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**Executive Council Report
November 2024**

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Chief Councillor John Jack – November 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Chief Councillor
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Major Projects
External Relations

General Duties – Chief Councillor

First Week:

The first week was very short as it began on Friday the 1st coming back from Ottawa into Vancouver. I ended up landing later than normal and stayed overnight.

Second Week:

The second week began with a strategic planning overview at the BW Barclay on the 4th. Students and instructors from VIU helped us with a grand overview of all of our plans and suggested changes and approaches that we can take to make all of the plans harmonize and work together toward our larger goals and objectives. Tuesday the 5th began with me opening an online conference of the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals, which raised my awareness of the value this organization could have for both our Huu-ay-aht citizen members of our own Tribunal as well as our Ha'wiih Council members and attendees to aid them both in similar work. What followed that day was more online meetings with the LCAC on UNDRIP as well as an ACRD meeting regarding Inclusive Governance, which is making reasonable headway in expanding local governance to include First Nations without treaty. Wednesday was mostly devoted to work with Forum on the Framework Plan, and then closing the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals online conference. Thursday was a low-intensity day with only an online meeting regarding LCAC/SGIG advocacy that turned into meetings with the school district about my daughter's IEP and all that this entails. Since I had travel on the Saturday, I reckon this lines up. Friday the 8th ended the week with the HFN Committee of the Whole and the first rescheduled bilateral with our Executive Director.

Third Week:

Monday was Remembrance Day, so November 11th was a day off technically, but I laid wreaths on our behalf at the ceremony in the Alberni Valley. Tuesday the 12th had an ACRD meeting in the morning, which was preparation for next week's board. Then I attended an online debrief on how the Community Engagement Sessions went in the last weeks of October. Wednesday the 13th I had some check-in meetings with Forum, then Earnscliffe and then I chaired the ACRD Board where I was acclaimed as Chairperson for another year and the Vice-Chair was re-appointed as well. Thursday the 14th was the day of the Executive Council meeting. Friday the 15th was a long day; it started with a series of meetings between Forum and the Framework Plan, and then a dry-run of the People's Assembly. I stayed overnight to be in town for the Huu-ay-aht People's Assembly on Saturday the 16th. It went reasonably well, I think.

Fourth Week:

Monday the 18th was pretty light, I did some at-home-office organization and then connected to the FN LNG Alliance meeting and followed by a meeting of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations. Tuesday the 9th was an HFN Committee of the Whole meeting, and then a Special Council Meeting afterwards. On Wednesday the 20th I attended the First Nations Summit online, but took a few calls and meetings in the time of that meeting. Thursday the 21st I continued attendance to the First Nations Summit that was temporarily interrupted by a presentation and Q&A that I gave to a UBC class in the late morning. The next day was a very sketchy weather day, but I did make it to the HFN Economic Summit which was done very well and I'd like to thank the EDO and staff who helped make it happen.

Fifth Week:

Monday the 25th started with a non-HFN related meeting for North Island College but continued into a meeting with Maa-nulth about FFA Amendments and then a meeting with Parks Canada about the Framework Plan, both of which I attended online. Tuesday had the Board and AGM of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, interrupted by an ACRD check-in, and a concurrent AGM of the BC FN Gaming LP, then a series of check-ins with staff and council. Wednesday was another series of online meetings in the morning: LCAC Advocacy, Earncliffe, and then an in-person ACRD Board meeting. Thursday was Executive Council day, followed by a quick connection in preparation for a presentation to Kitselas FN as they are going into a treaty vote soon. Friday the 29th was the last work day before I prepared to leave for Ottawa again. There was a meeting of the FN LNG Alliance that I had to chair in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, then connect into a meeting of the Island Coastal Economic Trust, then a pleasant meeting with Stella about her portfolio files. I headed to Vancouver on Saturday the 30th for a flight the next day to Ottawa.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report (and Emerging Issues)

It is likely that the vote on the sewer project as it relates to Bamfield will fail, and likely spectacularly. The residents and owners in Bamfield are quite concerned about ongoing costs of taxation, and while I can see their point, I do think that this is the best deal that residents and owners will get on hooking into the sewer system. The costs of hooking up will likely only go up given how labour and material costs are going. At some point, folks will want to upgrade their properties, rezone their land, and potentially redevelop to take advantage of the economic development that will be taking place. Now, they'll have to take whatever costs come at that stage in the future rather than a set and steady rate now. Whether their decision is wise will remain to be seen, but costs, as ever, go up.

The referenda for East and West Bamfield hooking into the sewer system failed by 90% margins. There were some clarifications made at the ACRD Board meeting about the intent of the votes, but it's clear that folks are much more wary about short-term impacts on their money than long-term ones, and that should be understood moving forward. We will be going into budgeting pretty soon.

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)

The first round of Ottawa-based meetings went well at our end. Earnscliffe was very helpful and worthwhile. The LCAC and SGIG related items were somewhat more confusing and frustrating, but that had as much to do with ourselves not working together than the GR help we were getting. All in all, we achieved most of our aims in Ottawa, met with both NDP and Liberal representatives, but I was the only leader who met with anyone from the Conservatives on any matter, which I felt was troubling on the LCAC/SGIG side. All in all, I’m quite happy with the support we’ve been given, and Earnscliffe has suggested several ways we could expand our outreach into the Conservative sphere. An example is attending conservative-minded conferences, such as the Canada Strong and Free Conference sometime in the new year, which I will likely try to sign up for. There is another Ottawa-based trip that will be happening in the first week of December around the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly, so we will have a few other opportunities to connect with federal folks then.

Ha'wiih Representative Theresa Nookemus – November 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Ha'wiih Council
Citizenship Committee
Nananiiqsu
Economic Development (Reporting only)

Ha'wiih Council

- Ha'wiih Council would like to welcome our Ha'wiih Clerk Janet Young 's newest addition! Born on Dec 3, 2024 is the gorgeous Haisley Linda Page, weighing in at 6 lbs14 oz and 19 inches long. Congratulations Janet, we can't wait to meet her!
- We would like to welcome Honey Johnson as our new Ha'wiih Clerk until Janet's maternity leave ends. Thank you, Honey for stepping up. We are very pleased to see you moving forwards and upwards - looking forward to working with you.
- This council meets once a month, usually at the end of the month. Beginning in the New Year, the Ha'wiih Council will be meeting twice a month. The new date is to be determined. One meeting will be dedicated to Ha'wiih business and the other is to be for open discussions as well as having previous Ha'wiih come in to help guide this Council where necessary and to have discussions on culture.
Ha'wiih will also go through a workshop in leadership and continue with the naming project within their houses. Ha'wiih Council continues to work on the Ha'wiih Charter. This will help define the Ha'wiih role and its responsibilities within. This Committee continues to work with the Law & Policy Committee on the Community Safety Act-Exclusion Order Process to clear gap and timing issues.
Ha'wiih is hosting this year's Christmas Dinner to be held on Dec 15th at the Italian Hall in Port Alberni, doors open at 4Pm. There will be an ugly sweater contest and a Jolly man to pop in for a visit! To end with some culture.

Citizenship Committee

- This Committee meets monthly to go through new applicants who wish to become a Huu-ay-aht Citizen. On this Committee are: Rose Charles, Roy Werner, Kimmie MacDonald, Sherri Cook, Theresa Nookemus (chair).
- The committee's process is as follows:
 - Step One - Treaty Enrollment
 - Step Two – Placed into a Mahtmaas (Housed)
 - Step Three - Citizenship
- This process allows both the Citizenship Committee and the Ha'wiih Committee to have these applications flow easier through the process allowing for any extra time needed to gain any further information should it be needed to complete the application.
- This Committee has successfully completed this month:
 - Treaty Enrollment x 3
 - Citizenship x 2
 - Removal x 1

Nananiqsu

- This group meets once a month. Nananiqsu is currently fundraising for the upcoming Hoobiyee 2025 in Vancouver. They will be having hot lunches once a month in both the Anacra and Port Alberni Government offices. Nananiqsu is also collecting for Toonie draws and has collection jars at both offices. There will also be bake sales so keep your eyes peeled! A friendly reminder to get in touch with Farah from the Alberni Pharmacy for your free Elders package!
- Nananiqsu received the December 2024 issue of the BC Elders Communication Center Society. Please do check it out when you have time – link below.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:9d370d2e-32ce-42ed-a948-7b1505f60b64>

- The Annual Elders Gathering information provided below:
Date August 26-27, 2025 with Group leader check-in Monday, August 25.
Location: Vancouver Convention Center. See links below for more information.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:6dd7c963-1bc3-42b7-b691-632793d8ccfd>

Councillor ̓icitath̓ Edward R. Johnson – November 2024

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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

- Chaired the Anacla Community Planning Committee Meeting. On the agenda we had residential lease regulations lot plan as well as building a bylaw for residential, and a presentation in regard to lands and permitting leasing license presentation. Next meeting will be in the new year - January 2025.
- Looking through the 10 year Capital Budget.
Attended HFN Framework Plan meeting day before HFN People's Assembly - <https://huyuayht.org/huu-ay-aht-framework-plan/>.
- Follow up meeting with Chief Executive Officer Margaret Pfoh from Aboriginal Housing Management Association- <https://ahma-bc.org/membership-and-partnerships/ahma-membership/> - I met with Margaret Pfoh at the UBCM through a mutual friend.
- By weekly meetings with capital infrastructure director. These meetings are going well.
- The program manager position interviews are going to be in the works just going through some of the questions – four-day interview process.
- HOH upgrades and Anacla Daycare Center feasibility RFP should be going out hopefully before the new year.
- Strategic Plan Amendments Review with Ha'wiih Council, Executive Council and the Senior Management Team.
- 10-year cap plan - ACTION - need to set more time aside to discuss from there looking to meet in the new year

Emerging Issues

- No emerging issues this month.

Children and Family Wellness Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended all Chiefs Meeting in Vancouver. Topics for this two-day All Chiefs Meeting included hearing the experiences of First Nations in B.C. as they resume jurisdiction over child and family services to support First Nations as they undertake this journey, discussions on Jordan's Principle and ongoing Canadian Human Rights Tribunal matters, and funding mechanisms to support child and family services delivered by the Province. I was invited to speak on a panel on day one - Panel topic was Jurisdiction. Also on the panel were Tsihqot'in Gwa'sala-Nakwaxda'xw and Kwu'mut Lelum Child and Family Services.

- Will be attending CFS Work WG Meeting in regard to Treaty Amendments. This meeting is with the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations - looking to meet in the 1st week or 2nd week of December. This will be a good update to have before Christmas break.
- Warrior funding is running out at the end of March 2025 - looking to meet with the children and families' director and warriors coordinator in the coming weeks to discuss next steps to be ready for the fiscal year.
- I was invited to attend a two-day Restorative Justice Circle Workshop. Respectfully had to decline as it didn't fit into my schedule but they're going to keep me in mind for future workshops. At the same time, I received an invitation to attend the Alberni Valley Restorative Justice AGM first week of December. This relationship with AVRJ started back when we were drafting the Community Safety Act.
- Attended HFN Biweekly meeting with MNP regarding CHRT applications.
- The handover of keys for Oomiiqsu took place this month. With this process, there was an extensive walkthrough of the building. The handover took the majority of the day, and it was a joy to witness handing over the keys.
- Working on an in-person meeting with MCFD on the homelands in the new year.
- I have been asked to participate in an upcoming webinar series on pathways to jurisdiction. This webinar will be in the new year.

Emerging Issues

- Warrior funding is running out at the end of March 2025.

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended the strategic Plan Amendments review with Ha'wiih Council, Executive Council and the Senior Management Team where we heard from Vancouver Island University. VIU has been working on two projects; one to review HFN Plans to identify gaps and the other is to review the strategic plan and provide recommendations for amendments. On the agenda for the full day was a review of the recommended amendments including, Citizen Development Committee Feedback, Citizen Feedback, ongoing and completed targets, revised or updated language to current targets, discussing the addition of any new potential targets and 2024 Highlights. There were a lot of good highlights that we need to share. **Our Strategic Plan 2024-2029** https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Strategic-Plan-2024-2029_Final.pdf
- Attended HFN People's Assembly dry run.
- Attended NTC AGM. The theme of this year's AGM was Celebrating our Success. The meeting got changed to virtual due to weather. Hosting the GM was MMFN. Once we finish our upgrades to the HOH, we should think about hosting the NTC AGM.
- Attended the HFN Economic Development Summit.
- Attended a very successful 2024 Huuayaht Annual Peoples Assembly.

Other news in November:

- <https://www.biv.com/news/commentary/rob-shaw-bc-ndp-cabinet-will-be-left-handing-as-by-courts-greens-9814361>

Councillor Brad Johnson Report – November 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

- As of October 1st, 2024, Huu-ay-aht is no longer responsible for the maintenance of the chip seal surface. Future meetings will be held between all stake holders in the road to discuss road use designation. As of right now it is designated an Industrial Road. There are many benefits we see if the road could be re-designated to something else - not just for safety but everything else.

Fisheries and Wildlife

- As of the November 13, 2024 meeting update at the Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee, our Nation still had about 5000 pounds of halibut to catch for food fish. The reason behind the late fisheries was our contractor had health issues and could not fish for weeks. They will continue their efforts into December to fulfill the contract.
- HFN has embarked on a kelp rescue initiative. We will be seeking a permit for scientific reasons to remove sea urchins in a particular area for a study on kelp and how it will grow better without a predator like sea urchins in the area. The Nation plans on removing 1400 sea urchins and distributing them to our citizens and our neighbors of Maa-nulth. This should take place the week of November 16, 2024.

Lands and Natural Resources

- Internal preparation was done for the People's Assembly report I gave and presented on cut blocks on Treaty settlement land for harvest. A lot of foreshadowing of future work has started as we will be working with a land use planner in the months to come that will coincide with the Framework Plan that the Nation is currently wrapping up the final stages on.

Treaty Implementation

- The Maa-Nulth Treaty Society (MTS) hosted a meeting with Transport Canada re Duke point expansion on November 12, 2024. As Vice President, I was asked to chair the meeting as no other leadership were available to attend. We expressed our concerns on the matter and that we wanted to see the project paused for several reasons to allow MTS to do an independent assessment of the marine shipping component to the project. It had seemed that the meeting was accepted just to check off the boxes with MTS as they had already made a preliminary decision to move forward without really hearing us. It was discussed later in the week at a special MTS board meeting that a letter would be sent to Canada and that effective immediately that we would trigger a Treaty Dispute Resolution with Canada on the project.

- On November 21, 2024 I attended a MTS Board of Directors meeting to approve the audit. The Executive Director joined me in the in-person meeting held at the Uchucklesaht Thunderbird building in Port Alberni. We went over several years' audits from 2021-2024. What the outcomes were of the meeting are that Nation reps would like to see a more detailed version of the breakdown in the audit moving forward, that we rectify the audits in a more timely manner and that quarterly breakdowns be presented through each fiscal year.
- MTS held another Board of Directors meeting on November 25, 2024. Here we discussed the importance of having a meeting with the Minister of DFO for next month regarding ME TOO. A support letter was sent to the Nisga Nation regarding the Supreme Court of Canada decision with the Malii court case. I mentioned this last month in my October report. The Nisga sent a letter back to the MTS acknowledging and thanking us and that modern treaties must stick together. It was at this meeting we signed the letter to Canada about the treaty dispute re: Duke point expansion.

Parks Canada

- On November 25, 2024 we held an in-person meeting with Parks Canada reps Helen Davis, Marc LeBlanc and Dave Tovell at the Port Alberni Government Office. Here the main topic was the HFN Framework plan. We laid out the plan within the framework plan that overlaps onto the Parks Canada lands within our Territory. Parks staff stressed that they support the vision of our Nation in the park and that we share a common interest in the area in unleashing the Cape Beal headlands together as a partnership. With so many unknowns we have at this time, we agreed to share a priority list with Parks so that we could utilize this framework plan and make it happen in years to come.
- Another topic that was discussed was how we can run the West Coast Trail differently and what that would look like with possibly nations taking the lead. I want to stress everything was conceptual that was presented but we just wanted to get a response and feedback from Parks Canada on if these ideas like a trail to Clutis point were actually even achievable. Next steps will be feasibility studies and how each partner can push this vision forward.

HR Workplace and Wellness

- No meetings were held this month. A draft of a new Lands and Resource Department is currently being worked on and the possibility of splitting the department up into 2 as we have now added a lands planner to the organization chart. I look forward to working with this new employee on Land use planning and Zoning throughout our territory.

Other duties I attended to this month:

- Anacla Community Planning meeting Nov 1, 2024 - This was my last meeting as I resigned from the committee as it's repetitive to the work I do with my lands committee. Councilor Stephen Rayner will now replace me on this Committee.
- VIU update on the Strategic Plan at the Barclay on Nov 4, 2024.
- Ec Dev summit at the Italian Hall on Nov 22, 2024.
- Peoples Assembly at the Athletic Hall on Nov 17, 2024.
- Committee of the Whole meetings on Nov 8, 2024, and Nov 19, 2024.

- Maa-Nulth Wildlife Committee on Nov 20, 2024.
- Executive council meeting on Nov 14, 2024.
- Maa- Nulth Fisheries Committee on Nov 13, 2024.
- Maa-Nulth Strategic Planning prep on Nov 12, 2024.
- Framework Plan on Nov 6, 2024

I want to acknowledge all the staff I have had the opportunity to work with as they prep and brief me for all these important meetings I attended on behalf of our Nation. I would also like to say this was a short month for me as I took a week off on annual leave. Overall, I was productive with all the tasks I took on this month. I am honored to represent our Nation as a member of the Executive Council.

Councillor Evan Cook Report – November 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Economic Development

Finance

Finance Committee Meeting

- The finance committee met on November 25, 2024.
- On the recommendation of the Executive Director, a decision on the cost-of-living adjustment has been postponed until the end of February. The finance team will have a better idea of expected revenue and also the new CFO will be in place.
- Investment Wealth Fund - The Investment Wealth Fund, which had an original investment of \$21,288,00 in 2020 and a drawdown of \$9,800,000 in 2021 for the Huumis investment, leaving an investment total of \$13,933,666, has now increased up to a total of \$17,544,131 as of November 2024. The years' 2024 returns have done very well with a return of 13.96%. We must not become complacent as this was an exceptional year as normal returns are usually between 8% and 9%.

Economic Development

Log Salvage Opportunity

- Chief Gordon Planes and colleagues (logging contractors) made a presentation to Ha'wiih Council and Economic Development regarding a log salvage business opportunity on HFN territory. The proposed pilot project is to salvage both damaged and post-harvest logs. After conferring with Shannon Janzen, she does not recommend going with the project because, from her experience, large licensees support salvage within cut blocks through third party only and do not support salvage on windthrow or standing timber including cut block edges or roadside.

Bioeconomy

- Bioeconomy is defined as the conversion of biomass as trees and agriculture products into energy, chemicals, and special materials. We need to provide a proper valuation to our Natural Resource assets by combining both fair and non-market valuations. Joe Wong and I are collaborating on presenting a strategic information plan next month on strategies and creating shared values.

Economic Summit

- A summit was held in Port Alberni with neighboring nations, economic businesses like Paper Excellence, tourism organizations, and experts. The presenters provided different paths the HFN Economic Development can think about, especially needing to define the vision from what HFN citizens value but also focus on collaboration.

Indo-Pacific Policy Global Engagement with Global Affairs

- The meeting focused on seizing opportunities in the national interest of Indigenous nations.
- Strategy outlines included expanding trade, investment, and supply chain resilience - invest in and connect people to build a sustainable and green future.

HGB

- An Economic Development Committee meeting was held to discuss the Group of Businesses concept to develop and do a feasibility study on two new camp sites at Poet Nook and Sarita Lake.

Councillor Stephen Rayner – November 2024

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Areas of Responsibility:

Law and Policy

Green Energy and Climate Sustainability

Law and Policy

- The Law and Policy Committee remains actively engaged in reviewing and providing recommendations for all legislative updates and the development of new legislation. Although November's meeting was cancelled, an additional meeting earlier in the month focused on advancing the Governance Project. The project is progressing exceptionally well, with recent community engagement rounds yielding valuable feedback. The team has thoughtfully compiled and integrated this input into their ongoing work on the Community Safety Act. Clear next steps were outlined, and the team continues to work diligently to maintain momentum. The project remains on schedule and is on track to meet the target of presenting at the next People's Assembly, showcasing the team's dedication and commitment to delivering meaningful results.
- **About the Governance project:** Last fall, the People's Assembly approved an in-depth review of our laws and policies to assess our progress since the signing of our Treaty and ensure our legal framework reflects and upholds our traditional values and practices. This comprehensive review has already identified key areas for enhancement, with a clear plan to actively involve the community in sharing their insights and feedback throughout the process. The first phase of this review focuses on the Community Safety Act and related legislation, followed by an evaluation of our financial and economic development laws. Our overarching goal is to systematically strengthen our legal framework to make it more responsive to the needs of our community while staying aligned with our cultural principles and long-term vision.

Emerging Issues:

- As we continue to advance the Governance Project and the comprehensive review of our laws and policies, a key focus moving forward is maintaining the momentum of these initiatives - ensuring timely progress while preserving the integrity of the process. We are also mindful of emerging challenges as we transition into the next phases, particularly in aligning legal frameworks with evolving community needs.
- **HFN Framework Plan:** I am now the lead for the Framework Planning Project. I am pleased to report on continued steady progress, with several significant milestones achieved over the past months. Our dedicated planning team has been working diligently to ensure every aspect of the plan reflects Huu-ay-aht's values, goals, and long-term vision.
- The project has advanced well into its final stage, with the completion of the final report now on track for submission by year's end. This report will mark the culmination of our current efforts and transition the project into its next critical phase: feasibility planning. The feasibility phase will provide an in-depth analysis of the resources, partnerships, and

investments required to bring the exciting developments identified in the initial planning phase to life.

- This month, the team has focused on refining key elements of the plan, integrating feedback, and ensuring a solid foundation for the next steps. Their comprehensive and strategic approach has positioned us well to unlock the potential opportunities this initiative offers. We are excited about the transformative impact these developments will have on our community, fostering growth, enhancing resilience, and contributing to the prosperity of Huu-ay-aht for generations to come.
- **About the Framework Plan project:** The Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan is currently focusing on visioning and incorporating community feedback and completing the report. The goal is to create a long-term vision that shapes land uses, mobility, and open spaces over 20-30 years. Recent engagement rounds have highlighted priorities such as diverse housing options, eco-tourism, and cultural preservation. The framework is designed to ensure sustainable growth, supporting diverse businesses and fostering a thriving community. The project will continue into the next phase with detailed feasibility of the initial ideas into 2025. For detailed updates, visit the Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan here: <https://huuayaht.org/huu-ay-aht-framework-plan/>
- **Emerging issues:** Keeping the work on track and initiating the second phase so there are no delays.

Green Energy and Climate Sustainability

Solar upgrades for Anacla Government Office:

- We are moving forward with an innovative clean energy pilot project, which I had the privilege of developing. This initiative project includes the installation of state-of-the-art solar panels, battery storage systems, and an electric vehicle charging station, along with significant upgrades to AGO's electrical infrastructure to support these advanced technologies.
- A vital component of the project is its focus capacity building. Through comprehensive training programs and ongoing maintenance support, we are equipping staff with the skills and knowledge to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of this initiative. Once operational, this project will substantially decrease our reliance on the electrical grid and diesel generators, paving the way for greater energy independence while aligning with our Nation's values of environmental stewardship and sustainability.
- Despite encountering some initial delays, the challenges have been successfully resolved in collaboration with the project lead. I am pleased to confirm that the installation is now scheduled to begin in early spring 2025, with the project remaining on track to deliver impactful results for our community. This initiative exemplifies our commitment to innovation and environmental leadership, creating a cleaner, more sustainable future for generations to come.
- This initiative is a significant step forward in advancing Huu-ay-aht First Nations' clean energy goals, demonstrating leadership in sustainable development and paving the way for future energy projects. It reflects our broader vision of fostering innovation, resilience, and self-sufficiency for our Nation and future generations.

Community Energy Plan:

- While I was not directly involved in the initial stages of the Community Energy Plan, the project was overseen by the infrastructure department. The first phase, led by Barkley Project Group, has been completed and has successfully identified all feasible options for green energy power generation within HFN territory. The final report serves as a critical guide for developing future green power initiatives and securing funding to bring these projects to fruition.
- HFN has already secured funding from the Low Carbon Economy Challenge Fund (LGCAP), with a portion allocated to advancing the second phase of the Community Energy Plan, which focuses on clean power generation. To address the remaining costs of this phase, applications to New Relationship Trust and the Clean Energy Business Fund will be pursued when their intake periods open in December/January. The second phase aims to assess the full potential of various power generation sources, determining the quantity, location, and associated costs of energy production. This information will be instrumental in evaluating how much power can be supplied to our community and how much can be leveraged for economic development initiatives.
- Additionally, I have engaged with the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation to discuss planning support for clean energy initiatives. These discussions have also included exploring the potential for the Sarita Micro Hydro project in the next call for power, positioning HFN for future clean energy opportunities.

Carbon Footprint and Green House Gas Emissions:

- Although we were not selected in the previous round of funding applications, we are actively preparing for the next intake period. Securing this funding remains a top priority, as it will enable us to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study to identify areas where we can significantly reduce our carbon footprint and outline actionable steps for implementing emission reduction strategies.
- In parallel, Huu-ay-aht First Nations has moved forward with exploring a carbon offset project, reinforcing our commitment to sustainability. This initiative has the potential to generate measurable environmental benefits while creating new opportunities for green funding and partnerships to support our climate goals. Next steps include finalizing the project scope, pursuing additional funding sources, and advancing the planning phases of both the feasibility study and carbon offset project.
- **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.
- **Marine Shipping Subcommittee (MSSC) (Cspan) (Committee Member):** The TMX Marine Shipping Subcommittee focuses on addressing the marine transportation impacts associated with the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) project. It works to ensure that shipping activities related to TMX comply with environmental standards, prioritize safety, and respect the rights and concerns of Indigenous and coastal communities. The subcommittee engages with stakeholders, advocates for sustainable practices, and seeks to mitigate environmental risks, such as impacts on marine ecosystems, while promoting responsible marine operations in alignment with Clean Energy BC's sustainability values. The Committee is continuing to work on feasibility studies to determine location of marine safety Vessels.

Multi Nation Energy Development:

- Momentum continues to build around the establishment of a First Nations Power Authority (FNPA), driven by ongoing advancements in clean energy and increasing interest from Nations across Vancouver Island in collaborative green energy projects. Recent discussions with other First Nations have further solidified strong support for this initiative, with a shared understanding of the strategic value in uniting to achieve our clean energy goals.
- The upcoming call for power presents a critical opportunity for First Nations to leverage these efforts, positioning us to access funding and resources for meaningful clean energy developments. This month, inter-Nation meetings have progressed, focusing on practical ways to support each other's energy initiatives, pool resources, and create a unified approach to advancing energy sovereignty.
- The vision for the FNPA includes jointly owning, managing, and distributing power across Vancouver Island, ensuring long-term sustainability while empowering Nations to take charge of their energy futures. Beyond financial benefits, this collaboration offers increased control, equitable benefit-sharing, and a stronger collective voice in BC's clean energy transition.
- By coming together, we are not only positioning ourselves as leaders in the clean energy sector but also laying the groundwork for a more sustainable, resilient, and prosperous future for all participating Nations. The FNPA initiative reflects our shared commitment to advancing Indigenous leadership in the clean energy space and ensuring the benefits of this transition reach our communities directly

Clean Energy BC (CEBC)

Board of Directors (BOD):

- The Board of Directors for Clean Energy BC continues to provide strategic leadership and governance to advance British Columbia's clean energy sector. This month, the board has focused on key initiatives to support renewable energy project development, promote sustainable energy policies, and advocate for responsible and inclusive energy practices.
- A significant part of the board's work has involved fostering collaboration with government, industry stakeholders, and Indigenous partners. These efforts aim to align clean energy initiatives with provincial and national goals for transitioning to a low-carbon economy. As a member of the board, I have been actively engaged in discussions to ensure the perspectives and interests of Indigenous communities, including Huu-ay-aht, are represented and integrated into policy and project development.
- Through oversight and advocacy, the board is driving innovation, sustainability, and economic opportunities within the clean energy sector. Current priorities include exploring funding mechanisms for renewable projects, supporting First Nations-led energy initiatives, and identifying pathways to increase clean energy contributions to BC's energy grid.
- The board remains committed to ensuring that the clean energy transition delivers meaningful benefits to all communities, strengthens partnerships, and positions BC as a leader in sustainability and economic growth in the clean energy landscape.

CEBC BOD Vice Chair position:

- I sit as the vice chair for the Board of Directors for Clean Energy BC. In this role I support the organization's strategic leadership and governance, working closely with the Chair and other board members to advance the clean energy sector in British Columbia. I assist in

shaping policies, fostering partnerships, and representing the organization in advocacy and industry events. I function as a key advisor and stepping in for the Chair when necessary. The Vice Chair helps ensure effective decision-making, collaboration, and alignment with Clean Energy BC's mission to promote first nations rights as well as sustainable and innovative energy solutions.

Government Relations Committee (Committee Member):

- The Government Relations Committee for Clean Energy BC continues its vital work of fostering strong relationships with government officials and agencies at all levels. This month, the committee has prioritized advocating for policies and regulations that support the clean energy sector's growth while ensuring alignment with BC's climate goals and sustainability objectives.
- As a committee member, I have been actively involved in discussions to strengthen collaboration between Indigenous communities, government agencies, and industry leaders. This collaborative approach ensures that the perspectives of First Nations are integral to policy development and implementation, promoting inclusivity in BC's clean energy transition.
- The committee is currently engaging with multiple political parties to shape policies that better facilitate and incentivize clean energy expansion throughout the province. Key discussions have centered on removing regulatory barriers, streamlining permitting processes, and creating funding opportunities to drive renewable energy projects forward.
- By participating in policy discussions and providing industry insights, the committee continues to play a pivotal role in influencing decisions that advance renewable energy development, foster economic growth, and support BC's transition to a low-carbon economy.

Permitting and Regulatory Committee (Committee Member):

- The Permitting and Regulatory Committee for Clean Energy BC remains focused on improving and streamlining the permitting processes for clean energy projects across British Columbia. This month, the committee has continued its efforts to identify and address regulatory challenges, provide industry input on permitting policies, and advocate for efficient, transparent approval frameworks that support the timely development of renewable energy projects.
- As a committee member, I have been engaged in discussions aimed at fostering collaboration between government agencies, Indigenous communities, and industry stakeholders to ensure that permitting processes are both effective and responsive to the evolving needs of clean energy initiatives. Our work emphasizes balancing regulatory compliance with the need for timely approvals to drive forward renewable energy projects.
- Recently, the committee has been focusing on navigating the regulatory requirements essential for clean energy projects in response to BC Hydro's upcoming call for power. This has involved working closely with industry partners to ensure that the necessary regulatory steps are well understood and that we are well-positioned to meet the challenges of new clean energy opportunities.
- By continuing to advocate for streamlined permitting processes, the committee is playing a key role in advancing renewable energy projects that align with BC's sustainability goals while ensuring environmental protection and regulatory compliance.

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

Week one:

- Strategic planning meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Councilor Edward Johnson
- CEBC Admin meeting
- Asset Management conference
- CEBC permitting committee meeting
- Seaspan working Group meeting
- Committee of the whole meeting

Week two:

- Remembrance Day
- Governance project meeting
- CEBC admin meeting
- Executive Council meeting
- CEBC government relations meeting
- HFN framework planning meeting
- People's assembly meeting
- People's Assembly

Week three:

- Committee of the whole meeting
- Bi-Weekly meeting with Councilor Stella Peters
- CEBC admin meeting
- Executive Council meeting
- Framework planning meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Councilor Theresa Nookemus
- Ha'wiih meeting

Week Four:

- NTC annual general meeting
- CEBC admin meeting
- Seaspan working group meeting
- New Relationship Trust BCICEI funding meeting
- Coastal spill notification information session
- Executive council meeting
- Government relations meeting CEBC

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Areas of Responsibility:

Citizen Development
Public Safety
Climate Change and Climate Resilience

Citizen Development

Mental Health and Wellness

- Our staff in this department are actively involved in many aspects within the health unit, working closely with staff from other agencies bringing their services in for the needs of our citizens.

Education and Training

- Our education departmental staff Brent and Vanessa are actively involved with Education for our citizens. The youth are their primary focus and it shows with the increase in needs for education funding.

Culture

- Our Culture and Wellness Team are doing well, not really active in gathering resources but focused on Cultural practices with our citizens - doing dance practice and singing, mainly in Anacla and Port Alberni but also within our BCS and Anacla Pawaats.

Events

- The only event planned for this month was the People's Assembly which was well attended. It's always good to see our Huuayaht citizens come together.

Public Safety

- Although Public Safety does include Community Safety, Emergency Planning and Preparedness, Climate Change and Climate Resilience, because of the overlap in many instances, especially around weather and tides, we are looking at this in a bigger picture because of the overlap in not only portfolios but also regions and jurisdictions. We need to look at these as a collective with all stakeholders and that is the plan on what we would like to see, what we need to do and how we get it done.

Community Safety

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

Climate Change and Climate Resilience

Meetings attended to this month

- Anacla Planning Committee
- Strategic Plan Amendments Review

- Framework Plan
- Committee of the Whole
- FNHA Regional Governance Fall Caucus(12th-15th)
- People's Assembly dry run
- People's Assembly
- Committee of the Whole
- Special Executive Council meeting
- HFN/PC Framework Plan Discussion
- Kiixin and Second Beach Planning
- Executive Council Meeting
- Unlocking The Power of Restorative Principals for Leaders
- Portfolios
- Citizen Development

Committees/Boards I am a member of

- Co-Operative Management Board with Brad Johnson and Parks Canada
 - We meet quarterly with PC Board members and bring in staff as required from HFN and PC that relate to WCT and PRNP
- Citizen Development Committee-Chair
 - We meet bi-monthly - next meeting in January
- Community Consultative Group with RCMP- Chair
 - We try to meet monthly but due to busy schedules it is sometimes bi-monthly
- Anacla Planning Committee - Member
- Human Resource and Workplace Wellness - Member