There should be ample time to set up a good schedule for advocacy and engagement with the governments and opposition parties before the federal election for certain, though time is running short for the provincial election.

Ha'wiih Representative Theresa Nookemus – July/August 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Ha'wiih Council
Citizenship Committee
Nananiiqsu

Ha'wiih Council

- Ha'wiih Council has hired a new Ha'wiih Clerk! Janet Young is our new clerk specifically for Ha'wiih. We are very excited and happy to work with Janet.
- Ha'wiih Council continues working on the Huu-ay-aht naming project. Some Ha'wiih will be starting to go over their lists for translations and name meanings. As well as beginning to look at preparations for future names to be given.
- Ha'wiih will work with the Youth Gathering Group for the upcoming date in Victoria BC on Saturday September 21, 2024. If it is anything like the Anacla Youth Gathering, it will surely be a success! The Anacla Youth Gathering went very well, the morning was a bit slow but it surely picked up in the afternoon! It was great to see Youth engaging in every aspect of this Gathering. There was a wonderful breakfast, followed by opening remarks and introductions by Councillor Edward Johnson and Qiic Qiica. There were many activities, a youth visioning workshop about where you come from, a nice lunch, then and Elders circle with Larry Johnson to discuss traditions, culture, storytelling and sharing within the circle, a wellness circle (alcohol and drug prevention), drum making, and a HFN booth on HFN departments. Dinner was amazing followed by some Traditional singing and dancing. Victoria and Port Alberni will have a survey for youth to fill out afterward.
- Huu-ay-aht days went well, waiting on their debriefing from that, it should be in soon.
- Ha'wiih met with the Cultural Team and have agreed to work on death protocols for each of their houses, as well as make every effort to attend culture practices to learn more songs and traditions. They will touch base on this at their next meeting. Practices will be held Sunday evenings alternating between hosting practices in Anacla and Port Alberni.
- Mel Edwards has volunteered to be appointed for the New Tribal Member.
- Theresa Nookemus and Tommy Happynook will join The Family Wellness and Mental Health Committee on an alternate basis. This committee will meet every 2 months.
- Ha'wiih Council has requested to hold a second meeting each month dedicated to governance where they invite cultural advisors and predecessors to come speak with them, form their Ha'wiih Charter and work to define their roles and responsibilities. This will enable Ha'wiih to have more broad and general discussions at one meeting and to deal with operational matters and requirements in the other meeting.
- Ha'wiih Council will be hosting the Christmas dinner December 14th at the Italian Hall.
- The Executive Council will be hosting the People's Assembly November 16, location still to be announced.
- Maryantonette, Stephen Rayner and Sylvain came to speak with Ha'wiih Council on proposed changes to the Community Safety Act- Exclusion Order Process. Ha'wiih expressed concerns with the current process. The RCMP are to come in to explain their role. Ha'wiih is working on a clear form to apply for an interim order. This meeting will take place Sept 9, 2024.
- Ha'wiih housed 2 citizens and are waiting for more information on another. The two citizens were housed in Jane's House.

Nanaaniqsu

- Nanaaniqsu has been enjoying the summer off except for an invite to enjoy a lovely breakfast to hear an update on the HFN Framework Plan.
- They have also been approached by the Research Update and Oral History Gathering Phase 1 of their work on April 10,2024. This research group is based on the Ahousaht Nation. They are dedicated to researching their history of residential schools, searching for missing children and to supporting community healing as the truth of these experiences continues to impact families and communities.

Councillor Aicitah Edward R. Johnson – August 2024

<https://huuayaht.org/councillor-edward-r-johnson/>

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

- Meeting with the Ministry of Housing on BC Builds
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024HOUS0006-000188>.
- A good report by ISC that came out in Feb 2024 <https://cardenconsulting.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Nothing-About-Us-Without-Us-Modernizing-BC-First-Nations-Infrastructure-Final-Report.pdf>.
- Anacla Community Planning Committee.
- Meeting with Fort Modular <https://fortmodular.com/contact/>.
- Attended Framework Plan biweekly meetings.
- Scenario discussions for Bamfield Development Plan and sewer service referendum.
- Infrastructure Update meeting with PM of infrastructure.
- Meeting with Meeting Lisa F & Karen I from BC ACC Society to talk about CC funding for upper Anacla.

Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

Children and Family Wellness Committee

<https://huuayaht.org/child-and-family-wellness-2/>

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended bi-weekly Jurisdiction Funding Model meetings.
- Attended a Jurisdiction Funding Model workshops.
- Attended a Huu-ay-aht First Nations - British Columbia - Canada: Trilateral Coordination Agreement Discussion Main Table Meeting.
- Attended Baby Welcoming – PAGO.
- Funding to Support Coordination Agreement Discussions was approval for 350k – this is 40K short of our ask.
- Chaired the Child and Family Wellness Committee.

Emerging Issues

- Letter from John Jack

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended a Huu-ay-aht, Pacheedaht, and Ditidaht Chief & Councils Meet & Greet in Nanaimo - looking forward to meeting with PFN and DFN again.
- In the planning stages of lining up a meeting with Tsawwassen FN for the 1st week of September - a networking meeting on our homelands at AGO.
- Attended to a media request about lighthouses shutting down on the WCT.
- Attended Bi-weekly Framework Plans - getting ready for CES
- Attended HFN Days
- Bi-weekly meeting with Stephen
- Attended Special Economic Development Committee Meeting
- Chaired Committee of the Whole
- Registered for Province-wide Community-to-Community Forum on September 16 in Vancouver
- Registered for the UBCM - hoping to meet with MCFD Minister Grace Lore.

Here is some good info - similar to the work we at HFN are doing

<https://ourchildrenourway.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/2024-Jul-29-OCOW-MNP-Webinar-Presentation.pdf>

Councillor Brad Johnson Report – August 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 being done by Meridian Forest Services. The road has held up well over the summer. Sanding has continued through the month of August to prevent flushing of the road, where the emulsion has seeped through the road surface. A final review will be done on the road to identify any places that need to be fixed under warranty.
- Our road team and the contractor will be coming up with a plan for early September to mobilize equipment on site for the last bit of warranty work on the chip seal surface. HFN has the responsibility of the maintenance of the surface until the end of September then it will be handed back to the forestry companies for all maintenance.
- We have really stressed that everyone please abide by the speed limit of 60KM. The HFN communications team has done a great job of keeping everyone up to date with anything related to the road and I would just like to acknowledge them for the great work they do.

Lands and Resources

- On August 22nd 2024, I was a part of a small working group that met with Mosaic Forest Management to discuss the MOU that we will have with each other as we move forward and potentially do business with one another. We had met with Mosaic earlier in the year but they have since restructured their upper management and certain individuals have moved on, so it was also a meet and greet with the new individuals we will be working closely with. It was a great opportunity for HFN and Mosaic to discuss what projects we have in mind for the short and long term. I look forward to future meetings in the following months once our Elected Council approves the MOU.
- The lands and resource fishery department held a meeting with citizens who are interested in the economic fishery on the Sarita for hatchery chinook. There was definitely more interest this year from citizens as it's been a very successful fishery in the past few years. At the time of this report I can say the first day on the river was very successful and it's great to see our citizen get involved with this fishery. I believe this opportunity will run into the first couple weeks of early September. I look forward to reporting actual numbers next month.
- The Lands department held the annual Elk draw this month. Two successful citizens were awarded an Elk tag for an Antlered Elk and Antlerless Elk. Best of luck to the citizens on their hunts.

Treaty Implementation

- For the month of August I would say 90% of the working groups I attend with Maa-Nulth adjourn for the last month of the fishing season. However, I did attend a few Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation (CMTI) meetings. Here we basically just went over the amended version of the document line by line with legal council in an

internal caucus. Once the document had the wording everyone was happy with, we met with the Federal Government and CIRNAC. Both the Federal government and Modern Treaty partners are pushing hard to have this document brought through legislation when the house reopens mid-September.

MeToo Negotiations

- No meetings have been set up since DFO have left the negotiations tables. We are still trying to schedule a meeting with the Minister of DFO. Maa-Nulth nations have expressed we would like to push hard in the early fall to get these negotiations back on track.

Treaty Advisor

- On August 15th 2024, I was part of a panel that interviewed for the Sr Treaty Advisor position. We had some great candidates that applied for the position and everyone that we interviewed was excellent. The administration will be doing the hiring after references are checked. We hope the successful candidate will be able to start next month.

Parks Canada

- No meetings took place in the month of August. I received updates from the Acting Lands and Resources director about our guardian program. Since hiring a guardian coordinator, the program has run smoothly compared to past seasons. I was happy to hear our youth guardians have done really well this season and were very eager to learn from their mentors on the West Coast Trail. Next CMB meeting is September 4, 2024.

HR Workplace and Wellness

- No official committee meetings were called. I am updated of all HR concerns within the administration as I am the chair of the committee. These updates come directly from the Executive Director and are kept confidential.

Other duties and tasks I attended

- I had a meeting with HGB on potential land ideas/ camp sites.
- Met with DFN and PFN in Nanaimo to discuss what our nations are doing and how can we help one another.
- Biweekly meeting with Fourm, USI on the Frame work plan.
- Executive council meeting.
- Special Executive Council meeting to approve contracts.
- Committee of the whole meeting.
- Held a meeting with the Chief Councilor, topic of discussion portfolios.
- Weekly update meeting with the Executive Director.
- Indigenous data Governance meeting.
- Attended HFN days in Anacla
- Attended all staff luncheon

August was a fairly light month for me compared to others due to a lot of meetings being cancelled and people on annual leave. I did manage to take 2 days off this summer that I am grateful for as I went fishing. Overall, I felt I was very productive in all my tasks. I am honored to represent our Nation as a member of Executive Council.

Councillor Evan Cook Report – August 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Economic Development

Finance

- The Finance committee met on August 21 (special meeting) and August 27, 2024.
- The finance committee had discussions on raising the honorarium rates and government employees and pensioners cost of living adjustments (COLA) - both were approved. The (COLA) will not be automatic but brought for discussion to the finance committee every November for evaluation to see if rates need to be adjusted. Both must be presented to the Executive Council for approval.

Emerging Issues:

- The Huuu-ay-aht Government has been issued an audit by CRA, despite that the HFN government demonstrated last year on a limited audit it is not taxable. The CRA has concerns about the Provincial Financial funding on the Bamfield chip sealing project. The main issue is trying to figure out which portion is taxable or not. The confusion is raised as the road ownership is divided by forest companies; HFN, etc.

Economic Development

Forestry – Value-Added Products

- Knowing that our HFN lands have a majority of Hemlock wood species and Cedar wood being of more value and a niche market, an economic opportunity and idea of Thermal Modification for Hemlock timber to Cedar timber (changing hemlock timber to cedar timber) is being looked at as an opportunity for Timber Tiles as an add on business.

HGB

- Had a meeting with the CEO Patrick and Marty to discuss the importance of a strategic plan and 3-to-5-year Business plan.
- The positives of the year will include positive campground campers and 4 million oysters to be harvested next year giving a good financial return, and hopefully shovels in the ground this fall on the Micro-Hotel.
- The Negatives will be the Forestry LP - without forestry policy changes it will be a difficult year. Diversification will be critical going forward.

Transshipment Hub

- We expect to meet new proponents next month regarding a new proposal for a ship-to-ship transfer of goods.

Councillor Stephen Rayner – August 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Law and Policy
Green Energy and Climate Sustainability

Week one:

- Unfortunately, I was sick the first week of the month. I did virtually attend the Executive Council meeting. I also virtually attended the Clean Energy BC Permitting committee meeting.

Week two:

- Met with Invenergy, a clean energy development company, who specialize in wind and solar development. We discussed what the organization offers and projects they have previously developed.
- Met with one of the board members of Clean Energy BC to discuss the last government relations committee meeting topics and the upcoming meeting topics.
- Call with the Clean Energy BC admin to discuss the agenda for the upcoming meeting and as well as the upcoming Clean Energy BC event. I will be speaking at the next event to talk about first nations involvement in the clean energy sector.
- I'm on the hiring committee for the director of infrastructure and reviewed the resumes of the candidates and helped develop the interview questions.
- Met with the consultants working on the governance project to discuss the progress made.
- I attended HFN days in Anacora. The event went really well and had a lot of citizens come and check it out. I volunteered to be in the Dunk tank.

Week three:

- Met with the consultants for the governance project to discuss what will be presented at the upcoming LPDC meeting.
- Held a Law and Policy Development committee meeting, which went well and focused on the governance project and the financial legislation.
- Attended two virtual meeting interviews for the director of infrastructure position. Committee of the whole meeting which went well.
- Attended a Special Executive Council meeting to advance work for administration.
- Helped conduct two more in person interviews for the director of infrastructure position.
- Attended a Clean energy BC government relations meeting and was provided with an update on the upcoming election and the candidates as well as the potential outcomes. Met with the chair of the committee to discuss some resolutions we passed and resolutions that will be brought forward in the next meeting.

Week Four:

- I was away on annual leave this week but attended a meeting to decide the outcome for the Director of Infrastructure position as well as a special Economic Development committee meeting to discuss the governance project I am working on.

Law and Policy

- The Law and Policy committee reviews and provides recommendations for all legislative alterations or development.
- At August's law and policy meeting, we were given an update on the governance project and discussed the potential revisions to the financial legislation. This is one of the two priority pieces of legislation that we are focusing on in the review. This project aims to enhance our legislative framework, reflecting our values and objectives.
- Last fall, the People's Assembly approved a comprehensive law and policy review to assess our progress since the Treaty and ensure our laws reflect traditional values and practices. The review has identified key areas for improvement and will engage the community for feedback. The initial focus is on the Community Safety Act and related legislation, followed by financial and economic development laws, with the goal of systematically improving our legal framework to better serve the community.

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 innovative 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 the required equipment and has coordinated the initial work needed to support the overall installation. Work should be implemented in the next month. This work is aiming to be completed later this year.

Community Energy Plan:

- I am not directly involved with this initial project; the infrastructure department is managing it. Barkley Project Group has completed the first phase of the Community Energy Plan, which aims to identify all feasible green energy power generation options within the HFN territory. The final report from this plan will be instrumental in developing future opportunities for green power development and funding to support it.
- HFN has received funding from the Low Carbon Economy Challenge Fund (LGCAP), and a portion of this will be allocated to a second phase of energy planning focused on one or two forms of clean power generation.
- Other funding we will be looking to apply for will be through the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) when the next intake opens. Our goal is to identify a sustainable power source that meets both current and future energy needs through clean energy development. This second phase feasibility study will offer a deeper analysis of the potential for large-scale green energy projects, particularly focusing on wind and solar energy. A combination of these sources may be essential to meet our nation's power requirements.

- Additionally, I have a meeting scheduled with the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation at the upcoming UBCM to lobby for their support in HFN's clean energy development efforts.

Carbon Footprint and Green House Gas Emissions:

- Unfortunately, we did not meet the requirements for the last round of funding but will be working to apply for upcoming funding in September. This funding will allow for a feasibility study identifying areas where we can reduce our carbon footprint and provide next steps for planning and implementation. HFN is already exploring a project for carbon offset.

Multi Nation Energy Development:

- Multiple nations across British Columbia are showing strong interest in developing green energy initiatives. During our meetings, we discuss opportunities to support each other's power development projects. The idea of a First Nations Power Authority, which would involve multiple nations in owning, managing, and distributing power across Vancouver Island, is gaining significant traction. This collaboration could be both financially rewarding and set the stage for long-term success.

Clean Energy BC Board of Directors:

- I sit on the Clean Energy BC board of directors, (CEBC). This organization promotes the growth of BC's clean energy industry by advocating for environmentally responsible and cost-effective power generation, transmission, and management. CEBC supports industries involved in clean energy production and maintains strong relationships with governments, BC Hydro, First Nations, environmental groups, and the public. I also sit on the government relations committee, which focuses on the existing state of the provincial and federal government and work to help first nations communities better navigate the development of green energy. I also sit on the permitting and regulatory committee which helps provide information on the regulatory process for clean energy development and operation as well as helps guide the regulatory agencies on how to best alter the existing regulatory framework. The next board meeting occurs in September, and we will be discussing the rollout of the 2024 call for power and the proposed 2026 call for power.
- This will help advance HUU-ay-aht's interest as well as first nations interest in developing power infrastructure and interconnectivity for our communities. 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 to push the provincial government to support the advancement of First Nations energy infrastructure development.

Climate resiliency:

- The Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaption intake deadline is October 4th. A portion of the planning may 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 better understand the requirements for the application and the extent of what the funding would offer. The planning will be focused on territory wide climate resiliency planning. 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 are doing a great job in the planning process. This project will provide opportunities that are well thought out and informed.
- Continue efforts to develop capital raise opportunities, such as industrial-scale wind projects, which will be included in our second phase of clean power feasibility studies in our territory. These wind projects, along with other initiatives, could provide the long-term power supply HFN needs for generations. Additionally, explore opportunities for multi-nation investment in electrical infrastructure to connect communities and support individual nation power production. This approach would not only ensure reliable power for each community but also offer financial benefits to all participating nations.

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

- Meeting with Invenergy
- Invitation to Transforming Governance virtual Roundtable meeting
- Clean energy BC Admin meeting
- Governance project meeting
- Law and Policy Development committee meeting
- Committee of the whole
- Executive Council meeting
- CEBC Government relations meeting
- Admin meeting for director position
- Special Economic development committee meeting
- HFN Days

Councillor Stella Peters – August 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Citizen Development
Public Safety
Climate Change and Climate Resilience

Citizen Development

Mental Health and Wellness

- Our Mental Health and Wellness department team are always on the go with the delivery of Programs and Services. Many have shared space in the offices down here in Anacla, There haven't been too many meetings going on relating to this but I did attend the Overdose Awareness in PA with Victoria Nookemus (Outreach Worker). It was good for her to connect and network with other groups. I do have the 3-day Regional Health and Wellness Summit I will be attending with Coral Johnson next month.
- Mental Health will always be in the forefront. With the effect it has on people in their day-to-day lives, we need to be there when they are most vulnerable and in need.

Education and Training

- Our Education Dept has been busy. It's their time to shine from September to June as they continue to help our students in High School and University to get their education and reach their full potential. Education meetings should be getting more active as they slowed down over the summer. Our BCSA has had their monthly meetings, but it seems to be when I have other commitments going on.

Culture

- Our Culture and Wellness team have been busy as they play an integral role in the daily lives of many, participating in events with our BCS students and with citizens here and away from home. Culture and Traditional Medicine is good healing for our people. It is important to our well-being and gives a sense of belonging and cultural identity to help ground people - especially for those away from home.
- They continue to utilize and share our cultural resources.

Events

- We had our Anacla Days Celebration and I will stress that this was for our citizens at home and away from home. What I found discouraging was that it was to be a Drug and Alcohol Free event for all. Seeing the empty beer cans and cases in the fire pit at the gazebo during the event was not good. We talk about wanting a safe healthy community, but we as Executive Council can only do so much, we all need to do this together. Overall, it was a good event. I only participated on the Friday and part of Saturday, I volunteered in the kitchen to help prepare Friday's lunch and Saturday's breakfast. It was so nice to see our citizens come together and enjoy themselves at home, I think the highlight is always the little kids enjoying their beach time creating those memories.
- I did Attend the Pawaats Grad Ceremony here in Anacla. As you all know it was Clara Clappis's last year. She has been with us I believe she said 16 yrs and has had 64 little

students throughout that time. She was checking her files for how many students each year - a milestone not only for her but for each of those kids who attended.

Public Safety

Community Safety

- This is always in the forefront of all our committees - both for CDC and CCG and our Anacla Planning Committee - to ensure that the well-being of our citizens as well as our community is always on our agenda.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

- Since we hired Sean Flickinger as our Emergency Coordinator, he has got himself caught up on where we are in terms of Emergency Planning and Preparedness. He takes his role very seriously and is a good fit for that position. I look forward to working with him.
- I do attend meetings relating to this and have added Sean as our Technical person.

Climate Change and Climate Resilience

- I still continue to attend meetings and because there is a distinct connection between Climate Change and Climate Resilience and Emergency Planning and Preparedness, I will be adding Sean to these meetings as well.
- With the Fall season coming up, there will be the shift from hot/dry weather and droughts changes to possibility of heavy rainfall, flooding and eroding banks in our community

Other Committees/Meetings

- CDC (Citizen Development Committee)
- CCG (Community Consultative Group)
- Our CDC (bi-monthly) and CCG (monthly) meet regularly to discuss issues/concerns or to make plans relating to my portfolios (citizen development and public safety). If we need to have a CDC meeting due to timing, we will schedule one.
- Anacla Planning Committee (active member)
- Human Resource and Wellness (active member)
- I also attend EC related meetings and Committee meetings that I am a member of and the PC Cooperative Management Board meetings with Brad.

I was on Annual Leave from August 23-29.