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**Executive Council Report
January 2025**

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Chief Councillor John Jack – January 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Chief Councillor
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Major Projects
External Relations

General Duties – Chief Councillor

First Week:

The first week of January was amidst the Holiday Break, so Happy New Years. I ended up catching some serious strep throat or something during this week. Which continued into the next week.

Second Week:

The second week started on Monday the 6th with an update with our GR firm Earnscliffe and a scheduled meeting of the LPDC, which was rescheduled and I just didn't update my calendar. I ended up filling the time with reading, catching up on emails, and general messaging and what-not. Tuesday the 7th started off with a meeting with John Watson and Piyush, our EcDev Officer, to discuss the work being done on updating the Economic Development Plan. Wednesday the 8th was a light day due to still being quite sick. I went to urgent care in Parksville and ended up picking up a prescription to address my inability to swallow without great pain. I took the rest of the day off as a result. Thursday the 9th was also a day where I was quite sick, but I managed to attend the online-only Council meeting which was kept in case we needed to make any decisions. It turns out we didn't need to do much, so it was a quick meeting. I think I ended up going back to bed afterwards. On Friday the 10th, I had my weekly bilateral with Karen Haugen, attended a BC Modern Treaty Alliance leadership meeting, and then attended to a committee meeting of an external organization.

Third Week:

Fortunately, this next week began with me feeling better, though perhaps not totally out of the water. On Monday the 13th, I attended an important meeting of Huu-ay-aht's Ha'wiih Council to discuss some serious matters, then attended an update meeting with Earnscliffe. On Tuesday the 14th, I attended an online meeting regarding the Island Corridor Rail Working Group meeting with the ACRD, the City of Port Alberni, the Tseshaht First Nation and the Hupacasath First Nation, then attended a meeting between myself, the CAO and Vice-Chair of the ACRD to prepare for the ACRD Board day on the 15th. Thursday the 16th, I ended up keeping most of the day open for my kids going to the dentist but had the weekly bilateral meeting with our Executive Director as well as attending to some phone calls with various folks relating to forestry and economic development, generally. That night, I traveled to Tsawwassen territory in preparation for the full day on the Friday for meetings with Tsawwassen First Nation about their work in both community safety and their work in economic development. I am thankful that we have so many modern treaty cousins to connect with and share knowledge and gain wisdom.

Fourth Week:

This week started off busy with travel to Nanaimo to attend a Committee of the Whole meeting with the rest of Council as well as travel by Hullo Ferry to Vancouver in preparation for the next few days of the First Nations Leadership Gathering where all BC FNs gather to meet with representatives of the BC Provincial Government. We had thirteen individual meetings with various Ministers and senior staff, plus another two meetings that I sat in on with Maa-nulth and the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations. The BC First Nations Leadership Gathering took place on Tuesday the 21st and Wednesday the 22nd. On the Tuesday, Karen Haugen and I were able to meet with the board and executive director of the BC First Nations Justice Council, which was a great meeting that explored opportunities for our organizations to work together in common cause. Coming home in the evening of the 22nd, I attended to a full day meeting between the ACRD and non-treaty FNs on the topic of next steps in inclusive governance for regional districts in BC. It was a great success, and it's been an honour to work on an important topic that isn't always an urgent one. Friday the 24th of January had me attend an external meeting in the morning and then drive to Anacala for the rescheduled second leg of the HFN Economic Development Summit.

Fifth Week:

On Monday the 27th, my daughter fell pretty sick so she stayed home. I ended up connecting into the Law and Policy Development Committee meeting where we recommended some important workplans to enact real and effective change regarding our approach to Economic Development and for work on our Community Safety Act. The next day, Tuesday the 28th, I attended the NTC Board of Directors Meeting for the whole day, but managed to fit in a couple other meetings on the side there. We discussed some important updates on a homelessness plan as well as my providing an update on our Mother's Centre in Port Alberni. On Wednesday, I drove to Port Alberni in the morning to attend to some forestry-related meetings with HGB as well as attending the Framework Plan biweekly online at PAGO. During lunch that day, I severely cracked my back molar in half; I took the rest of the day off and managed to get in with my dentist for an emergency tooth extraction which was successful but quite unpleasant. Despite the tooth extraction, I personally attended the Executive Council meeting the next day, January 30th, and it was a long and sometimes tough day, but we all persevered despite some differences in opinion during the in-camera session. I want to commend everyone involved in the tough discussions, as I feel we're in a better place now. Friday the 31st was a lighter day, but I still managed to have the weekly meetings with Earncliffe Strategies and with the Executive Director as well as working to coordinate some background activity for forestry and economic development.

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

The ACRD is in the midst of budgeting for this next year. As ever, there is concern generally about costs going up all around. This is just fact and some of it unavoidable if we don't want to see a degradation of service delivery. In general administration and across the region, budgeting will remain solid to ensure we have a full bench of staff and an appropriate amount of resources allocated to do the work before us. Whether this remains true for the unincorporated electoral areas is more up to the individual EA directors themselves, so mileage may vary there. There are still opportunities for Huu-ay-aht to review the Grants-in-Aid as well as various programs and services that we may want to consider joining. Joining services not only grants us access to that program but also gives us a vote in how that service is delivered.

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)

Not long ago, it was suggested by one of the senior managers at Earncliffe that I consider attending the Canada Strong and Free Conference in Ottawa and after some discussion and consideration, I agreed to do so. It is apparently one of the largest and most well-attended conservative conferences, and I expect to be able to attend sessions that will better explain and present the conservative mindset in ways that I will be able to better understand. The aim will be to better interface with these approaches and fit out objectives in the framework possessed by conservative leaders in politics, the economy and wider society.

Following the discussions we have had with the Provincial representatives at the First Nations Leadership Gathering, I expect that we will send follow-up letters and connect later on in developing opportunities and connections to further Huu-ay-aht interests. There are particular and general opportunities in regard to forestry and the Bamfield road that we should not forget, but there may be more still in regard to other activities and interests that we have at the Nation.

Ha'wiih Representative Theresa Nookemus – December 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Ha'wiih Council
Citizenship Committee
Nananiqsu Society

Ha'wiih Council

- This Council usually meets at month end. This correlates well with the Citizenship meetings.
- Starting in the New Year of 2025, Ha'wiih will begin to meet twice a month with one meeting dedicated to business and the second meeting dedicated to Ha'wiih learning from our Poolth aa tuu Ha'wiih (meaning quit working/retired – spelling?) This will ensure that our Present and upcoming Ha'wiih will begin to understand the Ha'wiih Role along with its responsibilities along with the Ha'wiih Charter that is being compiled.
- As Ha'wiih, we will have the opportunity to get through a Leadership workshop, as well as continue with the Naming project for our citizens within our houses.
- Ha'wiih continues working with the Law & Policy Committee on the Community Safety Act-Exclusion Order Process to clear up Gaps and Timing issues.
- The First Ha'wiih Christmas Dinner was a success! There was a great turnout for this first-time event. The theme of the evening was “Ugly Sweaters”. It was fun to see participants take part in the contest. Becki Nookemis took First place, Theres Nookemus came in second, with Rena Johnson coming in 3rd. There were crafts, vendors and bingo. Several door and cultural prizes were a highlight. The Early Bird draw was won by Harry Brassault winning a beautiful drum. Mr. Claus capped off the evening with visiting 80 of our children, ranging from infants to 18 years of age. Each child received a gift along with a Teddy Bear. The Teddy Bears were donated by the Port Alberni Bulldogs Hockey Team and the Toy Run Association. The event ended with culture where our citizens participated in drumming, singing, and dancing, celebrating our Huu-ay-aht culture and traditions.

Citizenship Committee

- The Citizenship Committee has housed 4 new citizens this month. This committee is waiting for more information on 1 applicant to come in.
- The Citizenship Committee meets monthly before the Ha'wiih houses them.
- Becoming a citizen is a 3-step process. First is the Treaty Enrollment - Treaty Enrollment enables the new citizen to get on the food fish list, apply for hunting, fishing, cultural gatherings in the Hahoulthlee, and apply for Native Status. The second is the Ha'wiih Committee. The Ha'wiih Committee then puts them in the proper house according to lineage. Third is the Citizenship Committee where they now become a citizen and are encouraged to take the Huu-ay-aht Oath.
- While they are now considered Huu-ay-aht Citizens, they are required by Oath to participate in Huu-ay-aht culture, to honour our ancestors, respect our Elders, our children, families, our future generations, and have respect and pride in our language and appreciation for our culture, that embraces our myths, stories, ceremonies, and traditions. Respect and obligation to safeguard our relationships with the Creator, the Spirit world and Mother Earth for the future of our next generations.

- All of our citizens are under review yearly to ensure that they understand their commitment to HUU-AY-AHT Citizenship, and their role and importance in upholding these responsibilities that come with being a HUU-AY-AHT Citizen.

Nananiqsu Society:

- Nananiqsu focused on final travel plans and accommodation for this year's upcoming 2025 Hoobiyee. Hotel, ferry, food and fuel were discussed. Kristen Young will be going over the list of Nananiqsu that wishes to attend this coming week to get final numbers to better assist with the Budget.
- Nananiqsu continues to fund raise for this event. There will be more hot lunches to be sold at both the PAGO and ANACLA offices as well as a 50/50 draw. Dates to be determined.
- There were discussions on upcoming Events such as HUU-AY-AHT Days, and Aboriginal Days. Pulling out our old Traditions of cooking along with other HUU-AY-AHT traditions were also discussed.
- Larry Johnson shared an upcoming NETP Program that shaped valuable information on Cultural Values, and Cultural Empowerment as well as tools that will help support our children as well as tapping into Computer aspects. This event will be Feb 26-28, 2025.

Ha'wiih Representative Theresa Nookemus – January 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Ha'wiih Council
Citizenship Committee
Nananiiqsu Society

Ha'wiih Council:

- The Ha'wiih Council has previously met once a month. Beginning this year, they will begin to meet twice a month. This will enable Ha'wiih to do business in the first meeting. The second meeting will be geared towards Ha'wiih learning Culture, traditions regarding songs and dances, how a family member receives their name, who lead singers and dancers are, whose songs belong to which family, what appropriate times certain songs are used, where each Hahoulthlee is and where the next begins.
- We had a meeting with hinatinyis on the Language Program that will be beginning soon. This program is based on the Four Pillars Grant application received. She will begin to have Engagement sessions in Anacla, Port Alberni, Victoria, Vancouver and the New Oomiqsu Center. hinatinyis will be looking at online tools to help her accommodate those with prior commitments. She will be documenting new phrases that will be going into a "New Blue Book" like our previous blue book that came our years ago. hinatinyis has already connected with Paawats in Anacla as well as Port Alberni to see what they have.
- Twitch has been successful for hinatinyis as she used it while working with North Island College. This enabled her students to do 1 hour of self-directed study. In addition, hinatinyis was available 1 hour a week where she offered a guided study session on Twitch. This enabled her students to have a worry free and adaptable learning curriculum. While this worked great for what she was doing, hinatinyis feels using the platforms of Youtube and Tiktok could be more beneficial and reach more citizens, as they can share to other platforms such as Facebook, as well as posting on the HUU-ay-aht Facebook page. Bluesky could also be another option.
- hinatinyis will begin working on phrases withing the next week working with Richard Nookemis and Clifford Nookemis.
- hinatinyis will be working with Teachers at Paawats outside of work hours to meet with staff to offer some one-on-one teachings. She will be looking at open teachings and closed teachings, meaning what do we want to be about online, such as respect, taking care of, and everything is equal. These would be open practices. Closed practices would include things around grief, death and some other hereditary teachings that we would not want made public. This would ease our Elders on what will be protected but still taught in a good way. This could possibly mean having consent given from some or all Hahoulthlees.
- While hinatinyis would like it to be known she is not a fluent speaker but an eager and respectful learner, she believes mistakes are opportunities to grow and learn.
- Ha'wiih is in complete support of hinatinyis leading the Language Program. She has demonstrated pride, eagerness, and passion throughout her journey and lifestyle. It will be a great pleasure to work with her.
- Ha'wiih also discussed creating guidelines for when the Flags should be lowered at the government office in Anacla. The Flags outside the Anacla office are the Maanulth flag, the Reconciliation flag, the Residential School Survivors flag, and our HUU-ay-aht flag.
- Ha'wiih also met with Amanda-Lee in Communications on creating a video sharing knowledge of best practices for traditional dances. They went over many things including

who the lead singers and dancers are, rules and proper etiquette of and on the floor including but not limited to the basics, to figure out what teachings should be on video, the content, a series, whether to include a paddle song and a story of how HUU-ay-aht survived to name a few.

Citizenship Committee:

- This Committee meets once a month. It coincides with the Committee for housing. This committee reviewed four Citizenship applications this month. Three were passed and one is coming back with more information.
- A friendly reminder to double-check your applications to ensure a complete smooth process such as documentation and signatures. This will enable the process to go through without delays.
- Reminder - Every citizen is reviewed yearly to ensure that the HUU-ay-aht Oath is followed as well as participation within the HUU-ay-aht community and events.

Nananiqsu Society:

- This Society has reviewed their budget. They will continue to fundraise for the upcoming 2025 Hoobiyee. They are coordinating fundraising events such as a bake sales and they did have a Loonie/twonie draw in Dec. The upcoming bake sale is scheduled for Feb 7th. With winter colds making their appearance again, it has proven to be slightly challenging. If you or a family member or a friend could do any baking, it would be appreciated.

Councillor Aicitah Edward R. Johnson – January 2025

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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

- HFN & Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre BMSC Wastewater Treatment Plant WWTP Financial Obligations Discussion - This meeting was to go through the financial obligations associated with WWTP and the BMSC. Good news story in link from when we opened the WWTP on Earth day <https://huyuayht.org/2022/05/bamfield-marine-science-centre-and-huu-ay-aht-first-nations-celebrate-the-grand-opening-of-the-wastewater-treatment-plant/>
- Chaired Anacla Community Planning Infrastructure Committee
- Bi-weekly meetings with Director of Infrastructure and Capital Projects
- HOH upgrades are on track for 25 yr Anniversary Celebration (July 5th). New gym floor work starts in March. Kitchen design upgrades RFP has gone out for bathrooms and new roof should start in spring.
- Oomiiqsu doors opened in January long time coming for this day. Oomiiqsu is recommendation 26 in our social services report. Attached is summary of our report where you will find info on recommendation 26 <https://huyuayht.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2022-2023-Social-Services-Project-Report-3.pdf> and more information on The Oomiiqsu Centre <https://huyuayht.org/the-oomiiqsu-aboriginal-mother-centre/> . I'm very thankful for all the support from all BCH, MIRR and all those that helped implement recommendations in our SSP and SSP Evaluation. See link to a good news story on our Oomiiqsu Mothers Centre <https://www.albernavalleynews.com/news/huu-ay-aht-first-nations-celebrates-new-mothers-centre-748002>
- Cultural Center has started this month. This project has been a long time coming. The ground is broken and looking to lay the foundation in March. Completion should be little over a year's time from now.
- RFP for feasibility for daycare in upper Anacla has gone out. We should have some responses towards the end of February and completion of feasibility end of March.
- Going through and reviewing Land Use Regulations Amendment RFP Proposal.

Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

Children and Family Wellness Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Bilateral Discussion: Canada and HUU-AY-AHT First Nations
- Bilateral discussion with BC MCFD - We hosted MCFD in our community. This will be the second time that MCFD has visited the community since starting coordination table

discussions. Representatives from MCFD got a first hand experience of winter commuting to a rural and remote community. This meeting was very productive where we stressed our children and families law and talked about past political leaders of MCFD and their commitments - commitments that were written and signed off on. It is the constant push of recognition of that letter because the agreements that are put in front of us from MCFD today do not recognize Our law for our children and families as a modern tradition. Our inherent right is enhanced and we continue to push for recognition.

- Indigenous Family Advocacy Support Line Webinar where I was a guest speaker. This is what the webinar was all about:
 - Negotiating Agreements and Understanding the Process: hearing perspectives from Indigenous community advocates and lawyers involved in negotiating agreements who will share tips and barriers in the agreement-making process.
- Huu-ay-aht First Nations - British Columbia - Canada: Trilateral Coordination Agreement Discussion Legal Sub working Group. On the agenda was:
 - Legal framework goals, Interactions between Maa-Nulth First Nations Final Agreement and An Act respecting First Nations, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families (the federal Act) Scope of law-making authorities
 - Coordination of child and family services
 - Maintaining consistency between the Treaty Amendment Table and the Coordination Agreement Table and Law making under the federal Act – including source of authority and paramountcy.

These meetings are very legal and high-level discussions. This is our second legal sub working group between Canada BC and HFN. Here is a bit information on Bill C 92 process. There are a lot of moving parts when it comes to sitting at the coordination table. There are separate bilateral meetings biweekly with Canada and BC, as well as treaty amendments amending the geographical limitation in our treaty so that we can look after our children on and off treaty settlement lands.

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- Networking meeting with Tla'ammin Nation to talk about CFW and protocols with Delegated Agencies.
- Received Huu-ay-aht Service Delivery Model needs assessment from Deloitte - this has been a long time coming.
- Oomiiqsu doors opened in January. I think since the beginning of the social services report, the report has brought in roughly \$30 million. When I say I'm very thankful for those that contributed to the social project, I think of the funds generated and I think it's safe to say that we have exercised the recommendations to the fullest and continue from the spinoffs from implementing recommendations, the outcomes of implementing and maintaining ongoing wraparound care services and prevention numbers of interactions each month averting removals. The list can go on and on and the outcomes are priceless.
- Working on a letter to be sent to the Special Counsel to the Premier on Reconciliation in regards to the delays in finalizing agreements necessary to implement HFN's jurisdiction over child and family services, the provincial government's concerns about the operational impacts of the YCFWA, with the aim of finding mutually acceptable solutions, the need for a clear path forward that ensures uninterrupted progress toward culturally appropriate care for Huu-ay-aht children and families.
- MTN virtual co-development sessions in January. For this meeting First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC) was asking to attend the session as an observer - this request came through MCFD. There was some MTN that were fine with FNLC attending as observers and some were opposed. In the end FNLC did not attend. In this session we

went over Jurisdiction Funding Model Updates, Draft Work Guide, and Next Steps. This next link is from last January and by this timeline shows that we should be finalizing the co-development. ... <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/121/2024/02/February-2024-Update-Funding-Model-Engagement-.pdf>. Purpose BC is committed to reducing the number of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in BC's child welfare system and supporting First Nations in resuming their inherent jurisdiction¹ over child and family services.

Under the Declaration Act Action Plan, BC has committed to co-develop a funding model in partnership with Indigenous Peoples to support and move forward with jurisdiction over child and family services. BC understands that BC First Nations are in different places in resuming jurisdiction. The funding model will support a range of agreements relating to both resuming First Nations jurisdiction and to consulting and cooperating with Indigenous communities more broadly in child and family service delivery where BC retains jurisdiction. To further these commitments, BC will: Collaborate with rights holders, Indigenous partners, and Canada to co-develop a funding model and use an engagement and co-development approach that: acknowledges the specific rights, interests, priorities, and concerns of rights holders and Indigenous partners; respects distinct and unique cultures, histories, rights, laws, and governments. Things are now slowing down at this co-developing funding model table - this was identified at the last meeting. This is problematic for some nations that are ready to go forward. There are nations that are consistent with the meetings and some that are not, perhaps through change over. In the end, gathering from this meeting, there needs to be more engagement with all first nations in BC given the reason why first nations leadership council wanted to observe this is out of our control and things will be slowed down a little, hopefully not too much.

- Internal meeting regarding KL protocol - KL is a delegated agency.
- Meeting with Earncliffe in regard to CFW/MCFD getting ready for FNLG.
- Bi-weekly meeting with MNP on CHRT 41 capital needs assessment applications.
- Submitted Huu-ay-aht First Nations Yaaʔakap Child and Family Wellness Law and Agreements Proposed Workplan and Budget submitted for the upcoming fiscal year. These funds and workplan are for the coordination table with BC/MCFD, Canada and HUU-ay-aht.
- Attended meeting re Multi-perspective Maa-nulth Caucus regarding MCFD Engagement/Funding Model.
- Youth report is completed from the youth community engagement sessions. I will have more to report on this in my February report.

Emerging Issues

- KL protocol
- "Parking Lot Items" for Jurisdiction Funding Model
- Co-development with MCFD, MTFN
- Treaty amendments

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Meeting with Earncliffe.
- Framework Plan Virtual Meeting bi-weekly.

- Reading and going over the draft Framework Plan that we received on December 23, 2024. This document is not a static plan, but rather a description of the vision, structuring ideas, and opportunities for the physical development of land across the ʔahuuli. Exact standards related to the development of parcels, the placement of buildings, and the need for supportive infrastructure will be established through additional due diligence and feasibility reviews. Once the Framework Plan has been officially adopted by us as Executive Council with the help of our SMT and ED, the next stage of work will be to ensure the Huu-ay-aht legislative framework and suite of policies that regulate the development of land within Huu-ay-aht Treaty Lands are updated and appropriately reflect the content and direction of the Framework Plan.
- Attended a GRANT OPPORTUNITY: 2024-2025 Building Relationships in Collaboration (BRIC) Grant https://otter.ai/u/GUQm2u-RivOFekrB-auUKF8GmME?utm_source=va_chat_link_1
- Attended an Alberni Valley Restorative Justice Society Board meeting and Attended a Restorative Alberni meeting about Facilitating. I was thinking of becoming a board member, but after further thought, I would have to commit a certain number of hours each month; therefore, I feel the timing of this is not in my cards for now, but this is a deep interest of mine to be a part of one day - just not today. I'd rather keep my availability open and dedication to the nation.
- Getting ready for Hoobiyee – I have been going to dance and singing practice and getting ready for the Celebrating of 50 years of Modern Treaties at the 10th National Modern Treaties Conference - link here <https://landclaimscoalition.ca/> and link for Hoobiyee <https://tsamiks.com/hoobiyee> for more information.
- E-mail confirmation has come in for the FNLG Meetings. Fourteen meetings have been lined up.
- Networking meeting with Ecologist Dr. Rachel Holt. A little bit of information on Dr. Holt can be found in the attached link <https://veridianecological.ca/> and a YouTube video where Rachel is talking about the BC's Forestry Crisis. I met Rachel Holt back in October at a Union BC Indian Chiefs meeting. Dr. Holt was presenting on forestry. I found the presentation very interesting; it sounded like our work regarding HIRMP. Rachel was the vice chair for the BC Independent Watch Dog on BC Forest Practices. <https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?&q=Rachel+Holt+Old-Growth&qvrt=Rachel+Holt+Old-Growth&mid=9A1BF70B3416C59D45759A1BF70B3416C59D4575&&FORM=VRDGAR>
- I was asked to go on Light station Visit. The Maritime and Civil Infrastructure team will be visiting the Pachena and Carmanah light stations to do work securing the facilities including things like boarding up the residences, securing the fuel system and installing fencing. I wasn't able to attend due to conflicting schedule. My spot was filled by a member of staff.
- Chaired Committee of the Whole meeting where we had a request from the HGB Operating Board to do an in person meeting with EC at the COW. This request came in December for this month's meeting.
- PM Trudeau officially announced his intention to step down as Liberal political leader.
- Travel reimbursements came in from my travels to attend the UBCM.
- Tsawwassen Visit – on the agenda was Community Safety, Economic Development. This meeting is our second meeting between our nations; Tsawwassen also visited last summer. Meetings have been very informative, networking between two modern treaty first nations. There was executive council present, hereditary leadership present among senior management learning from one another.

- Attended the First Nations Leaders Gathering. We as Huuayaht had met with 14 Ministries over two days.

On day one of FNLG we met with 5 Ministers.

- First up was Minister of Children and Family Development MCFD Jodie Wickens where we talked about work needed pertaining to the commitment to implement Huu-ay-aht's Child and Family law and we stressed that we needed a work plan and needed results by May at our Ma'nulth/MIRR G to G meeting.
- Meeting #2 was with the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Kelly Greene. We discussed the challenges of fires and floods and the need for the province and the federal government to protect issues of erosion and flooding and highlighted the role of the Huu-ay-aht and the Bamfield road during the recent floods. We requested that in the G to G meeting in mid-May to have progressed work with the province on a climate mitigation plan.
- Meeting #3 was with Minister of Finance Brenda Bailey. Topics for discussion were tax initiative, property tax and FN equity financing program and to keep Minister and Ministry staff updated with our work on Framework Plan.
- Meeting #4 was with the Minister of Transportation and Transit. We requested that the Bamfield road be reviewed and have a new designation. We are to send a letter officially requesting the re-designation and support from the Minister to advance this effort.
- Meeting #5, the last one of the day at 4:20 was with Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. We talked about a more active policing in the community and on the Bamfield road, with a focus on safe and healthy communities and discussed the Community Safety Act 2020-21, linking the conversations to our Framework Master Plan.

Day two we had nine meetings set up.

- Meeting 1 was with Minister of Forests where we talked about stumpage relief and Bamfield road designation.
- Meeting #2 of day two was with the Minister of Health Josie Osborne.
- Meeting #3 was with MIRR Christine Boyle where we stressed the issues that we're having revolving around our Huuayaht Children and Families Law and MCFD.
- Meeting #4 was with Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs where we talked about our framework plan .
- Meeting #5 we met with Minister of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation.
- Meeting #6 was with the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction Sheila Malcolmson.
- Meeting #7 was Premier David Eby.
- Meeting #8 was with the Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions and Francophone Affairs.
- Meeting #9 Minister was with of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

There were a very productive two days connecting and networking with leaders from the ministry as well as connecting with BC first nations leadership. Throughout the course of the two days, we stressed our inherent right to self-government, to look after our children and families, lands, natural resources and health. In the meetings we did a lot of inviting to our Ma'nulth and MIRR G to G meeting happening the third week of May. We insured follow ups in between now and then so that we did not walk away from meetings without something. I very much enjoy these meetings,

connecting with those political leaders within the province. In these meetings, there are senior staff with the ministers that keep an eye on the time, so it is absolutely necessary to be able to be clear and concise. These meetings are only 15 to 20 minutes long, so it's important to prepare in advance to get our message across and I feel we did so thanks to Chief Councillor John Jack, fellow council member Steven Rayner our executive director Karen Hogan, and the representative from our external relations Katie Shaw from Earncliffe Strategies. Info on what FNLG in link. <https://fnlg.gov.bc.ca/>

- Going through reading HFN-VIU Document Review Project - Summary Report

Councillor Brad Johnson Report – January 2025

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

Fisheries

- The Maa Nulth Fisheries Committee met on January 8th, 2025. Here we discussed the previous fishing seasons and the short-term fishing that nations have planned for the new year. HFN had a very successful food fish year in 2024; however, we did not catch all our allocated Halibut due to health issues with our contractor.
- This was a lesson learned that contracts need to be put out for bid earlier in the season so if this happens, we could potentially find a new contractor to fish for the remaining allocation. In the short term we still have citizens fishing for prawns and salmon under the use of their harvest cards. We had completed the IFMP for prawns/ shrimp and geo duck - these letters were sent to DFO. This year the nation will be working with DFO to negotiate a Chum fishery at Sugsaw reek. Over the years the nation has had a hatchery on Sugsaw creek and this enhancement work has made a difference, with a large return of chum in Grappler inlet. This fishery would be identical to the ESSR fishery that takes place on the Sarita River for chinook but would be for chum. Essentially this would give our citizens another economic opportunity to benefit from.

Wildlife

- The Maa Nulth Wildlife Committee met on January 15th 2025. Translocation of Elk and everything elk related seems to be the main topic this group is focused on. Direction was sought from the group on how we wanted to address a situation with a Nuu-chah-nulth nation that is harvesting elk within our respected territories. The province is telling us Maa Nulth nations that the heard size is not sustainable to harvest from so they will not allocate an elk tag, but a non-treaty First Nation is using their aboriginal right and title to do so. I had mentioned we should set up a meeting with this Nation to address this situation in a respectful manner Nation to Nation instead of going through the province. MTS will set up a future meeting so we can express our concerns and hear their reasoning for the harvest. I think it's important that we follow our guiding principles when addressing a tough topic like this.

Lands and Resources

- The department along with the new land use planner have been busy reviewing our lands and how it is zoned, changes will have to be made so it can coincide with the framework plan that will be approved next month.

Treaty Implementation

- The Maa Nulth Treaty Society (MTS) Board of Directors met on January 8th 2025 for a special meeting about the Treaty Dispute Resolution on the Duke Point expansion project.

After thoughtful consideration of this project and Canada wanting to proceed without doing the impact assessment on the marine shipping component to the project, we respectfully asked to withdraw the Treaty Dispute Resolution with Canada. There were several factors in why our Nation specifically wanted to do so and some of the reasons were that we didn't feel it was right for us to hinder the local First Nation in that region from the economic benefit that they have an agreement in place for. Our issue was never with the local First Nation, it was with Transport Canada not respecting our requests for the project. A major factor that HFN had to take into consideration is that a Treaty Dispute Resolution with Canada could potentially hinder or derail a specific project that the nation has been involved with for the past 3.5 years. This project is highly confidential, and I cannot speak to it openly.

Me Too

- A spread sheet on fishing plans was sent out with outstanding questions that we had to answer at the January 30th 2025 meeting. Here is where Nations gave their thoughts on what each Nation thought a MeToo fishery would look like. Our Nation came fully prepped as I had set up previous engagements with our technical staff. It was great to hear other Nation's thoughts and pros and cons on certain topics. A big topic was on Nation-to-Nation protocol on fishing in other's jurisdictions. I think it was a very productive meeting, and we took a big step in the right direction with the back-and-forth dialog. Although it was the first time answering questions to this document, more work will be needed moving forward to have a collective vision that we can negotiate for with DFO in future meetings. I feel we all share the same vision as Maa Nulth and want to see our citizens fishing sooner than later.
- I review the weekly legislative engagement between the Provincial and Federal government, it has been a huge asset to have our treaty advisor working on this file where she highlights topics for me to comment on. I feel she does exceptional work and has been an asset in helping me with my role in treaty implementation.

Parks Canada

- No meetings took place with Parks Canada this month; however, we did meet internally as a team to discuss a meeting we will have with Parks Canada about Indigenous stewardship next month. On January 30th, 2025, Executive Council passed a motion to the signing of a MOU with Parks Canada on a National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR). Parks Canada is offering the Nation up to 180 thousand to support the work in a feasibility study. The benefits that can come out of a NMCAR are we can create a plan on harvesting sustainability for our resources, closure of areas and just have more control of what takes place in our territory. This MOU is being signed with all Nuu-chah-nulth and the reason it has taken so long was because of a legal review and the language needed to be amended and agreed on between all parties.

HR Workplace and Wellness

- 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 organizational chart. Managers and staff were asked for their feedback on the idea of this change. A deadline was set for the end of this month to review and take into consideration all of their feedback.

- 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.

Meetings and Other Duties I attended to:

- Economic Development summit in Anacapa
- Executive Council Meetings
- Committee of the Whole meeting
- Investigation Review
- Joint Fishery Committee with Canada
- RFP Proposal Review
- MTS Meeting on MERP/AHMS decision
- Framework Plan

Overall, I was productive with all the tasks I took on this month. I am honoured to represent our Nation as a member of the Executive Council.

Councillor Evan Cook Report – January 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Economic Development

Finance

Finance Committee Meeting

The finance committee met on January 28, 2025. The third quarter ended on a positive note, despite the wage accruals for December 2024 having not been completed. To the end, quarter 3 expenses reported a positive variance financial amount, which was below the budgeted amount.

Draft Budget Forecast

The Finance Department requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of the draft three-year budget forecast - from January 31 to February 14. The extension was approved by the Executive Council. The extra time will allow the Finance department and Directors to work together to have improved accuracy in all financial data.

CFO

The selection of the chief financial officer for the HFN has been completed. I believe she will start her new position on February 17. I look forward to meeting her and collaborating with her and the team. Her astute knowledge will be of great importance as the nation grows.

Economic Development

An HFNDC meeting was held January 22 to review the HGB Annual Report.

HFN Fisheries and Nova Harvest (equal parties) recently established an oyster venture called Mariculture Limited Partnership. The parties are establishing a new seafood processing plant to be based in Port Alberni. The key business will be opening markets for fresh-frozen BC oysters. Through investments like this the parties will be well equipped to soon bear fruit, as substantial volumes of market-sized oysters are coming on stream within the next two years and beyond.

Gravel

A meeting was held between HGB and HFN on taking the next steps on reaching a Conflict resolution. Issues included the short-term gravel needs of the nation for upcoming Construction, which I'm pleased to say was successful. Thank you both parties for your communication to reach a resolution. Also, the management structure will be changed, by having a contractor chosen to run the gravel business.

Port Alberni City Hall

I attended a city council meeting with Hupacasath and HGB to discuss with the council and ask for their support with written notice, as this is of great importance, for an additional 1 million dollar grant to be applied for by HGB for the Micro hotel. The council were very surprised and pleased a new hotel will be built in the town.

New Business

The Economic Team continues to work on diversifying the nation's economy, especially in the forest sector, with uncertainty in the marketplace.

This includes creating an Indigenous Forest Bioeconomy which will create more jobs and revenue and also combat climate change, reduce wildfires, improve housing crisis and boost economic growth.

This month I will be meeting with a group from China who have a new business proposal they would like to introduce, which will be a new innovative way to build prefab homes. As we all know China is extremely good at putting out new ideas at a much lower cost, than say North America. A great recent example is the... AI model- "Deepseek"- which really shocked the world.

Councillor Stephen Rayner – January 2025

<https://huuayaht.org/councillor-stephen-rayner/>

Areas of Responsibility:

Law and Policy: The Law and Policy Committee continues to actively review and provide recommendations for legislative updates and the development of new laws that support the growth and governance of our Nation. In January, the committee reviewed and provided recommendations on a key legislative project that will help identify how our legislation can better work for our citizens. We also reviewed and provided recommendation sfor the next phase of the governance project.

This initiative is progressing well, with valuable feedback gathered during the first phases of community engagement sessions. The team has carefully analyzed and incorporated this input into their ongoing work on the Community Safety Act, the Economic Development Act, and the Financial Administration Act.

The next phase has been submitted to Executive Council for approval, and the team remains committed to advancing the second phase efficiently. The project remains on track for presentation at the next People’s Assembly, reflecting our dedication to creating meaningful and effective legislation for all our citizens.

In support of the project, we have had meetings with several ministries and ministers throughout the month discussing the progress, our next steps and where we are looking for partnerships and support.

- Premiere David Eby
- Ministry of Children and Family Development
- Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs
- Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation
- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction

About the Governance project: In the fall of 2023, 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: Our planning team remains dedicated to ensuring the project aligns with Huu-ay-aht's values, goals, and long-term vision. The Framework Planning Project has completed the first submission of the draft report. We have reached a significant milestone, with the final report received and now under review by HFN administration and council. This report represents the culmination of our current efforts and lays the groundwork for the next critical phase of planning and feasibility.

Throughout January, the team has worked closely with each department to gather feedback on key elements of the plan that intersect with their work. This collaborative approach strengthens the framework, ensuring a comprehensive and well-integrated plan as we transition into the feasibility phase. This next stage will provide a detailed analysis of the resources, partnerships, and investments required to bring our vision to life.

We remain excited about the transformative potential of this initiative. It presents a vital opportunity to foster sustainable growth, enhance community resilience, and contribute meaningfully to the long-term prosperity of Huu-ay-aht citizens for generations to come.

To support the advancement of the project we met with these ministries and ministers throughout the month. We have been advancing partnerships and support for the next phase of feasibility and planning.

- Premiere Daivd Eby
- Minister Christine Boyle, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Minister Tamara Davidson, Environment and Parks,
- Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation
- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Transportation and Transit
- Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs

About the Framework Plan project: The Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan is currently focusing on visioning, 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:

Solar upgrades for Anacla Government Office: Our clean energy pilot project is moving forward, bringing Huu-ay-aht one step closer to energy independence and sustainability. This initiative, which I am proud to have developed, integrates cutting-edge solar panel technology, battery storage systems, and essential upgrades to AGO's electrical infrastructure. These advancements will reduce our reliance on diesel generators and the electrical grid, reinforcing our commitment to environmental stewardship.

A key element of this project is building long-term capacity within our Nation. By providing staff with specialized training and ongoing technical support, we are ensuring the skills and knowledge needed to maintain and expand these clean energy solutions for years to come.

Although the project faced setbacks in 2024, those challenges have been successfully resolved, and installation is now set to begin in February 2025. With this milestone in sight, we remain on track to deliver lasting benefits to our community, strengthening our resilience while embracing innovative, sustainable development.

This project is more than an investment in clean energy—it is a statement of Huu-ay-aht's leadership in sustainability, self-sufficiency, and forward-thinking innovation. It lays the foundation for future energy initiatives and represents our commitment to a cleaner, more prosperous future for generations to come.

Community Energy Planning: The Community Energy Plan remains a key priority under the infrastructure department's oversight as we continue advancing our Nation's clean energy initiatives. While I was not directly involved in the initial phase, the work led by the Barkley Project Group successfully identified viable options for green energy generation within Huu-ay-aht territory. The final report from this phase continues to serve as a strategic guide, helping us move forward with implementation and secure essential funding.

Huu-ay-aht has previously secured funding through the Low Carbon Economy Challenge Fund (LGCAP), with a portion dedicated to the second phase of the Community Energy Plan, which focuses on clean power generation. As we transition into this next stage, we are preparing funding applications to the New Relationship Trust, the Clean Energy Business Fund (CEBF), and the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI), with intake periods opening in February 2025.

The second phase will provide a detailed analysis of potential energy sources, evaluating capacity, locations and costs. This data will inform decisions on how best to meet community energy needs while exploring opportunities to use surplus power for economic development. By investing in sustainable energy solutions, we are strengthening Huu-ay-aht's path toward energy independence, economic resilience, and environmental stewardship.

The continued progress of this plan underscores our Nation's leadership in clean energy and sustainable development, laying the foundation for a greener, more self-sufficient future.

Over the past month, I have continued to engage with the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions to advance clean energy initiatives within Huu-ay-aht territory and across the region. These discussions have focused on positioning the Sarita Micro Hydro project for potential inclusion in the next call for power, ensuring Huu-ay-aht remains at the forefront of future clean energy opportunities.

In addition, I am actively working with the Ministry of Water, Lands, and Resource Stewardship to address regulatory challenges that Indigenous Nations face in developing clean energy projects.

By advocating for streamlined processes and policy improvements, we aim to create a more accessible path for sustainable energy development, reinforcing Huu-ay-aht's commitment to environmental leadership and energy sovereignty.

I have also been advocating and developing partnerships and support with these ministries and ministers for HFN and first nation power development.

- Minister Christine Boyle, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Minister Tamara Davidson, Environment and Parks
- Minister Randene Neil, Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship
- Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation
- Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- Minister Adrian Dix and the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions

Climate Sustainability:

Climate resiliency: This month, we have identified new funding opportunities to support our ongoing climate resiliency efforts. We are actively pursuing funding through the Disaster Resilience and Innovation Funding program, administered by Emergency Management BC. While the 2024 intake closed in September, future funding cycles are expected to open again in early 2025, and we are preparing to submit an expression of interest when applications reopen.

Significant progress has been made in collaboration with administration to refine the scope and priorities for a comprehensive regional climate resiliency strategy. This strategy will address key challenges, including wildfire prevention, flood resilience, extreme heat adaptation, shoreline erosion, and seismic mitigation. By strengthening our approach in these areas, we are ensuring Huu-ay-aht remains proactive in preparing for the impacts of climate change.

Next steps include finalizing detailed planning, securing additional funding, and incorporating climate impact data to guide effective mitigation strategies. Additionally, we have applied for disaster resiliency planning specifically to Anacla. This initiative will assess potential natural disaster risks in and around the community, providing a clear path toward preparedness and risk reduction.

By taking a strategic and forward-thinking approach, we are positioning Huu-ay-aht to secure critical funding, implement effective solutions, and enhance the long-term safety and sustainability of our Nation for generations to come.

The ministries and ministers listed below are who we met with to discuss the challenges and where we could work together and raise support for climate resiliency.

- Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness
- Minister Christine Boyle, Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Minister Tamara Davidson, Environment and Parks
- Minister Randene Neil, Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship

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 grow around the creation of a First Nations Power Authority (FNPA), as clean energy development gains traction and more Nations across Vancouver Island express interest in collaborative projects. Recent discussions with other First Nations have reinforced strong support for this initiative, with a collective recognition of the strategic advantages of working together to achieve energy sovereignty.

With the upcoming call for power, First Nations have a key opportunity to align efforts, secure funding, and drive forward meaningful clean energy projects. This month, inter-Nation meetings have focused on practical strategies for collaboration, including shared resources, joint advocacy, and coordinated project development to strengthen our position in BC's energy sector.

The vision for the FNPA is to establish a framework for First Nations to co-own, manage, and distribute power, ensuring long-term sustainability and energy independence. Beyond financial gains, this initiative will provide greater control over energy resources, promote equitable benefit-sharing, and amplify Indigenous leadership in shaping BC's clean energy transition.

By working together, we are positioning ourselves as leaders in the clean energy space while building a foundation for a more sustainable, resilient, and self-sufficient future. The FNPA represents a powerful step forward in advancing Indigenous-led energy solutions and ensuring that the benefits of this transition flow directly to our communities.

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 regulatory issues, effects of tariffs, finding rollout, calls for power, and year end budgeting.

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.

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 critical work in strengthening relationships with

government officials and agencies at all levels. With ongoing shifts in the political landscape in British Columbia and the United States, the committee has focused on ensuring that clean energy remains a top priority amid broader policy discussions on economic growth, affordability, and climate action.

This month, our advocacy efforts have centered on reinforcing the role of clean energy in BC's economic and environmental future. As a committee member, I have been actively engaged in discussions aimed at strengthening collaboration between Indigenous communities, government agencies, and industry leaders. With increasing federal and provincial emphasis on reconciliation and economic partnerships, it is essential that First Nations play a central role in shaping BC's clean energy policies.

The committee continues to engage with multiple political parties in preparation for upcoming legislative sessions and potential election cycles, ensuring that clean energy remains a non-partisan priority. Key discussions have focused on removing regulatory barriers, streamlining permitting processes, and securing long-term funding mechanisms to accelerate renewable energy projects. Given the shifting economic and political priorities in both Canada and the U.S., we are also monitoring cross-border energy and trade policies that could impact BC's clean energy sector.

By proactively participating in policy discussions and offering industry insights, the committee remains at the forefront of shaping decisions that will drive renewable energy development, create economic opportunities, and support BC's transition to a low-carbon, resilient energy future.

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 events and meetings this month)

Week one:

- Christmas/New Years Break (Dec 30 - Jan 03)
- CEBC admin meeting

- HFN framework team meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Councilor Edward Johnson
- Executive Council Meeting
- CEBC Government relations committee meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Executive Director

Week two:

- BC Natural Resources Forum (Prince George)
 - Meetings with Minister Adrian Dix, Energy and Climate Solutions
 - Meetings with Minister Randene Neil, Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship
 - Meetings with Minister Christine Boyle, Indigenous Relations, and Reconciliation
 - Meetings with Minister Tamara Davidson, Environment and Parks
 - Meeting with Fortis BC CEO Roger Dall'Antonia
 - Meetings with staff from all four ministries listed above.
- CEBC admin meeting
- Ministry of Water Lands and Resource Stewardship regulatory efficiency meeting

Week three:

- Committee of the Whole Meeting
- First Nations Leadership Gathering (Vancouver)
 - Meeting with Ministry of Children and Family Development
 - Meeting with Ministry of Emergency Management & Climate Readiness
 - Meeting with Ministry of Finance
 - Meeting with Ministry of Transportation and Transit
 - Meeting with Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
 - Meeting with Ministry of Health
 - Meeting with Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
 - Meeting with Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs
 - Meeting with Premiere Daid Eby
 - Meeting with Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development, and Innovation
 - Meeting with Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
 - Meeting with Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions
 - Meeting with Ministry of Tourism, Arts Culture and Sport
- Meeting with BC Hydro and Taylor wind project developers
- Bi-weekly meeting with Executive Director
- HFN admin RFP meeting
- Economic Development Summit (Anacla)

Week Four:

- Framework team meeting
- Law and Policy Development Committee meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Chief John Jack
- CEBC admin meeting
- Framework team meeting
- Biweekly meeting with Ha'wiih Theresa Nookemus
- New Relationship Trust funding guidance meeting
- Executive Council Meeting
- Meeting with Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions
- Anacla Community Planning Committee meeting

Councillor Stella Peters – January 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Citizen Development
Public Safety
Climate Change and Climate Resilience

Highlights:

In our Mental Health & Wellness Dept some of the services & support we have accessed or will be accessing through our own Staff, NTC Health Dept, Island Health and Helicopters Without Borders are:

- Clinical Nurses
- Nutritional Dietician & Dietician Food Box Program
- Footcare
- General Practitioner
- Dentist
- Optometrist
- Audiologist
- Occupational Therapist
- Quu asa Clinical Counsellor
- Cultural Support Worker
- Nurse Navigator
- Homecare
- Child & Youth Mental Health
- Early Years Outreach Worke
- Harm Reduction
- Local Pharmacy (Men's & Women's Health Clinic, Plan "W" info Sharing, Referrals, Prescription Awareness)
- Jordan's Principle Rep to Community

Citizen Development

Mental Health and Wellness

- We have our Huuayaht Graduation Ceremony planned for July 25th, here in Anacla at House of Huuayaht. What better place to host it than the homelands. We have twenty Graduates for the 2024/25 year. Every year is a milestone for our citizens when it comes to graduating and we need to celebrate them and their accomplishments. Please remember to stay in contact with our Education Department to be on the Graduation list.

Education and Training

- Our education department is doing the best they can for our citizens in high school and postsecondary. We do our best to support them and to help them reach their goals. I'm sure they all had a good Christmas break, are well rested and ready for January.

Culture

- Our Cultural team is doing well, having dance practices in PA and Anacla as they prepare for Hoobiye (Feb 28th - Mar 1st) to bring a group over. It was spur of the moment that we received the invitation to participate, spaces are limited.
- Our Nananiqsu have been planning and doing fundraising for this event as well which they started in the fall.
- Other than singing and dancing, the other things they've been doing are drum making, cedar crafts, and they have also been working on shawls.
- Dance practice and drumming are an ongoing activity with our cultural department, as well as some cultural craft nights like with the Men's group learning to work with cedar and drum making.
- The Nananiqsu have been fundraising for their trip to Hoobiye – a great way to witness First Nations' culture.

Events

- HFN is preparing for Hoobiye (Feb 28th-Mar 1st) in Vancouver
- HFN Youth participation (14yrs-18yrs) in Gathering Our Voices (March 17th-22nd) in Kamloops
- We will keep you updated as we get closer to planning for Huuayaht Special Events
- Huuayaht 25-year Anniversary Celebration for House of Huuayaht (July 5th)
- Huuayaht 2024/25 Graduation Ceremony (July 25th @ HOH)

Public Safety

- We address this at our CCG mtg, as part of community safety. We have a good working relationship with the RCMP. We try to be solution oriented when we have concerns, especially when brought forward as they relate to our youth, elders and citizens.

Community Safety

- Our citizens and our community are of high importance. The well-being of our citizens especially our youth and our elders following the "30 Recommendations".
- We discuss this at our CDC meeting to look at what is needed. Oue Wiqwaq came out of this and has been working well. Our citizens feel a sense of comfort knowing we have this program.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

- Very thankful for our Emergency Coordinator - he has his hands full with this portfolio. The safety of our community & our citizens is very important.

Climate Change and Climate Resilience

- There is a need to be involved with this, as it also relates to Community Safety and Public Safety.

Committees/Boards I am a member of

- Co-Operative Management Board W/Brad Johnson and Parks Canada (PC)

- Citizen Development Committee-CDC (Chair) - meet bi-monthly (Will be changing to quarterly meetings with the ability to call a Special Meeting if necessary).
- Community Consultative Group-CCG w/ RCMP (Chair) meet monthly (Will continue to meet monthly as Community and Public Safety are a priority).
- Anacla Planning Committee w/ Edward Johnson Jr (Chair) and Stephen Rayner.
- Human Resource & Workplace Wellness Committee w/ Brad Johnson (Chair) & Stephen Rayner