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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

**Executive Council Report
February 2025**



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Chief Councillor John Jack – February 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Chief Councillor
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Major Projects
External Relations

General Duties – Chief Councillor

First Week:

With my wife away for work this week, I worked from home for most of the week. Monday the 3rd started off with getting caught up on email and tending to forestry-related items that would be filed under major projects. It started snowing in earnest where I live on the Monday as well and the buses weren't running, so I was required to bring the kids to and from school. Tuesday the 4th had the snow come down enough that schools themselves were closed, so it was a very light day. I spent what time I had to work on reading materials regarding the fiscal and federal work. Schools reopened in my area on Wednesday the 5th with a meeting regarding the Framework Plan, which is nearing a milestone of the first draft which will then require comments from HFN, HGB and our partners at Forum Asset Management. I then attended a regional meeting of local leaders with the MP Hon. Gord Johns and the MLAs for the area, Minister Josie Osborne and Stephanie Higgonson. Afterwards, I attended to more work regarding the forestry initiatives we have going on through major projects. I took the day off on Thursday to attend the Board meeting of North Island College. Friday the 7th was thrown for a bit of a loop as I was asked the day before to attend a meeting with the federal Minister of Rural Economic Development, Hon. Gudie Hutchings of Newfoundland, which went well, but required me to stay back from a tour of our territory with Maa-nulth and representatives from Global Affairs Canada. I did end up attending to administrative items though.

Second Week:

On Monday the 10th, I attended a meeting in the morning regarding the local and regional interests in the Island Corridor Foundation (rail on the Island), then moved into preparing for an in-person meeting with federal Conservative candidate Kris McNichol. The following day, I attended to a prep meeting with the CAO and Vice Chair of the ACRD, and then had phone calls with citizens as well as with our MP. I later had a meeting with the governance advisors we had come in through a grant from the New Relationship Trust, and then attended to a board meeting of our Special Investment Bodies. Wednesday the 12th was a full day of budget-related meetings and a full board meeting of the ACRD, both of which I chaired. Then Thursday was a meeting of Executive Council. Friday the 14th continued with a special Council meeting and then a joint meeting of the Ha'wiih and Council at the Committee of the Whole. My week ended with a meeting between the Tseshaht and the ACRD as a monthly touchpoint.

Third Week:

Monday the 17th was a provincial statutory holiday, so the office was closed. Tuesday began with the HFN Committee of the Whole, but I had to step out periodically to attend to meetings regarding follow-up on Forestry-related items stemming from the FN Leadership Gathering as well as a Tariff-related discussion with our GR firm. Wednesday the 19th was dominated primarily by

meetings regarding government relations with the Province and the Federal Government. I was happy to also attend to meetings regarding what resources might be available to Huu-ay-aht as members of the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals, especially for our citizens and leaders who may sit on our own adjudicating bodies such as the Tribunal, the Ha'wiih Council or other bodies related to our work. I concluded the day with a meeting with Councillor Stella Peters and School District 70. On Thursday, I attended an online conference held by the BC Treaty Commission, stepping out to attend an Alberni Valley and Bamfield Services Committee meeting as well as returning to the BCTC event to give my own presentation. Friday the 21st was a continuation of the joint budget review meeting of the Finance Committee and the Committee of the Whole from Monday, and then we went into a meeting to brief Earncliffe (our GR firm) on what's been going on with forestry. I had my weekly touchpoint with our Executive Director and then into a Law and Policy Development Meeting that was interrupted by an earthquake which spooked my sick child, and so I took the rest of the day to attend to that.

Fourth Week:

This week started much earlier, Saturday the 22nd, as this began our travel to Ottawa for the annual Forum of the Land Claims Agreement Coalition. This is the first time that both my wife and I have traveled together for a relatively long time away from home in several years. We traveled to Vancouver on Saturday, then flew from Ottawa on an early flight the following Sunday. Monday the 24th had us get situated, register for the LCAC Conference and then attend a Pre-Meeting, and while I was not a tech person, I sat in and took notes. Afterwards, we attended the Welcome Reception for a while before the Huu-ay-aht folks slipped out to have a dinner with those same governance experts paid for by the New Relationship Trust. Tuesday the 25th started with the opening of the conference, there were breakout sessions in the morning and the afternoon, where I attended ones on Treaty Implementation Policy and Socioeconomic Well-being. Maa-nulth hosted a dinner in the hotel, and we discussed federal contingency planning with fellow treaty nations from BC. On Wednesday the 26th, the conference continued with prep for our presentations and panel discussions and then attendance thereof. I participated in a plenary panel discussion regarding the interplay between UNDRIP and Modern Treaties as well as later on a breakout session on Mental Health and Wellness policies and initiatives where I gave some background and history on where we came from, what we've done, and how it's been going for Huu-ay-aht. I then conducted a phone interview with Denise Titian of Ha shilth Sa regarding the work we're doing with our Tribunal Act through a four-year Weaving Justice Grant. In the evening, we attended the Memorial for the late Jim Aldridge, a legal titan of indigenous rights and title in Canada. His contributions were great, his impact everlasting. Jim will be missed. Thursday the 27th was a day where my wife headed home before I did as I attended to the LCAC Leadership Meeting. I then left to travel homeward to Vancouver where I stayed over. On Friday the 28th, I attended the Council meeting by Zoom at the Hotel, then headed homeward via the Skytrain downtown to HeliJet.

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 Earnscliffe 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 and incorporate into our own communication as well as government and public relations. 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. It seems to me that indigenous leaders are more adept at interfacing with government/bureaucracy and academic mindsets than those of the business-focused or folks whose primary concerns are around private property and individual rights rather than collective ones. If we are to have stronger effect, HFN needs to have avenues into all areas of political concern, even if it is uncomfortable.

Tariff considerations are emergent from the United States, and that’s led to quite a change in the sentiments toward our southern neighbours. The sitting government seems to be benefitting from the upheaval in the United States, and it’s looking like the polling is changing to make the upcoming federal election one where it might not be a landslide for the Tories as expected. This will need to be monitored, but the best course is to continue attempting to widen our political networks to include the conservative sphere more specifically. I would appreciate it if I am not the only member of HFN government doing so, but I do understand that partisan politics is often fraught for indigenous leaders. It is best to play the game wide, but I can understand the need to cleave to those who are more overtly supportive of collective indigenous rights.

Ha'wiih Representative (Thlut' as aksup) Theresa Nookemus - February 2025

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Areas of Responsibility:

As Ha'wiih Representative, I attend meetings on behalf of the Ha'wiih Council, and report back to Ha'wiih of the goings on of Huu-ay-aht First Nations, to which a monthly report goes out for their review as well as to ask if anything is unclear in the report. This includes many meetings in which I am grateful for my fellow Ha'wiih that I have to lean on to make the meetings I am unable to. Teamwork does make the dream work.

Areas of Responsibility include: (Reports are done by the chairs). *

Ha'wiih Council

Citizenship Council

Nananiqsu Society

Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations

The ḥawiiḥ Council is integrated by the Hereditary Chiefs who represent seven houses. They provide the Huu-ay-aht Government with advice and take care of protocol during cultural events. Its current members are:

- Jane Peters – ḥApwinisathḥ house
- Sherri Cook (Yaalthuuaa-uks)– Yaaluuwaštakamatḥ house
- Phyllis Williams sitting in for daughter Victoria Williams (ḥuutstuḥaksa)- ḥamahuus house
- Andy Clappis (Ciicaacistuḥ) – Kuukw'iis house
- Tommy Happynook (ḥapinyuuk) – Čačaahsiḥas house
- Alec Frank (ḥaacmiik) – Maatsaas house
- Theresa Nookemus (Thlut' as aksup) – ḥaw'eḥtak'amlatḥ house

According to the Constitution Act:

2.13 There shall be constituted an advisory body to the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Council composed of the Huu-ay-aht ḥawiiḥ, to be known as the ḥawiiḥ Council.

2.14 Representation on the ḥawiiḥ Council shall be determined in accordance with customary practices.

2.15 Prior to passing any laws, the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Council must seek and consider any advice from the ḥawiiḥ Council.

2.16 In addition to the role contemplated in 2.15, the ḥawiiḥ Council shall assume those additional roles and responsibilities contemplated in this Constitution.

Constitution act

Huu-ay-aht First Nations

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<https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/constitution-act.pdf>

Ha'wiih Council

This council met Monday February 24, 2025. There were discussions on The Alberni Museum in regard to the Museum's collection. Is there a plan to repatriate HFN artifacts? Jeff Cook has agreed to continue to stay on as lead contact and will include Stella Peters and Theresa Nookemus as they are both on the Culture Portfolio. Jeff at some point will pass this on to Sherri, which will include the signing out of the Frank curtain when needed.

The Port Alberni Museum has up to 20 pieces of artifacts in their collection for repatriation. Jennifer Robins was contracted to complete a report. Most of these items have been listed as Toquaht, Barkley Sound or Nuu-cha-Nulth. As there is no room in Anacla for these items, Ha'wiih has decided to ask that the Museum hold onto them for HFN until a future date can be found. In the meantime, Jeff, Stella, and Theresa will be planning to go see what the Museum has. Rita Johnson is now looking after this file. As for the items, they will be organizing and discovering which families they belong to and what those families would like to do with them. Ha'wiih will meet with Nananiqsu on how to go forward with this as well as have those that would like to see the said artifacts set up a scheduled time for this.

There was a discussion about Exclusion Orders and how to track them. Ha'wiih settled on having its own section in the Budget to better see how and where the budget for this is going. Ha'wiih discussed the "Ha'wiih Speaker Role". They have decided to forego a contract for a Ha'wiih Speaker in general and utilize their own House Speakers when necessary.

This committee is still working on a date to have Ron Hamilton, and other guest speakers to come in to help familiarize and guide Ha'wiih in their respective roles. It is looking like the timeframe could be beginning around April-July on weekends. Location for these to be determined.

Tommy Happynook gave us an update on Ancestral remains repatriation. Ancestral remains are now all together at UBC/UVIC! All documentation is complete. A date remains to be picked for these remains to come home. There are 2 fragment pieces. Tommy will have a written update sent to Ha'wiih soon. There was discussion on what/where to put these remains. (No bigger than a shoe box). There were thoughts on putting it in our upcoming new culture Center/museum, as well as a discussion on putting the remains back where they were found with a plaque including a marker and description.

A review on the Representative Report was given. There were no questions at this time. There was a concern of not many Urban things for our citizens/kids/families to participate in. Thoughts on how to include our off-TSL citizens being included/offered in Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo. Such as a paint night, family cooking, dancing – this will be looked into further.

Ha'wiih discussed the reasoning behind cancelling the LCAC in Ottawa as well as Hoobiyee 2025. Ha'wiih wanted to Honor and respect as well as reflect on the 5 citizens that Huu-ay-aht First Nation has lost in this past month alone. Our people are sad and experiencing a lot of grief. We want them to honour their grief, and sadness, to be able to work through it in the right way. They needed that time.

The next Ha'wiih meeting will be the end of March.

Citizenship Committee

This committee meets once a month, which works well with the Ha'wiih Council. As this coincides with the 3-step process: 1) Treaty Enrollment, enable citizens to receive Hunting permits, fishing licenses, food fish, harvesting for culture. 2) getting into a Mahtmaas (house). 3) Enrolment for Status. This meeting was a short one as we had only 1 returned application form for approval.

A friendly reminder that ALL points of these applications, ancestry, declarations, and identifications must be filled out IN FULL for a successful application. Anything missed will be sent back and will delay your application. Please double check your applications, there is a checklist at the end of the application.

(We are currently waiting for more information on 7 applications to be able to go to the next steps).

The next Citizenship meeting will be April 2, 2025.

Nananiqsu Society:

This Society meets once a month. It is compiled of our Huu-ay-aht Elders. This is by far my favorite time.

We discussed the cancellation of the LCAC in Ottawa as well as the cancellation of our Culture team going to Hoobiyee. Ha'wiih had decided to forgo both of these events due to the many deaths our Huu-ay-aht Nation has experienced. We needed to honor and respect the families in mourning.

Nananiqsu took a moment to honor those that have passed on before us.

There was discussion on the terms on which citizens could attend and represent Huu-ay-aht at these types of activities and events. Cheryl Johnson had brought up at one time there was a binder from when she was working with Nananiqsu. It has in it Rules and Regulations that Elders, Dancers, Drummers must attend 3 meetings/consecutive practices before travel is approved for anyone and any event. Kristen is looking into this with Coral Johnson.

Kristen confirmed who (Elders) all were going to Hoobiyee as well as approved Elder support.

Nananiqsu also had a report on "The Archive Report" from Emma Wilton who works with Tommy Happynook. There was discussion on what the paperwork should look like when an artifact comes in. Example: name of said artifact, where it came from, which family it belongs to, who made it. This enabled a conversation on how important lineage is. The said categories which the Museums use are as follows:

- Ohiaht
- Nuuchanulth
- Nootka
- Huu-ay-aht

This is how in the past they were catalogued.

Jack Cook mentioned it would be easier to identify if it was seen in person rather than a picture.

There was discussion on what the Elders would like to see in the information shared on said artifacts. Categories were discussed such as: serpent designs, whales, canoes, etc.

Identifiers could also include:

- Bottoms of baskets
- Lids- they can differ between weavers, inside, overlap, peaked tops, flat tops, etc.
- Bridges

At the end of this discussion, it was decided to plan a trip with those that are interested to see these 8 artifacts. This is to include the Culture team made up of Jeff Cook, Stella Peters and Theresa Nookemus.

Heather Castleden came to ask Nananiqsu for a Representative to support and review the Tribunal process. No one has been nominated nor volunteered as of yet.

There was discussion on who the lead dancer, singer and organizer is behind the curtain for events with culture. This is to be determined.

Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations:

Background

The Alliance incorporated under the BC Societies Act in November 2023 under the name ABCMTN Holding Society. A hybrid model was adopted whereby the governance of the organization remains outside of the mandate of the Society. This means that the leadership committee establishes the vision, mission, and strategic priorities for the Alliance, not the Board of Directors.

As the Alliance's corporate arm, the Society's authority is limited to hiring staff, managing finances, and entering into contracts. Prior to incorporation, the Alliance had to use a third party to receive funding or to hire contractors, and having staff was not possible.

Although limited in scope, the Society must still follow the requirements and processes outlined in the Societies Act and in the Society Bylaws, including holding an annual general meeting (AGM). At each AGM, the directors to the board must be appointed or elected, the auditor must be appointed, and in future years, audited financial statements will be reviewed.

ABCMTN HOLDING SOCIETY PURPOSES

The purposes of the society are to:

- Advance modern treaty rights and advocate for areas of shared interest, including in relation to the implementation of modern treaties in BC
- Strengthen government-to-government relationships, in particular among modern treaty nations, British Columbia, and Canada
- Elevate the profile of modern treaty nations in British Columbia

About Collective Work

The Alliance governs by consensus—to work on an initiative collectively, all member Nations must be in support. Collective projects are tackled by working groups (WGs) comprised of technical representatives from Modern Treaty Nations (MTNs), working with reps from the lead BC ministry. Alliance staff provide centralized support to each WG by providing strategic advice and project management services; chairing, coordinating and documenting meetings; managing records and tracking actions; and by preparing reports, briefings, presentation materials, and other documents as needed. The ED also participates in working groups to provide additional capacity in support of achieving Alliance priorities. External expertise is contracted to advance priority projects as needed (and where budget permits).

This monthly briefing note supports updating MTN Leadership and the Alliance Management Committee (AMC). Meetings can thus be dedicated to decision making and to have an important and strategic discussions.

Where there is limited information: I am not the chair.*

Councillor Aicitath Edward R. Johnson – February 2025

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

Area of Responsibility:

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

Anacla Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Bi-weekly meetings with Kaal - HOH flooring scheduled for March – our modern-day longhouse will be shut down for two weeks - very exciting! This is one of four major upgrades to our longhouse. The other 3 upgrades will be the kitchen, bathroom and roof.
- BC team has excused themselves from participating in this month's trilateral coordination agreement meeting to work through our correspondence questions and our pilot project proposal.
- Looking through our Homes for Our Citizens Report from 2019 – video on the interim report of the HFN Independent housing panel link is here - <https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Huu-ay-aht-Independent-Housing-Panel-Final-Report.pdf> – and the Summary of Interim Report videolink is here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5cxifyLaJi0>.
- Identified problems with our Microsoft Outlook there were a couple meetings where individuals were not included in the invite; therefore, key individuals missed meetings. This was brought to the attention of our IT tech support. This could have been very problematic if not identified; therefore, we had to double-check who/what else was involved.
- Draft Pilot Project Proposal sent to MCFD - I am looking to meet with USMA and KL with MCFD sometime in March.
- Significant meeting regarding our wastewater treatment plant with local ACRD, Bamfield Marine Science Center and us HFN. As a result of the meeting, our chief financial officers are going to connect (BMSC and HFN). Action items from the meeting were networking and connecting with Tofino in regard to how they charge after school meetings as well as the aftermath solids disposal. It was a very good productive meeting - we flushed a lot of things out and am looking forward to the next.
- The contractor that built our mother center in the Alberni valley is being selected for an award. I was in recent contact with the contractor asking for information on the cultural space at the mother center in regard to the roof peak that mimics the Big Dipper handle stars and why the structure is facing east. The roofline mimics the star constellation on the Big Dipper handle. The first star represents yesterday (our past) at the peak represents today (the present) and the last star represents tomorrow (our future). We've taken these star constellations and have embedded them into our houses just like our ancestors did and these teachings play a vital role in our culture. There are a lot of metaphors that could be used when talking about the stars, our past, and how our ancestors have played a huge role in our existence today and to help where we would like to go tomorrow our future.
- Interesting article High density housing proposed in Ucluelet, using first-of-its-kind methods <https://hashilthsa.com/news/2025-02-05/high-density-housing-proposed-ucluelet-using-first-its-kind-methods>

Emerging Issues

- BC housing estimates on the 60-year lease and CHRT funding.
- FFA funding for off-TSL housing.

Children and Family Wellness Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- I did prep work and chaired the CFWMH Committee. We held this meeting at our mother's center on the sea FW wing side of Oomiiqsu. We reviewed the youth report. The youth report will be going to citizen development. We also went through the mandate letters from directors of the mother center and CFW.
- Biweekly meetings with NP regarding CHRT 41 capital needs assessment – application is nearing submission. There's a video on the national film board called We Can't make the Same Mistake Twice. This movement was spearheaded by Cindy Blackstock - very moving and touching work. We are all very lucky to have a champion like Cindy Blackstock. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ha9RKEoiPyk> info on CHRT-41. <https://sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1644607163941/1644607214188> little bit more information that's connected to CHRT. Attached is a webinar regarding Children and Family Services long term reform approach https://youtu.be/enmj0eZGdQA?si=GekQBm_M1ZQUjxH2 .
- Huu-ay-aht First Nations (HFN) undertook a comprehensive Capital Needs Assessment to evaluate their Child and Family Services (CFS) delivery. The objective was to identify gaps and determine the necessary capital assets to support these services. The findings were based on internal engagements with the HFN team and leadership, as well as a review of the Social Services Report – an in depth HFN community assessment completed in 2017. There are submissions for the following:
 - Develop a Wellness and Child and Family Services Centre in Anacla
 - Develop a Safe House near Anacla
 - Anacla Early Learning Centre (the Centre)
 - Housing for the Centre's staff
 - Youth facility
 - Safe House.

We have received significant funding from CHRT, like vehicles and vans for CFW and mother center as well as the 60-year-lease funding for mother center. These were considered. Funding for this of round items listed above are taking a little longer but happy to see that it's nearing completion.

- CFS WG Caucus Meeting MCFD Jurisdiction Funding Model (parking lot issues).
- Hosted Binche FN <https://binche.ca/> and Tsq'escen First Nation <https://tsqescen.ca/> at our Oomiiqsu Centre to talk about CHRT-41 work and Jurisdiction & Coordination Agreement journey. This meeting was very significant - three strong nations striving to make significant changes within their nations - very informative! We exercised our tradition of trade with sharing with one another. This was an all-day meeting with a tour of our mother center included.
- HFN Child and Family Services Capital Needs Assessment - Once reviewed by HFN, we can support the submission to ISC and can continue with finalizing the Feasibility Study application documents for CHRT 41.
- Learning Visit with Allen Cummings - Oomiiqsu Centre
- Child and Family Wellness and Mental Health Committee Meeting

- Waste Water Treatment Plant Discussion - HFN/BMSC/ACRD
- Next round of CFCSA are coming in the fall. I just need to send a letter indicating that we are interested in the next round of amendments,
- Meeting with Earncliffe Strategies - Earncliffe is supporting leadership on Governance relations with BC and Canada. This meeting was about Seeking Clarity on Purported Challenges with Huu-ay-aht's Child and Family Service Letter I sent as table lead to MCFD lead.
- Delivery Model and Law.
- Due to the conditions of the roads in Anacla/Bamfield, the Anacla facilities were closed for one day. I'll erase this at our next community planning and infrastructure committee meeting to see what we can do to minimize and plan for weather with the ongoing and significant changes to climate mediation.
- Ongoing work on CFS Jurisdiction litigation options - going to bring back to EC - thinking after the G2G end of May.

Emerging Issues

- KL has not been upholding the protocol agreement.

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Treaty Simulation & LCAC 2025 Discussion. This leadership gathering was very informative and eye opening, to be able to network and connect with other modern treaty nations in Canada. All together there are 28 modern treaties and this year marks the 50th anniversary. There were several breakout sessions that were very informative. I greatly valued the participation of our Maa'nulth treaty nations. We were able to connect and network in the mornings and in the evenings talking about strategies, movement and changes within our nations and within the Canadian nation regarding the election and what we would like to see as Maa'nulth, the Alliance, and as the coalition LCAC. On the last day it was all business. Each of the Nations gave their updates and reassignments of co-chairs. I'm looking forward to next year's gathering where I feel our nation can give a strong contribution by presenting on where we are at with our children and families, the significant movement that we have made since becoming a modern treaty nation. Info on the LCAC can be found here - <https://landclaimscoalition.ca/> . In conversations with fellow Maa'nulth and members from the Radcliffe, we thought it would be a great idea to do a training simulation with our youth within Maa'nulth to build the program. With this conversation we are just scratching the surface of the potential. I'm going to bring them to committees and the Committee of the whole in the coming future for recommendations to go through the implementation portfolio holder to bring to the board. It would be good to connect with our youth that have gone through treaty simulation at the LCAC to help with structuring and to help with the treaty simulation program - braiding together the information from our youth report and incorporating into our youth plan.
- Special Ha'wiih council and Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Attend Framework Plan meetings.
- Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Workshop at Pachena Bay Music Festival.
- We received news about WFP selling APD.
- Some Nuu-chah-nulth teachings

- Our nation was invited to attend a Nationhood Development Workshop in Haida Gwaii March 4th and 5th - looking forward to reporting on this next month.
- HGB 2024 Quarter 4 report has come in.
- REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) – Professional Services - the RFP has gone out the deadline is March 17th
- Scoring Matrix deadline February 10 at noon to go through the final five applicants for this Lands RFP.
- Welcome at the CCGSR.
- Meeting with Progressive Conservative representative Kris McNichol - this was a very interesting meeting. So far no other parties have reached out to us.
- <https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=hawilthpatak+nuu-chah-nulth+ways+of+governance+of+centre&&mid=4895EE42A0F4F8AC2FBD4895EE42A0F4F8AC2FBD&&FORM=VRDGAR>
- Some language lessons on the environment
<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=hawilthpatak%20nuu-chah-nulth%20ways%20of%20governance%20of%20centre&mid=2170A5A0EE8B103F293D2170A5A0EE8B103F293D&ajaxhist=0>
- Huu-ay-aht Old Growth Summit April 28 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ed6R5wU2zq>
BC growth strategic review process
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/old-growth-forests/strategic-review-of-old-growth-forest-management>
- After considerable consultation with our Hawiiah (Hereditary Chiefs), the Huu-ay-aht Cultural group pulled out from this year's Hoobiyee event and at the LCAC meeting due to the significant losses in our nation.

Emerging Issues

- Death protocol handbook

Councillor Brad Johnson Report – February 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 nation is still in negotiations with DFO for the MeToo agreement. No meetings were held with DFO this month due to availability of nation reps being away at the LCAC in Ottawa. I had conversations and prepared our nation's collective answers for the next meeting. I find it is very helpful to have a unified answer between leadership and technical staff, to be aligned and share the same vision in these meetings. The internal work we do as a nation has already paid off in previous meetings and it shows that our nation is very well prepared for these important meetings. I'd like to recognize the dedicated work that Amelia Vos and Christine Gruman have put into this file with me. Kudos and a job well done!

On February 25th I attended a Joint fisheries committee meeting with DFO. Here we reviewed the Species At Risk Act (SARA) on Transient/Offshore Killer whales. This pilot project is dedicated to the recovery strategy for SRKW. Throughout this process DFO has held several engagement sessions with First Nations and have recognized there is a difference between a modern treaty and one who is not. This is very great to see as we as the Maa-Nulth Treaty society were properly engaged and had meaningful engagement. We stressed to the DFO that this is how all projects we work collaboratively together on should be.

Henderson Sockeye was discussed as the number of fish that have been caught each year have significantly increased. UTG is trying to protect this run. It was mentioned that the commercial fishing boundary should possibly be moved further up the canal to protect these sockeyes. Future discussions will be held on this topic at the next Area 23 roundtable meetings with all sectors.

Wildlife

No Wildlife meetings were held this month as these meetings are bi-monthly. Maa-Nulth Treaty Society is setting up a meeting with a neighboring nation to discuss Elk and to try to figure out how many the nation harvests each year. Next month I will attend a WLRS ministry info sharing meeting on Wildlife to gain a better understanding of what each department does under this massive umbrella in their ministry for our Province.

Lands and Resources

This month I spent a lot of time reviewing the Land Use Plan Request for Proposals along with a panel made up of 3 members of the Executive Council, the Lands Director and the Land Use Planner for the nation. This task took up a good amount of time as we reviewed 14 applicants and then scored the top 5. The documents were very well put together and a lot of time was put into each application we received. A successful candidate was chosen and will be awarded early next month.

Along with the land use plan we have been reviewing the Framework plan that is in the final stages of completion. The department, along with SMT, EC, Ha' wiih had a few meetings to discuss concerns with the document and what key items were missing. For myself the key findings of what was missing were cultural and heritage protected areas/sacred space we must not disrupt. Further review is needed before the document comes to Executive council for approval next month.

Treaty Implementation

No MTS BOD meeting was held this month due to most of the leadership being in Ottawa at the LCAC.

Marine Strategic Planning Working Group (MSPWG) update

Roberts Bank Terminal Expansion Project (RBT2):

DFO has received an application from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority for a Fisheries Act authorization and Species at Risk Act permit for RBT2. In December 2024, Maa-nulth agreed to proceed with receiving support in understanding the application. MSPWG brought forth the recommendation of creating a joint letter to DFO to highlight the concerns with the project and host a collective consultation meeting.

ECHO Program - Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA):

Representatives from the ECHO program attended the meeting to present on the voluntary vessel slowdown measures and compliance. The slowdown areas include Swiftsure Bank and may be extended further into the MDFA. MSPWG will gather information on opportunities for Maa-nulth to provide feedback on the measures and participate in a collective letter.

Open Net-Pen Aquaculture Transition Plan:

The planned in-person leadership meeting with the province was cancelled by Canada due to changes in travel plans/weather and the timeline to reschedule is unknown. MTS support will follow up with DFO to identify options for next steps. MSPWG recommends a virtual leadership meeting to advance engagement if an in-person meeting with DFO is not possible in the coming weeks.

Makah Tribe Gray Whale Surveys on West Coast of BC:

The Makah Tribe has issued a request for bids to survey gray whales along the Coast of BC, including in the MDFAs in the summer of 2025. MSPWG is concerned with the lack of engagement and communication with Maa-nulth and is interested in better understanding the Makah Tribe's intent for the project, potential implications, and opportunities for collaboration and data sharing. MSPWG is also interested in connecting with Pacheedaht First Nation given the connection to recent discussions about Makah Tribe's interest in harvesting in Swiftsure Bank. Next steps are to reach out to Makah Tribe and Pacheedaht First Nation to gather information and invite them separately to an upcoming MSPWG meeting for further discussion.

Tla-O-Qui-Aht Deep Ocean Marine Park:

Over the last several months, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations and Parks Canada have announced a Deep Ocean Tribal Park off the west coast of Vancouver Island, with significant overlap with the southern MDFA. The hope is to gather additional information and invite Tla-o-qui-aht to present on their Tribal Parks.

Parks Canada

On February 6th, 2025, I was invited to attend an Indigenous Stewardship workshop in Nanaimo BC. This day was strictly for leadership and managers of the nations to meet with Parks Canada leadership. The 9 nations that attended were the Nuu-chah-nulth nations that surround Pacific Rim National Park. We started the day with a recap from the previous 2 days that our Guardians and supervisors attended. Our nation presented to everyone that HUU-AY-AHT has expanded our program to something that will be greater than just Guardians on the West Coast Trail.

The presentations from each First Nation's group were well received by Parks Canada. The main focus we highlighted was letting Parks Canada know that we would like to see secured funding moving forward as our nation has moved from a seasonal program to a full-time Guardianship program throughout our territory. Therefore, ultimately coming with a cost that our nation has endured through this past year.

I spoke about how our program not only benefits our nation by having eyes and ears on the lands and waters within our territory, as well as advantages for Parks Canada that we expanded this program. At the end of the meeting Nuu-chah-nulth nations sat down with Parks Canada after having an internal Nation discussion, and we had asked for our Guardian networks to expand into an Indigenous led program, meaning First Nations would be in the driver's seat and not Parks Canada. This is something different that has never been done in the past 25+ years of Parks Canada managing our respected territories. We had asked them to give it some thought and if we could be considered for this pilot project to have the nations take back Pacific Rim National Park and support our environmental stewardship by letting nations take the lead on developing this new program. The program would have a First Nations lens and be united as one with Nuu-chah-nulth.

Next CMB meeting date TBD as both parties are waiting on work that needed to be done for an appropriate meeting and update.

HR Workplace and Wellness

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

Meetings I attended:

- Executive Council meetings
- Special EC meeting related to Budget forecast
- Committee of the whole
- Special Committee of the Whole with Ha'wiih
- Meeting with Federal Conservative Representative Kris McNichol
- HFN/BC FFA Lands and Resources management core funding annual meeting
- Meetings with the Executive Director
- Framework plan vision review
- Marine Conservation Monitoring Brainstorming meeting
- Meetings with Technical Staff related to Lands / Parks Canada
- Check-in meetings with Executive Council member Stephen Rayner x2 this month
- Joints Fisheries Committee Technical meetings with DFO
- Meetings with MF

- Iskum Meetings

Overall, I was productive with all the tasks I took on this month. Due to the sensitivity and confidentiality, I found I was unable to report fully on everything I did this month as this report is a public document. Executive Council is well aware of the projects I'm referring too. I am honored to represent our Nation as a member of the Executive Council.

Councillor Evan Cook Report – February 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Economic Development

Finance

The finance committee met on February 21st and met for a special All Committee and Finance committee meeting on the same day.

The Budgeting process is almost completed, with slight increases in most departments in comparison with the 2024 Budget. The finance department will have a larger increase due to third party accounting and more bookkeeping required for the Mother Centre.

A large emerging issue the nation will have to deal with soon will be the Huumiis Ventures Limited Partnership future financial risk and the negative impact the venture could have on the Forum Master Plan. A special joint meeting with the Committee of the Whole Committee and Finance Committee was held to discuss and approve the Economic Development, Infrastructure, Land and Resources mandates.

Economic Development

HGB

The land purchase for the Micro Hotel has been completed, and all the remaining permits for construction have been approved. The project will go out to tenders for contractors for the hotel construction. My main concern since the process began five years ago has been that due to the long process, partially due to covid, the budget for the hotel may have possibly increased by 15% to 25 %. We will have the construction cost numbers by March.

The harvesting of a forestry cut block by Sarita River continues, with the logs been sold to Delta Forestry Group. The construction of the Nova Harvest Oyster production facility continues at the Port Alberni waterfront. An automated system at the Gas Bar and wastewater connection for the motel to begin shortly.

China Group Stackable

I had an introduction meeting with the group. I believe we have opportunities here in creating a pathway to developing a Business to Business with companies in China. Our next discussion will be to develop a platform; we have the resources and logistics to make it happen.

Salish Elements

We had an updated meeting with James regarding the Hydrogen Project that was put on hold. One grey area is the company was supposed to do a project with Xaxli'p First Nation in Lillooet which was also put on hold and usually my antenna gets taller hearing these stories. Hydrogen Production needs sufficient electricity, and this could be a problem. This may be another reason Salish Elements are in slow grind for sustainable green hydrogen, one needs cheap electricity. The only way I see this as a profitable business is shipping compressed hydrogen in the overseas market.

Community Economic Development 4-year plan

The plan is nearing completion. It is a very comprehensive plan. I think it would need a bit of a workshop to bring things together so one can think about the process, schedules, priorities and outcomes but more importantly, how to measure success of whether the goals are achieved.

Councillor Stephen Rayner – February 2025

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

Areas of Responsibility:

Law and Policy: This month, the Law and Policy Committee continued to lead the Governance Project, making significant progress in advancing revisions to our Economic Development legislation. To ensure a thorough and effective process, we have established and implemented focused working groups dedicated to reviewing and refining key areas of our legislation.

During this month's Law and Policy meeting, we were only able to work through half of the agenda due to an unexpected pause caused by the earthquake. However, we successfully received an update on the Governance Project and began reviewing and providing recommendations on a work plan.

The Governance Project continues to move forward, with the next phase focusing on producing revised legislation ready for submission to our legislature. The team is currently conducting a careful review and analysis of the Community Safety Act, the Economic Development Act, and the Financial Administration Act to ensure they align with our Nation's long-term vision and priorities.

The Executive Council has approved the next phase of this project, and the team is advancing efficiently. We remain on track to present the revised legislation at the next People's Assembly, reaffirming our commitment to developing meaningful, effective, and community-driven laws for all HUU-AY-AHT citizens.

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: Keeping on track of delivering the revised legislation in the set time frames.

HFN Framework Plan: This month, the planning team conducted a thorough review of the draft Framework Plan, providing detailed feedback to ensure it aligns with the best interests of our community and territory. Our team met several times to carefully assess and refine the plan, incorporating insights that reflect HUU-AY-AHT's long-term vision. In addition, the plan was reviewed by various committees, and their feedback was collected and compiled alongside our team's recommendations.

Following this review process, the Framework Plan has been sent back to USI for revisions based on the collected feedback. The updated plan is expected to return to HUU-AY-AHT in March for final review and approval. Once this phase is complete, we will move into detailed feasibility, which will provide the critical data needed to make well-informed decisions on the most beneficial developments for our Nation.

Reaching this milestone is a significant achievement, as it lays the groundwork for the next critical phase of planning and feasibility. Our collaborative approach has strengthened the Framework Plan, ensuring it is both comprehensive and well-integrated as we transition into the feasibility phase. This next stage will offer a detailed analysis of resources, partnerships, and investment opportunities, helping to bring our Nation's vision to life.

We remain excited about the transformative potential of this initiative. It represents a vital opportunity to foster sustainable growth, enhance community resilience, and contribute to the long-term prosperity of HUU-AY-AHT citizens for generations to come.

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://huyuayaht.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: Originally scheduled for construction in February, the project timeline has been adjusted to allow for additional installation time, thanks to our contractor's ability to navigate the funding process effectively. With full funding secured, this 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 alongside essential upgrades to AGO's electrical infrastructure. These advancements will significantly reduce our reliance on diesel generators and the electrical grid, reinforcing our Nation's commitment to environmental stewardship and energy resilience.

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

This project is more than just an investment in clean energy—it is a testament to HUU-AY-AHT's leadership in sustainability, self-sufficiency, and forward-thinking innovation. It lays the foundation for future energy initiatives and demonstrates our unwavering commitment to a cleaner, more prosperous future for generations to come.

Community Energy Planning: The Community Energy Plan remains a key guiding document 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.

Looking ahead, the Economic Development Department has allocated funding to explore clean energy projects for the 2025 fiscal year, ensuring continued momentum in this critical area. In addition, we are preparing an application for BCICEI (British Columbia Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative). With this combined funding, Huu-ay-aht will move into the second phase, focusing on feasibility studies for the clean power generation sources identified in the Community Energy Plan.

This second phase will provide a detailed analysis of potential energy sources, including capacity, locations, and cost evaluations. The data collected will guide decisions on how best to meet community energy needs while also exploring opportunities to leverage 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 ongoing progress of this plan highlights our Nation's leadership in clean energy and sustainable development, laying the foundation for a greener, more self-sufficient future.

Additionally, 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.

Climate Sustainability:

Climate Resiliency: This month, we have identified new funding opportunities to support our ongoing climate resiliency efforts. We will work to 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 in early 2025, and we are preparing to submit an expression of interest once applications reopen.

Progress has been made in collaboration with administration to refine the scope and priorities for a comprehensive regional climate resiliency strategy. This strategy will focus on key challenges, including:

- Wildfire prevention
- Flood resilience
- Extreme heat adaptation
- Shoreline erosion
- 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. In addition, we have applied for disaster resiliency planning specific to Anacla, which will assess potential natural disaster risks in and around the community. This initiative will provide a clear path toward preparedness and risk reduction, ensuring our Nation is well-equipped to respond to future climate-related challenges.

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.

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. This committee did not meet in February.

Multi Nation Energy Development: Momentum continues to build 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 shared recognition of the strategic advantages of working together to achieve energy sovereignty.

With the instability with the USA and upcoming Call for Power, First Nations have a key opportunity to align efforts, secure funding, and drive forward impactful clean energy projects. This month, inter-Nation meetings have focused on practical collaboration strategies, including:

- Shared resources to optimize expertise and infrastructure.
- Joint advocacy to strengthen our collective voice in BC's energy sector.
- Coordinated project development to enhance efficiency and impact.

The vision for the FNPA is to create a structured framework that enables First Nations to co-own, manage, and distribute power, ensuring long-term sustainability and energy independence. Beyond financial benefits, this initiative will provide:

- Greater control over energy resources
- Equitable benefit-sharing among participating Nations
- A stronger Indigenous voice in shaping BC's clean energy transition

By working together, we are positioning ourselves as leaders in the clean energy space, building a foundation for a more sustainable, resilient, and self-sufficient future. The FNPA represents a transformative step forward in advancing Indigenous-led energy solutions, 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.

This month the board is preparing for the annual general meeting, as well as moving motions to allow for the administrative work. The initiatives that the association is working on are receiving clarity on the first nation loan guarantee program, one window approach for regulatory efficiency of wind projects, providing guidance on streamlining the regulatory process of industrial scale wind development. As well as continuing to advocate for first nations power development.

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.

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:

- Boralex meeting
- Economic development meeting
- CEBC team meeting
- Meeting with Water Lands and Resource
- Framework plan meeting
- CEBC permitting committee meeting.
- Bi-weekly meeting with Edward
- Forum team and Economic Development meeting
- Generate 2025 meeting.
- Framework plan meeting
- Maa-Nulth Global affairs meeting

Week two:

- Economic development act meeting
- Meeting with Kris McNichol Conservative Party
- Biweekly meeting with John
- Biweekly meeting with Executive Director
- CEBC team meeting
- Biweekly meeting with Theresa
- Executive council meeting
- First nations steering committee meeting CEBC.
- Special Executive Council meeting
- Committee of the Whole meeting

Week three:

- Family Day
- Indigenous climate resiliency forum Monday Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
- Committee of the Whole
- CEBC team meeting
- Governance project meeting
- Government relations meeting
- Governance project working group meeting.
- Biweekly meeting with Edward
- Governance project working group meeting.
- Malahat First nation meeting
- Economic Development Clean energy development meeting
- Biweekly meeting with Executive Director
- Iskum meeting
- Committee of the Whole
- Meeting with Brad Johnson
- Biweekly meeting with John

Week Four:

- Meeting with John Watson
- CEBC bi-monthly Board Meeting
- Iskum Meeting
- Team meeting
- Governance project working group meeting.

- Governance project working group meeting.
- Biweekly meeting with Theresa
- Meeting with Director of funding For Ministry of Energy
- Executive Council
- BC Hydro workshop
- Governance project working group meeting.

Councillor Stella Peters – February 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Mental Health and Wellness

Education and Training

Public/Community Safety

Emergency Planning and Readiness/Climate Change and Climate Resilience

February 2025 Highlights – Culture and Wellness Team

- Our Culture and Wellness team has been focusing on Culture nights, having dance practice with our citizens. For the past while it was being held in Anacla and Port Alberni because we were planning on sending a delegation of singers and dancers over to Hoobiye, as well as a smaller delegation to Ottawa. They had a spot on the floor for both but because of the five losses in our Nation it was cancelled in respect to the families. Our people need time to grieve and to heal; we need to support one another, hold each other up.
- Our Nananiqsu (Elders) had done some fundraising so they could go to Hoobiye, I helped raise \$320 for them, selling miniature cedar rose bouquets @ \$20 a dozen. It sounded like they had an amazing time. Next year is another opportunity.
- During the Winter there really isn't a lot that can be done with outdoor resources like devil's club and cedar bark. They both have a window for gathering and they usually get processed and utilized before the winter season. They can still do shawl making and drum making provided there is some materials on hand.
- With the 25th anniversary of our House of Huu-ay-aht on July 5th, there will be a lot going on as our Nation prepares for this Special Event. With the new renovations to House of Huu-ay-aht, it'll be quite amazing I'm sure. It will be a good time for our citizens to come together to celebrate this milestone.
- We have hinatinyis (Britany Cote) doing Language and she already has her plate full; it's nice to have her in our homelands.
- I will be working alongside our Ha'wiilh and Nananiqsu in regard to artifacts that could belong to Huu-ay-aht. It will be Theresa Nookemis as well as Jeff Cook and myself.

Mental Health and Wellness

- Our Mental Health and Wellness Dept is doing their best to support our Huu-ay-aht citizens at home and away. Due to some policies, they can't always do what they are asked but they do try to direct our citizens in the right direction so they can get the necessary help they need. I just want to remind people that getting angry at someone isn't the answer; yelling at our staff doesn't change the policy which they have to follow. Please be patient. Also, we do bring up these concerns with FNHA as they have their policies and we do access additional funding through their Organization. We've brought up the Social Determinants of Health, Cultural Safety and Humility, Overdose Crisis and more. We also have a Medical Travel Working Group.
- We have to take the wholistic approach and keep Mental Health and Wellness in the forefront due to the longterm effects and impacts of multigenerational trauma caused by IRS, leading to addictions and health issues.
- I attend meetings relating to mental health and wellness.

Education and Training

- A friendly reminder that the Huu-ay-aht Graduation Ceremony is coming up on July 25th. Please remember to keep in contact with our Education Team. To date we have 25 graduates. It's going to be a special event which is being held here in the homelands.
- We have had our first meeting with Pacific Rim SD 70 to look at and discuss the FN's School of Choice (SOC) Policy. We will be having further discussions on the SOC as well as the Model Local Education Agreement (LEA), Indigenous Education Policy.
- We are still waiting for the Pacific Rim SD 70 Governance meetings to start up, as well as the Education and Employment Training Committee (EETC) with NTC
- I'm still on the Bamfield Community School association (BCSA). They just had their AGM.
- I do attend meetings related to education and training.
- Events - No Events scheduled for this month.

Public Safety

- We do talk about this at our Citizen Development Committee (CDC) and Community Consultative Group (CCG) meetings. We need to ensure not only that our community is a safe place, but we also need to ensure the public who enter our TSL are safe too and not causing any problems or safety concerns.

Community Safety

- We look at Community Safety concerns at our CDC and CCG meetings. The wellbeing and safety of our citizens are a priority for us. Our Wiqwaq are still doing patrols around lower and upper Anacla. It seems that we do have some youth who are being disrespectful to some elders and some "Bullying" is going on. We ask that maybe you could talk to your kids/grandkids just to remind them not to be that way because they will listen better. I know some will say "we all did that", but we were all told to be kind and respectful as well.
- Just trying to have parental/family involvement in this situation; after all, it takes a community to raise a child.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

- One of the things we have been doing is the Hazard and Risk Assessment in lower Anacla - looking at the risks of erosion, flooding, down slope and a hazard assessment. Sean has been working with Byron from JEL Protection.
- Sean and I will be meeting up with Heather Castleden to talk about a Climate Displacement Project she will be working on that we could benefit from and also be a part of. I do attend meetings related to Emergency Planning and Preparedness.

Climate Change and Climate Resilience

- We have just about made it through the winter. We've had some flooding - mainly in the river and at the beach - with some extremely high water, freezing temperatures and the longest stretch of snow in Anacla/Bamfield that I have ever witnessed in my life; mind you, over two weeks it was dry and light not, the usual wet and heavy snow we get which usually turns slushy. This is all due to climate change. We all need to be aware and prepared of for weather. I have been attending meetings related to Climate Change and Climate Resilience.

Boards and Committees

- Co-Operative Management Board w/Brad Johnson (Co-Chair) and Parks Canada (PC) meet quarterly.
- Citizen Development Committee (CDC) Chair - meet quarterly, ability to request a “Special Meeting” if necessary.
- Community Consultative Group (CCG) – Chair w/RCMP meet monthly.
- Anacla Planning Committee with Edward Johnson (Chair) and Stephen Rayner.
- Human Resource and Workplace Wellness Committee w/ Brad Johnson (Chair) and Stephen Rayner.