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**Executive Council Report
June 2025**

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Chief Councillor John Alan Jack - May 2025 Report General Duties – Chief Councillor – Progress Report

First Week

May began with the second day of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations Strategic Planning session in Vancouver. That day, I also had a radio interview with CBC regarding the opening of the West Coast Trail and the communications around the state of the trail. On Friday the 2nd, I had a light day at the home office answering emails and doing phone calls. The month began partway through the week, so the first week was only two days.

Second Week

On Monday the 5th, I attended a prep session for a future meeting with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, then attended an Economic Development Committee meeting which had to do with a presentation about modular home building from a Chinese Company. The next day was Tuesday the 6th, and I attended a board meeting of the Local Government Leadership Academy, then had a meeting with an education thinktank based out of Ottawa. I then attended to a special meeting regarding my daughter with the school district and took about the last hour or so off as a result. On Wednesday the 7th, I had a meeting with the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals to discuss taking part in their AGM later in Autumn once more this year, and then went in to fill in at the Citizenship Committee for Councillor Theresa Nookemus while she was off. I then rushed off to Helijet to get to Vancouver for an all-day Transportation Conference with Deloitte. The 9th was a day for both Executive Council and the Law and Policy Development Committee.

Third Week

On Monday the 12th, I attended a meeting to prepare for the upcoming “Premier’s Forum” with the other BC modern treaty nations online, then headed off to Victoria to get my passport renewal started. While there, I had an online meeting with our GR firm, Earncliffe. The next day, I met with the CAO and Vice-Chair of the ACRD to prep for the Board Meeting the following day as well as meeting with several members of Council for personal updates. The following day, I had an interview with the National Observer and then chaired a meeting of the ACRD Board. Thursday the 15th was a light duty day where I attended to a meeting with Tseshaht in the afternoon and conducted other meetings in the morning. Friday the 16th was extremely busy; I attended to a meeting regarding Iskum Investments, the Land Claims Agreements Coalition, a meeting with Island Health and then an Executive Council Meeting. It was a full but fulfilling day.

Fourth Week

Monday the 19th was Victoria Day, and so there were no meetings that day. The next day, I attended a meeting regarding the Alliance of Modern Treaty Nations and then into the HFN Committee of the Whole. Afterwards, I attended an online meeting with Premier Eby and Minister Bowinn Ma regarding the upcoming Bill 15 “getting things done” bill that was created in response to the extreme changes brought on by the Trump Administration in the United States. The next day, I attended a meeting with the head of BDC, Isabelle Hudon, as hosted by our MP Gord Johns, then attended a Framework Plan related multi-day meeting for the rest of the week.

Fifth Week

On Monday the 26th, I attended to some external board meetings with the FN NG Alliance and the Island Coastal Economic Trust and then on to the Island Corridor Foundation AGM and then a meeting of the Land Claims Agreement Coalition. I then had some personal meetings with our Executive Director and Councillor Brad Johnson. On Tuesday the 27th, I

drove to Victoria to pick up my passport for my upcoming trade trip to Japan. Then I attended the Community Engagement Session on the Tribunal Project. On the 28th, Huu-ay-aht and Bamfield hosted the ACRD Board for a tour and lunch before a board meeting. I returned to Anacela the next day for Council, and meetings afterwards. Friday the 30th was a light day of online meetings at home while I prepped for my trip to Japan the next day.

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Chief Councillor John Alan Jack - June 2025 General Duties – Chief Councillor – Progress Report

First and Second Week

My work began on the weekend where I boarded a flight to Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Japan to join a trade mission led by the Premier, David Eby. I left on Saturday June 31st, lost a day crossing the international dateline, and arrived on Sunday the 1st. That week, I attended trade related meetings at the Canadian Embassy, at the World Expo in Osaka, and with the Japanese representatives of our partners in Western Forest Products. I would also note that I was the only indigenous leader in attendance to back up the Premier on his trip, which will likely bear out well for Huu-ay-aht in the future as we hope to navigate all manner of asks and relationship matters with the Provincial government. I managed to connect with one of the primary export partners for HFN owned Timber Tiles, Hideo Mitsuhashi, a great man and true elder who is the Chairman of the largest home finishing retail chain of stores in Japan. The more we can help diversify the buyers of BC and Canadian wood products, the more we contribute to a more stable future for all forestry and wood working industries of which we are heavily invested. I returned a week later quite tired, but the effort was likely well worth it on the good relationship building we had done with the Premier, let alone the good business connections we strengthened with Mihashi Corporation and the Japanese wing of Western Forest Products.

Third Week

My first day back was Monday the 9th, where Edward gave me an overview of how things went in my absence. Edward has done a great job as Deputy Chief-Councillor as well as Acting Chief-Councillor while I was away in Japan. I then attended to some online meetings with representatives of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, a meeting regarding cooperation with other FNs in the TFL 44 area, and a confidential meeting with Island Health that I can't say much more about. The next day was also filled with meetings primarily online: a continuation of the TFL 44 discussions, ACRD matters, an update with our Executive Director, and a meeting with Minister Osborne to name a few. On Wednesday the 11th, I chaired a meeting of the ACRD Board and the AGM of the Gathering Voices Society. Thursday the 12th we had an Executive Council meeting and I sat in on an important Board Meeting of Cawakqin Forestry but made sure not to do much more than be cordial and ask a few questions as we are not directly responsible for governing there. On Friday the 13th we were originally planning to attend a bunch of meetings related to economic development, but an important meeting with the Ministry of Child and Family Development came up in Nanaimo, and I attended that instead. That meeting was a great corner-turning moment, and I am thankful for the work that our Deputy-Chief Councillor, our senior staff, and the new representative sent by MCFD on their behalf – Marg was her first name, she was a breath of fresh air on this file.

Fourth Week

On Monday the 16th, I attended to some online meetings: a bilateral update with our Executive Director, a meeting of the HFN Taxation Authority, and an update with Earncliffe on GR matters. Tuesday, we had a meeting of the HFN Committee of the Whole. On Wednesday, I attended a prep meeting for the Premier's Fofum, as well as the opening evening of the Indigenous Resource Opportunity Conference in Nanaimo. The IROC event continued for two more days, where I sat with the Minister of Forests on Friday morning as a part of a panel moderated by the Conference Chair, Dallas Smith, and Kim Haakstad of the Council of Forest Industries. I then rushed home midday to make the school assembly of my children to sit with them during their observance of Indigenous People's Day – I was glad to make it as I ended up standing with Chief Michael Recalma of Qualicum First Nation as he and I are good acquaintances. He asked me to say a few words off the cuff in his territory, which I appreciated greatly as School District 69 has

many good strides in catching up to SD 70 on the indigenous file. While we do not have many direct dealings with our Coast Salish relatives, I am thankful for the stability and thoughtfulness Chief Recalma brings to his service and responsibilities.

Fifth Week

That weekend, I traveled to Terrace to attend the Premier's Forum – a two-day excursion where we sat as BC Modern Treaty Nations and had good dialogue with the Premier and several of his key Ministers. I traveled back later on the Tuesday to reconnect with our Huu-ay-aht Speaker, Angela Wesley, and meet with representatives from both Kitselas and Kitsum-Kalum First Nations, which will likely be joining the modern treaty family very soon. We have a lot to learn from leaders like Chief-Councillor Glen Bennett and Chief Sam. Overall, we made good headway together and I got some good time with the Premier to discuss pertinent issues for HFN. I was able to meet the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Minister Randene Neill, and the Minister of Infrastructure, Minister Bowinn Ma (again). Along with Minister Christine Boyle, they're key to relationship building in BC. I am thankful to have had such access and time with all of them. The following day was a Board Meeting day for the ACRD. Then an Executive Council meeting on the 26th followed by a meeting with Minister Boyle on Friday to prepare for the upcoming G2G meeting next month.

Sixth Week

I returned for the sixth week, but only for a pair of meetings on the Monday: to provide an update to the Ha'wiih Council, and to correct an oversight on my part regarding appointments made to the Economic Development Committee.

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Economic Development – Update and Emerging Issues

I have appointed myself Chair of the Economic Development Committee on an interim basis to help navigate the changes contemplated in the amendments we will be making. The original plan was for those amendments to be completed by June, but the detailed and complicated nature of the amendments and the subsequent work has meant that we're aiming at making the changes at the next regular sitting of the HFN Legislature in March of 2026. We will have our prospective changes tabled and ready for communication and report leading up the People's Assembly November.

As a result, though, the terms of the board members for our operating LPs has come up for July, and we need to ensure that the appointments are done in a way that is commensurate with the expected changes to the legislation. Such appointments will be

made in the coming weeks, potentially into August, depending on availability during prime vacation days. I do not expect to retain the Economic Development portfolio outside of this interim period, but my unique experience in crafting the original act and direct participation in the forthcoming amendments means that I'm likely best suited to navigating the next several months. This is the primary reason for the shift, and I thank Councillor Evan Cook for his dedicated service as Chair and holder of the portfolio for economic development since the beginning of this term of office.

Ha'wiih Representative (Thlut' as aksup) Theresa Nookemus – June 2025

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This report will be short as I was on Annual Leave throughout June 2025.

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 – ʔApwinisathʔ house
- Sherri Cook (Yaalthuuaa-uks)– Yaaluuwaštakamałḥ house
- Phyllis Williams sitting in for daughter Victoria Williams (ʔuutstuʔaksa)- λamahuus house
- Andy Clappis (Ciicaacistuł) – Kuukw'iis house
- Tommy Happynook (hapinyuuk) – Čačaahsiʔas house
- Alec Frank (λaacmiik) – Maatsaas house
- Theresa Nookemus (Thlut' as aksup) – Ḥaw'eḥtak'amłath 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 Representative for Executive Council

The Ha'wiih Representative's role attends meetings on behalf of the Ha'wiih Council, then report back to the Ha'wiih Council. A monthly report is sent out for review, This gives time for any questions or concerns that the Ha'wiih Council may have. It also lets the Ha'wiih Council pass on pertinent information to Executive Council.

Areas of Responsibility include:

(Reports are done by the Chairs of Committees)*

- Ha'wiih Council
- Citizenship Committee
- Nananiqsu
- Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations
- Nuu-cha-nulth Council of Ha'wiih Forum on Fisheries

Ha'wiih Council:

This council has started to meet twice a month as of 2025. The first meeting will be dedicated to regular business, the second will be dedicated to facilitating Ha'wiih with guidance within their roles for better practices and protocols. The timeframe for this beginning is April, on weekends, but not limited to them. If an agenda is limited, we will adjust to having it become a guidance workshop. This will benefit all Ha'wiih as they are all fairly new Ha'wiih. These guidance workshops will also begin to include our upcoming Ha'wiih.

Ha'wiih met in Victoria this June 2025 for their first workshop. It was a very productive and uplifting experience for all. As this was the first, I believe at first we all didn't know what to expect, but once it started, everyone got their chance to speak their own truths and experiences thus far.

While I cannot discuss or share the majority of what was spoken or discussed at length as it was extremely confidential, it soon became clear that this Ha'wiih group is very eager and excited to understand their respective roles and to learn where each of their Hahoulthlee's are located

Daniel Zayonc has come to Ha'wiih to present various DRNFL maps of the Huu-ay-aht Ha'wiih Hahoulthlees for their review and approval. This was very exciting to learn. Thank you very much Daniel, your work and dedication to Huu-ay-aht is very appreciated - thank you for thinking of us.

There was a review that came from Elected Chief John Jack in regard to keeping the Ha'wiih Representative for the remaining 2 yrs of the Elected Council to keep Continuity with Executive Council.

All Ha'wiih had elected Theresa Nookemus (Thlut' as aksup) to remain as Ha'wiih Representative for Elected Council. Theresa thanked the Ha'wiih Council for their trust and respect to remain as Representative and stated it is an honour to serve.

Ha'wiih then discussed the House of Huu-ay-aht Treaty 15 Year Anniversary Planning. Tommy Happynook graciously volunteered to do a video outlining success stories. This will be done this coming October. Thank you Tommy!

Citizenship Committee:

This committee meets monthly on a regular time frame to Coincide with the Ha'wiih. This enables a smoother transition through all the committees it must go through.

Steps for Citizen Enrollment:

- 1) Treaty Enrollment - enable citizens to receive hunting permits, fishing licenses, harvesting licenses and food fish.
- 2) Maamass - being housed by a Haw'iih.
- 3) Citizenship - ability to apply for Status Card, Citizenship Card.

A friendly reminder that ALL points of these applications - ancestry, declarations, and identifiers **MUST** be filled out in full/complete for a successful application, or they will be returned to applicants which will delay completion of their application.

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR FORMS BEFORE SUBMITTING, THERE IS A CHECK LIST AT END OF EACH APPLICATION.

All Huu-ay-aht citizens must have harvesting cards and the proper paperwork filled out and with them when fishing. They must display their Huu-ay-aht flag. If fishing for other family members, there are forms for this that must be filled out. This in turn helps us to keep in touch with the Government to increase any amounts as needed yearly. Without these numbers we cannot increase, this is very important!

The Lands and Natural Resources team work together with the Natural Resources Program to monitor and protect our Lands and Oceans.

I was on my annual leave for the following:

Nanaaniqsu Society
Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations
Nuu-Cha-Nulth Council of Ha'wiih Form on Fisheries

I will include and update on those for July 2025

Councillor ̓icitath Edward R. Johnson Report – June 2025

Area of Responsibility:

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

Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Looking to connect with Greenfoot Energy - introduced to HFN by a former executive. Greenfoot Energy works in partnership with Indigenous communities to provide fully funded home energy upgrades—like heat pump systems and insulation—with no cost to the Nation or homeowners. These upgrades not only improve home comfort and reduce energy bills but also help build housing inventories and support future planning. Greenfoot’s approach is rooted in cultural respect, environmental stewardship, and long-term relationships. The team includes respected Indigenous leaders such as Chief Ian Campbell (Squamish Nation), and Simon Baker, who both bring strong experience in Indigenous governance and community engagement. Greenfoot is also committed to supporting First Nations-owned businesses throughout its projects wherever possible.
- Attended Biweekly meetings with director of capital infrastructure - HOH kitchen renovations will be starting third week of this month and the roof should start first week of July. Com’s with RBCM have started to be ready for the CVC.
- HFN Feasibility Study Wellness Complex Programming Discussion.
- In talks with the former keeper of the cemetery - some great suggestions of adding outhouses and gravel to the new parking lot area.
- Everything is on track for preparation of HOH 25-year anniversary celebration.

Emerging Issues

- Finalizing human rights tribunal applications for capital infrastructure.

Children and Family Wellness Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Meeting with Deputy Minister Keith M. Godin, Ministry of Children and Family Development, Denise Devenny ADM, Partnership and Indigenous Engagement Division Ministry of Children and Family Development and Marg Rosling as special negotiator. On the agenda, which was hosted on our homeland at our Government Office, was HUU-ay-aht’s vision and interests, MCFD ideas and options and a discussion on a path forward and next steps.
- Last month MCFD had asked for approvals to bring Marg on as a special negotiator as she has now joined a new law firm. Sounds like Marg can get things done. Marg was going to come join the team beginning of the year, but there was a conflict. As of recently Marg has joined a new law firm and now joins the table, not as a lawyer, but as a special negotiator and it is BC’s policy that Marg must have a lawyer from the Province present during any conversations with HFN legal counsel. This meeting that we held at AGO was very helpful;

there is a follow-up meeting next week. The deputy minister seems very eager to move things along and thinks outside the box - reminds me of former deputy minister Alison Bond - the way she spoke about the past where things were moving along nicely.

- Working on Annual Report for the CFWC, Committee activities,
- Huu-ay-aht First Nations - British Columbia - Canada: Trilateral Coordination Agreement Discussion Main Table Meeting.
- CHRT working group meeting to discuss HFN Feasibility Study Wellness Complex Programming.
- Follow up discussion with MCFD Keith Godin DM for MCFD. This follow up discussion was right after the working group meeting. Things are looking good for a small agreement moving forward hopefully by the end of September. Then we would work on a major agreement shortly after holding a few meetings in regard to power circle conversations and legal working group and possibly the coordination table discussions with Canada and BC - until a major update meeting with our HFN team with legal.
- Attended Baby Welcoming Ceremony in our HFN Social Services Project Safe Health and Connected Bringing HFN Children Home - this is Recommendation 4.

Emerging Issues

- Working group terms of reference with MCFD finalization
- Update meeting with our HFN team with legal
- Response to Huu-ay-aht's February 6, 2025 letter

Deputy Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Opportunity for relationship building - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests Makenzie Leine came to Port Alberni on June 26. The Ministry of Forests was wondering if HFN might be willing to host her for a forestry discussion in follow-up to the meeting Chief Jack had with Minister Palmar; therefore, we moved our Executive Council meeting to our Port Alberni government office in order to accommodate this meeting. As such, the Minister attended our Executive Council meeting on the 26th.
- Attended our National Indigenous People's Day on Friday June 20th.
- Tried to attend the NTC board of directors monthly meeting but there was not enough directors present to make quorum. Later I found out that as an alternate to Chief John Jack as a director I do not count as quorum. The NTC is regulated by the BC Society's Act. As per the amendments to the Act in May 23, 2023 (see attached summary), Alternate Directors or proxy voting at Directors' meetings is prohibited.
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/employment-business-and-economic-development/business-management/permits-licences-and-registration/registries-other-assets/changes-to-societies-act-may-2023.pdf>
- Attended zoom meetings for the upcoming Premier's Forum Leadership Meeting.
- PREMIER'S FORUM – Traveled to Nisga's Lands on Sunday June 22nd.
- As Deputy Chief Councillor I Chair the Committee of the Whole Meetings.
- Attended the ADSS Orange Crosswalk painting celebration.
- Earncliffe/Huu-ay-aht Strategic Planning Session - our government relations work plan review for the year.
- Working on HOH agenda with HOH committee.

- I MC'ed for National Indigenous People's Day - was asked by the Director of Community and Citizen Services.
- House of Huu-ay-aht Celebration Committee bi-weekly meetings.
- Briefing meeting with legal counsel regarding citizen.
- Attended the Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey XIII, where I participated in the grand entry representing the island region of Nuuchahnulth - info link on GW <https://gathering-wisdom.ca/event/gathering-wisdom-for-a-shared-journey-xiii/>
- Follow up meeting with Minister of Health from our meeting at the First Nations Leadership Gathering and from our letter that we sent on March 10th. The meeting was only 30 minutes but I felt that we were productive in getting our point across in regard to the opioid crisis and wanting to be a part of the change to continue to bring the numbers down regarding overdose deaths. We also discussed our social services pilot project referencing the prevention approach and wanting to engage on funds that could be available and for coming up with recommendations through a report that could be arm's length.
- Participated in Cedar Bark Harvesting with warriors group for the HOH 25th Anniversary.
- Prepared for the Premier Forum Leadership Meeting in Nisga'a territory. There are 8 modern treaty nations in BC and we all gather to meet with BC ministries - looking forward to the high level discussions. Although a lot of the new ministers and deputy ministers are new to their positions, there will be a lot of education on modern treaties and what is government to government relationships. Attached is information on the shared priorities framework - https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/consulting-with-first-nations/agreements/shared_priorities_framework.pdf
- Also prepared for our G2G next month in Victoria - our nation is cohosting with the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation. We are very thankful for our executive director who is helping organize next month's meeting and identifying what is going to be said. As with the Premier's Forum, the G2G meeting is with Maa-nulth FN - here is more info on the 8 MTFN in BC <https://alliancebcmtn.ca/>.
- Attended the Premier's Forum in Nisga'a Lands on June 23, 2025. This meeting is for Modern Treaty Nations Leadership and B/C Leaders. Meeting Agenda Contextual / Detailed Overview:
 - The Leaders' Meeting is the sit-down meeting portion of the Premier's Forum reserved for discussing topics of shared interest for the next year. The MTN leaders speak to matters that concern them and BC's Premier and ministers will speak to BC's perspectives and bring forward other relevant information.
 - The agenda provides time for roundtable introductions as this is the first opportunity for several of BC's new ministers to meet face-to-face with MTN leadership. The discussion is structured to be high-level with opportunities for informal connection.
 - The Leaders' Meeting location was at the Nisga'a Lisims Government Building, Council Chambers - very powerful meeting space.
 - The three main themes for discussion were:
 - i) Treaty Implementation chemkwaat / Councillor Valerie Cross, Tsawwassen First Nation spoke on this key theme
 - ii) Speaking on theme 2 President Charles McCarthy, Yuułuꞑifꞑath Government Community Safety
 - iii) Economic Development
 - We had Roundtable Discussion after each theme
 - Lunch was at the Nisga'a Lisims Government Building. The food was great and the fried bread was delicious - must say the best fried bread I have ever tasted, if not very close.

- Toured Nisga'a Lands together in the afternoon on a guided coach tour. First stop was a 20-minute drive to Gitwinksihlkw from Terrace. Second stop was Gitwinksihlkw where we viewed the suspension bridge across the Nass river and fish wheel, river. Third stop was another 20-minute drive to Gingolx where we had a short five-minute walk on their Sea wall, and our fourth stop was Laxgalts'ap where we received a welcome much like all the other stops - wonderful and great welcomes they all were. We also had cultural sharing at this stop and were able to see their carving shed. Then it was off to dinner at the Hli Goothl Wilp-Adokshl Nisga'a, Nisga'a Museum. It was a very enjoyable jam packed day touring of the Nisga'a Lands. After dinner we all toured the museum and said our final words and looked back on the day. Then it was a 1.5 hour drive back though Nisga'a Lands to Terrace.

Some of the questions we didn't get to ask Leaders' Meeting we have noted and are going to include in next month's Maa-nulth G2G meeting.

Councillor Brad Johnson Report – June 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

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

Fisheries: This month has been extremely busy with the MeToo negotiations. The working group met 3-4 times a week internally and with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. We are proposing a pilot fishery for this year. This fishery will be called the Incremental Community based Economic Fishing Plan (ICEFP). The targeted species would be Chinook in the Area G troll commercial opening. This would be a Mosquito fleet style fishery with 25 fishermen from the 5 Maa-Nulth Nations. In addition to salmon, we would have an opportunity to fish a small amount of halibut quota - roughly 4000 lbs. The working group has also been busy filming and doing interviews with leaders and citizens of all Maa-Nulth nations on a MeToo video. The intent of the video is to showcase that we are looking for an opportunity for our citizens to sell our fish legally. We have confirmed a meeting with the DFO Minister in Campbell River on July 18, 2025. We will showcase this video to the Minister.

Our Sockeye food fish distribution has happened this month delivering fish to Anacla, Port Alberni, Parksville, Nanaimo, Duncan, Victoria and Vancouver. Stay tuned for future Food Fish deliveries in months to come.

Wildlife: No wildlife council meeting was scheduled in the month of June - these meetings are bimonthly. Next meeting is July 16th 2025.

Land and Resources: I was asked to be part of the hiring panel for the Lands and Resources Director. We have interviewed 7 candidates for the position. An offer was made to the successful candidate. I look forward to working with this individual in the near future.

With the weather being extremely dry, the Nation imposed a campfire ban at all our campgrounds prior to a provincial campfire ban. Due to limited firefighting capabilities and proximity to extensive forest lands, we took extra precautions. We felt that we would be proactive rather than reactive if a fire were to occur in the territory. I supported this decision fully and was glad the nation took the necessary precautionary steps.

Treaty Implementation: On June 22nd to 24th, I had the honor of traveling to Nisga'a Territory for the Premier's Forum, accompanied by Chief John Jack, Councillor Edward Johnson and our Executive Director. Here we met Premier David Eby and his cabinet Ministers alongside our Modern Treaty Partners of the Alliance. The three main topics of discussion were (1) Our Treaties: Rights, Relationships and Implementation, (2) Community Safety and (3) Economic Development and Prosperity. Success stories and challenges were shared along with intended outcomes. We have to work with the province to uphold our treaty partnerships. After the meeting we had a bus tour of the Nisga'a lands. We had the opportunity to visit 3 villages which were Gitwinksihlkw, Gingolx and Laxgalts'ap, followed by a closing dinner at their museum. It was a very jammed pack itinerary, but I was grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such an important meaningful meeting.

Groundwater Negotiations are still moving forward. Nations are working on submitting a new proposal to BC. BC is still actively working with us in a meaningful way, and the back-and-forth dialog is good. These negotiations are at a very early stage but should pick up moving into the fall.

There was no MTS board meeting this month; it was postponed to next month due to quorum issues and the Board not being able to meet. Next meeting will take place the first week of July.

Parks Canada: On June 2nd 2025, we held a Co-operative Management Board meeting. We talked about West Coast Trail updates. This year they are seeing a lot of bear activity, especially on our end of the trail. The other end of the trail has a lot of damage due to winter storms, a lot of infrastructure like boardwalks, cable cars and ladders were damaged. With the amount of damage and the Parks staff slowly fixing this infrastructure, they are seeing a lot of cancellations this year.

Another issue they are having is the activity around the Lighthouses as they are now boarded up as DFO decided to close them last year with light keepers that no longer live on site. We stressed signage and key messaging from Park staff and Guardians would go a long way to keep these historic places from being vandalized. That being said, HUU-ay-aht had recently released a welcome to the Territory video that Parks can promote and share with hikers. The main theme of the video is following the Nation's three sacred principals.

The nation sent over amendments to the Terms of Reference for parks to review and possibly adopt next meeting. Our nation has asked Parks to investigate firefighting equipment to be stored at campsites which guardians and parks staff could then use if need be if a fire were to ever break out or if illegal fires are happening after a provincial ban comes in effect. Also, the nation had requested to have the cabins' woodstove and propane system inspected for safety.

We discussed the Framework plan and the gazette land at Clutis point that is identified in the plan. We asked what are the steps that Parks can identify that the nation needs to do unlocking this portion of the plan. Parks identified that this would be the hardest task of the ask that they can contribute to within the plan but would be at a higher level than the CMB. That was very valuable information, so we sent the Framework plan document to the CEO and upper management. Finally, we had requested Parks set up 2 trail counters in the Cape Beal headlands area so we can both understand the usage of the area. The data will be shared with the nation and our guardians can access these trail counters once installed.

The WCT Management plan working group continues to move forward with this document. Our nation has identified some of the language in the document that needs to be changed as certain words are not used. Engagement and consultation, next steps and that work will then happen in the fall.

National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR) - Parks Canada met with Maa-Nulth to review the feasibility study and review the Federal government's mandate of protecting 30% of Canadian waters by year 2030. This meeting took place after a greater meeting with the 14 Nations of Nuu-chah-nulth. Overall, most Nations are in agreement and alignment with what was presented at the time. The Terms of Reference is going to be the first phase of this work and will be very important for nations to have a clear understanding of what will be put in the document to help use as a tool for the future of this process.

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. We have tried to set up a meeting this month but due to lack of availability this did not happen we will aim for next month.

List of meetings I attended this month:

- Iskum Chiefs meeting
- Iskum Technical Working Group
- Parks Canada CMB
- Parks Canada WCT management planning
- Maa-Nulth/ Parks Canada NMCAR
- Maa-Nulth JFC Technical
- Maa-Nulth JFC with DFO
- Maa-Nulth Fisheries Committee
- MeToo Fisheries Negotiations 3-4 x per week
- MeToo video interviews
- WLRS Coastal Marine Strategy
- EC meeting x 3
- Special EC meeting
- Committee of the Whole meeting
- Meeting with Christine G x 2
- Meeting with Daniel Z x 2
- Meeting with Councillor Stephen Rayner x 4
- Executive Director meeting x 3
- Land and Resource Director interviews x 7
- Attended Aboriginal Day in Anacla
- Premier's Forum
- Groundwater internal/ BC x 2

Councillor Evan Cook Report – June 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Economic Development

Finance

The CFO continues to put a full finance team together. Until then, Jennifer is doing her best to get caught up with the monthly financial reports. The March financial report was completed. I have full confidence in Jennifer that by the end of August all monthly financial reports will be completed and on time going forward.

Economic Development

In my working as a councillor that is reviewing economic projects, I review and note the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats of each file. Some may think I am at times negative and not supportive, but in the end, my business experience has taught me to think short-, medium-, and long-term goals. Therefore, my brain looks at whether the project will benefit the HFN citizens in one or all of these 3 goals. I also will always think about how to enhance the project so it is better for our people.

Use of our Nation's interest in a project to benefit to the project's path to investors.

Potential partners can use our good intentions to be equity partners in a project to get more investors. Our good name will increase valuation in projects, especially in our lands and waters, and investors will think with HFN inside, any projects will go through. This is OK later as we get our needs satisfied first. Therefore, we need to make these potential partners aware of our concerns. I also think this gives us leverage to make HUU-AY-AHT projects culturally aware.

Stackabl Prefab Homes and HFN

The Economic Development committee met with the owner of Stackabl Homes, Tony. The presentation by the owner was to develop a meaningful base that HFN can understand.

Going forward we need to understand the modular construction basics. A delegation team from HFN will travel to China to visit Prefab manufacturing, explore new technologies and investment transfers and have discussions on new business opportunities.

Tony and I met with the Tsawwassen First Nation EDO, who expressed interest in marketing the prefab homes and also providing space for one of the show homes.

Chinese Ethnic Film Festival

The EDO and I had an introductory meeting with Zon, a Chinese art movie producer and director. We discussed an Ethnic Chinese Film Festival with other Indigenous Nations with the focus being on Indigenous Culture and Storytelling. This would be great to promote tourism on Vancouver Island.

HGB

The last harvest of timber carried out by HGB was successful financially. Though the process was by shipping the logs by barge to Delta, which was costly, the net return was very positive.

Also, Micro-Hotel has a large financial funding gap before the project can move forward. With less grants and free funds available, I will be sending the hotel project to Stackabl to get a prefab quote.

Councillor Stephen Rayner Report – June 2025

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

Area of Responsibility:

Law and Policy Committee (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): As Chair of the Law and Policy Committee, I continue to support the advancement of the Governance Project, an initiative focused on strengthening HUU-AY-AHT's legal framework in alignment with our values, vision of self-determination, and long-term community well-being.

While the Committee did not hold a formal Law and Policy meeting in June, work continued behind the scenes. The project team met to review progress and provide direction on a number of important areas, keeping momentum strong despite the lack of a scheduled session.

This month's focus remained on legislative priorities such as the Economic Development Act and the Community Safety Act. Drafts of both continued to be refined through collaborative work between staff, legal advisors, and elected leadership. These laws are key to enhancing HUU-AY-AHT's economic autonomy and the overall safety and well-being of our community.

The team also advanced work on the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Circle, a body tasked with reviewing the HUU-AY-AHT Tribunal.

Looking ahead, a draft of the Community Safety Act is expected to be ready for Committee review in the next little while. We also continue to monitor developments related to the Governance and Fiscal Agreement Regulation, a foundational component in strengthening intergovernmental relationships and reinforcing fiscal transparency and accountability.

By remaining engaged and collaborative, even outside of formal meetings, we are laying the groundwork for strong, culturally rooted governance structures that will guide HUU-AY-AHT well into the future.

About the Governance Project:

In fall 2023, the People's Assembly approved an in-depth review of our laws and policies to assess our governance progress since Treaty implementation. This review ensures that our legal system continues to reflect our traditional values, community priorities, and evolving needs. Phase one focuses on the Community Safety Act and related laws, with future phases addressing financial and economic development legislation. At every step, community engagement remains central to ensuring that the legal framework we build is representative, culturally appropriate, and future ready.

Emerging Issues: keeping on track of delivering the revised legislation in the set time frames.

Framework Planning Project (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): As the Project Lead for Executive Council, I continue to actively guide the advancement of the Framework Planning Initiative, a transformative effort designed to support responsible development across our ḥahuuli, grounded in HUU-AY-AHT values and long-term vision.

Building on the momentum from May, June has been a critical month of progress. Our focus shifted toward formalizing the next steps of our partnership with Forum Asset Management. We initiated detailed negotiations toward a long-term agreement, grounded in the principles established in the Framework Vision. This process included targeted discussions to align legal,

financial, and governance structures with Huu-ay-aht's priorities for stewardship, sustainability, and community benefit.

The Economic Development Task Force continues to play a pivotal role in shaping this work. In June, the Task Force provided key strategic input to support our negotiating team, helping to ensure the proposed agreement reflects not only sound economics but also Huu-ay-aht's cultural, environmental, and governance standards. Internal coordination has strengthened, with a growing focus on building the internal capacity and decision-making structures needed to carry the partnership forward into implementation.

The Framework Vision, approved earlier this spring, remains our north star, anchoring our negotiations in values-based principles and a shared commitment to long-term prosperity for the Huu-ay-aht people. Every conversation and draft document continues to be shaped by this foundational work, ensuring that the outcomes of our efforts remain aligned with our Nation's teachings and priorities.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for a transition from planning into action. The next phase will involve continued negotiations, community updates, and early-stage implementation planning. This includes preparing for technical feasibility work and refining governance protocols that will support the delivery of early projects under the Framework.

The progress made this month reaffirms the power of Nation-led planning and strategic partnerships. We are laying the groundwork for developments that protect our lands, reflect our identity, and bring lasting benefits to all Huu-ay-aht citizens.

About the Framework Plan project:

The Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan is currently transitioning from visioning to implementation planning. It incorporates community input and outlines a 20–30 year roadmap to shape land use, housing, transportation, and open spaces. Priorities identified through engagement include cultural preservation, eco-tourism, diverse housing, and sustainable enterprise. The next phase, continuing into 2025, will include detailed feasibility studies, policy refinement, and preparation for pilot projects. For the latest updates, visit: <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 Portfolio (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): As the Executive Council portfolio holder for Clean Energy, I'm pleased to report that the solar installation at the Anacla Government Office (AGO) continues to advance on schedule, with notable developments in June. With funding secured last month, we've maintained momentum, supported by the flexibility of our contractor.

The project remains fully funded through our partner company, which is leveraging BC Hydro solar incentive rebates earned from completed installations on Haida Gwaii. This arrangement continues to offer a key advantage allowing Huu-ay-aht to move ahead independently of the March 31, 2025, CERCC funding deadline and design a project timeline that prioritizes both efficiency and value.

In June, the following updates were confirmed:

- Construction remains scheduled for summer 2025. The project team is progressing with pre-installation planning and logistical coordination.
- BC Hydro rebate funds are still being processed and are expected to be received shortly, after which our partner will move forward with procurement.
- The roof mounting system is on track with an 8-week lead time, consistent with our summer 2025 timeline.
- BC Hydro's solar incentive program is still expected to relaunch this summer. By strategically aligning our construction window, Huu-ay-aht will be well-positioned to take advantage of new incentive structures, which could further reduce project costs.

Beyond its environmental and energy benefits, this project continues to serve as a platform for building local capacity. We are actively working to involve Huu-ay-aht staff in the project rollout and exploring ways to create hands-on training opportunities for community members. The goal is not only to install solar panels, but also to build skills and long-term economic potential within our Nation.

The AGO solar project is a cornerstone of Huu-ay-aht's broader clean energy strategy and a tangible example of our commitment to environmental sustainability, energy sovereignty, and future-ready infrastructure. Once completed, this system will reduce our reliance on diesel and the provincial grid delivering direct environmental and financial benefits to the community.

We remain proud of the leadership Huu-ay-aht is demonstrating in the clean energy space. Through partnerships, planning, and community involvement, we are building the foundation for renewable energy development throughout our ḥahuuḷi grounded in our values and guided by a vision of long-term sustainability and prosperity.

Community Energy (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): Huu-ay-aht's clean energy strategy continues to be guided by the Community Energy Plan, which sets out our vision for energy independence, environmental responsibility, and economic development rooted in our ḥahuuḷi. This month, I represented the Nation at several key events in the clean energy sector, including the CanREA Energy Storage Summit, the 9th Annual First Nations Power Authority Indigenous Clean Energy Forum, the Global Energy Show 2025, and the Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference.

At each of these forums, I actively networked with industry leaders, government representatives, and other First Nations, helping to elevate Huu-ay-aht's profile as a serious partner in Indigenous-led clean energy development. These engagements resulted in meaningful conversations and the identification of potential partnership and investment opportunities. There is growing momentum around the idea of developing a First Nations Power Authority on Vancouver Island an initiative that could create significant opportunities for Huu-ay-aht and other Nations to shape and lead the regional energy landscape.

Our ongoing work with BC Hydro remains central to our strategy. This month, we met with representatives to discuss our Run-of-the-River hydro project and its alignment with the utility's upcoming 2025 Call for Power. This was a critical opportunity to emphasize our project's readiness, advocate for Indigenous ownership and leadership in energy development, and begin positioning Huu-ay-aht for future procurement streams. We also reviewed the recent \$140 million funding commitment to the New Relationship Trust for small-scale Indigenous clean energy projects, which we will look to access to advance our priorities.

Unfortunately, we were informed that our \$300,000 application to the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) for a wind feasibility study was not successful. While disappointing, it has not diminished our determination. The wind feasibility project remains a high priority, with plans centered around the use of SODAR (Sonic Detection and Ranging) technology to collect precise wind data. This will form the evidence base for long-term planning and investment, and we are now actively seeking alternative funding pathways to move the project forward.

In parallel, I continue to engage with the Ministry of Energy and Climate Action to push for stronger Indigenous participation in BC's clean energy framework. These discussions are focused on reducing systemic barriers and ensuring our projects including the Sarita Micro Hydro and other renewable initiatives are reflected in future energy planning, policy, and investment decisions.

Looking ahead, the Economic Development Department has allocated resources for the 2025 fiscal year to support a new phase of clean energy exploration. Planned activities include feasibility work across several renewable energy technologies to assess site suitability, technical viability, and long-term sustainability. These projects are guided by community input, and our approach remains grounded in Huu-ay-aht's values and vision for a self-determined energy future.

Through strategic partnerships, diverse funding pursuits, and persistent advocacy, we continue to build a clean energy pathway that strengthens Huu-ay-aht's sovereignty, enhances our economic resilience, and contributes to the well-being of present and future generations.

Climate Sustainability (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): While there was limited direct movement in the Climate Sustainability portfolio this month due to ongoing focus on the Forum Project and other strategic priorities, behind-the-scenes efforts to build relationships and position Huu-ay-aht for future action have continued.

In June, I remained active in networking and exploratory conversations with potential funders and climate partners. These discussions focused on identifying alignment between our Nation's long-term development goals and external funding priorities. While still in the early stages, these engagements are helping to shape future proposals that could support projects in areas such as renewable energy, nature-based solutions, and low-carbon infrastructure.

I also continued outreach to provincial government representatives, maintaining and strengthening intergovernmental connections. These conversations helped identify existing programs that could support Huu-ay-aht initiatives related to shoreline protection, emergency preparedness, and wildfire mitigation. Although these efforts are not yet tied to formal applications, they are important groundwork that will support more targeted opportunities in the coming months.

Progress this month has been mostly strategic and preparatory, but it reflects a continued commitment to ensuring that Huu-ay-aht is well-positioned to access resources and expertise as climate-related funding and initiatives become available.

Chair of Board of Directors of Huumiis Ventures: As Chair of the Board of Directors for Huumiis Ventures, I continue to work closely with our leadership team and partners to chart a path forward that is in the best interest of Huu-ay-aht First Nations. Our focus remains on long-term sustainability, values-based decision-making, and securing the strategic direction of Huumiis in alignment with Huu-ay-aht's priorities.

In June, we concentrated on assessing current operations, clarifying our long-term objectives, and evaluating potential structural and operational changes that would improve the resilience and viability of Huumiis. This work is particularly important in light of continued volatility in the forestry sector, which remains impacted by market pressures, policy shifts, and climate-related challenges.

We are actively exploring options to stabilize operations and build a business model that reflects both economic opportunity and responsible stewardship. These discussions are centered around ensuring Huumiis contributes meaningfully to our Nation's goals of economic self-reliance, employment, and the protection of our ʰahuuli.

While we are still in the planning and assessment phase, the direction is clear: we are committed to making thoughtful, strategic decisions that will safeguard Huu-ay-aht interests and position Huumiis as a long-term asset to our people. I remain optimistic about the work ahead and deeply honored to serve in this role at such a pivotal time.

Multi-Nation Energy Development: In June, I continued to advance Huu-ay-aht's clean energy priorities by representing the Nation at several major conferences and forums. These included the CanREA Energy Storage Summit, the 9th Annual First Nations Power Authority (FNPA) Indigenous Clean Energy Forum, the Global Energy Show 2025, and the Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference. Each of these events provided critical opportunities to build relationships, gather insights, and position Huu-ay-aht as a Nation ready to lead and partner in the clean energy transition.

Through engagement with First Nations leaders, government officials, and industry representatives, I helped strengthen our network of potential collaborators and investors. The interest in Indigenous-led clean energy projects is growing, and Huu-ay-aht is increasingly seen as a Nation with a clear vision, capacity for leadership, and a territory well-positioned for strategic development.

Across these events, I focused on identifying investment and partnership opportunities that align with our values and development goals. There is clear momentum behind Indigenous participation in energy storage, transmission infrastructure, and renewable generation, particularly in the context of BC Hydro's anticipated 2025 Call for Power and broader climate policy shifts at the provincial and federal levels.

The FNPA initiative continues to be a central focus of my work. While public-facing announcements are still forthcoming, June was an important month for refining the Authority's proposed structure and mandate. Discussions continued to center around shared governance, pooled technical expertise, and coordinated project planning. These conversations are laying the groundwork for an Indigenous-led platform that can advocate effectively, attract investment, and accelerate project delivery.

Key themes shaping the FNPA's evolution include:

- Collaborative infrastructure planning to reduce duplication and increase project impact.
- Strategic policy engagement to shape provincial and federal energy frameworks.
- Indigenous climate leadership grounded in stewardship, sovereignty, and community benefit.

Though the work this month focused on relationship-building and strategic planning, it has significantly advanced our ability to bring resources and opportunities back to HUU-AY-AHT. The growing interest from government and private sector partners reflects the strength of our vision and the credibility we are building in the clean energy space.

As summer approaches, we expect continued momentum toward formalizing partnerships and laying the governance foundations for the FNPA. I remain committed to ensuring that HUU-AY-AHT plays a central role in this transformative movement one that will deliver long-term economic, environmental, and cultural benefits for our people and future generations.

Clean Energy BC (CEBC):

Board of Directors (Chair): As Chair of the Board of Directors for Clean Energy BC, my focus in June has remained on advancing key governance initiatives and ensuring strong organizational momentum leading into two major events: our Annual General Meeting and the Generate 2025 conference.

This month, the Board finalized and approved several core items ahead of the AGM, including updated membership categories, proposed bylaw amendments, and a new eligibility criteria policy all designed to enhance transparency, accessibility, and alignment with the rapidly evolving clean energy sector. We also completed a review of our modernized voting procedures to ensure inclusive, effective participation across our diverse membership.

June also saw the completion and Board approval of the 2025 Fiscal Operations Plan, a revised February 2025 budget, and an updated membership dues structure. These measures reflect our commitment to financial sustainability and organizational resilience while delivering value to our members.

Meanwhile, significant progress has been made in the planning of Generate 2025, which will be held this fall. As B.C.'s premier clean energy event, Generate will convene leaders from across the energy landscape, including Indigenous Nations, developers, utilities, and government. Our programming is focused on policy innovation, regulatory modernization, Indigenous equity participation, and accelerating clean technology adoption. The planning committee has been working to ensure this year's conference elevates the sector dialogue and positions Clean Energy BC as a unifying voice in the transition to a low-carbon future.

Strategically, the Board continues to focus on key advocacy areas, including:

- Advancing the One Window Permitting Approach to streamline approvals and reduce project delays.
- Clarifying access to the First Nations Loan Guarantee Program to improve Indigenous investment readiness.
- Advocating for regulatory reforms to support large-scale renewable projects particularly wind, solar, and energy storage.

Throughout these initiatives, I remain strongly committed to ensuring Indigenous leadership is embedded in every conversation. Clean Energy BC continues to build space for First Nations not just as stakeholders but as equal partners, developers, and innovators in shaping B.C.'s clean energy future.

June's work reflects our collective commitment to equity, sustainability, and responsible growth. I look forward to continued progress over the summer as we prepare to deliver meaningful outcomes for both the sector and communities across the province.

Government Relations Committee (Committee Member): In June, the Governance Relations Committee deepened its engagement with government, Indigenous Nations, and regulators, translating last month's planning into tangible action:

Targeted Government Outreach:

- Held a joint working session with senior staff from the B.C. Ministry of Energy, Mines & Low Carbon Innovation and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation to refine the draft "One-Window Permitting" proposal and map a pilot process for renewable projects with majority Indigenous ownership.
- Met with Natural Resources Canada officials to provide input on the forthcoming Indigenous Loan Guarantee expansion, emphasizing flexible security requirements and faster decision timelines.

Indigenous-Led Governance Models:

- Convened a round-table of eight coastal and Interior First Nations to share best practices for revenue-sharing, cumulative-effects assessment, and joint decision-making. Feedback is being incorporated into Clean Energy BC's model Indigenous Partnership Framework, scheduled for release at Generate 2025.

Policy & Regulatory Submissions:

- Submitted a formal brief to the B.C. Utilities Commission advocating for:
 - A streamlined Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) pathway for projects that meet UNDRIP-aligned consent standards.
 - Recognition of storage-as-transmission to unlock battery and pumped-hydro investments.
- Provided feedback to Environment & Climate Change Canada on the forthcoming Clean Electricity Standard, stressing the need for Indigenous ownership incentives and parity treatment for non-grid-connected clean power.
- Cross-Jurisdictional Monitoring
 - Launched a comparative scan of U.S. Inflation Reduction Act clean-energy tax credits and intertie policy changes; early findings are informing provincial advocacy for competitive transmission tariffs and export opportunities.
- Non-Partisan Relationship Building
 - Briefed B.C. opposition critics for Energy and for Indigenous Relations, ensuring continued multi-party support for the One-Window Approach and Indigenous Loan Guarantee regardless of electoral outcomes in 2025/26.

These actions position Clean Energy BC and Huu-ay-aht to influence upcoming policy windows, lower development risk, and embed Indigenous leadership at every stage of B.C.'s clean-energy transition. The Committee will carry this momentum into July, with priorities including finalizing the One-Window pilot agreement and drafting a joint communiqué on Indigenous-government-industry collaboration to be unveiled at Generate 2025.

Permitting and Regulatory Committee (Committee Member): In June, the Permitting and Regulatory Committee for Clean Energy BC intensified its efforts to ensure that B.C.'s permitting framework is prepared to meet the demand anticipated from BC Hydro's upcoming 2025 Call for Power. The committee has been working closely with provincial ministries, regulators, and Indigenous partners to identify and address the most pressing challenges facing project proponents.

As a member of the committee, I contributed to a series of technical and strategic discussions aimed at refining the One Window Permitting Approach, an initiative being led by the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. This month's work included reviewing draft process maps, identifying critical decision points, and recommending performance metrics that reflect both project delivery needs and Indigenous priorities. The committee emphasized the importance of aligning permitting timelines with funding and procurement windows to ensure readiness for shovel-ready projects in 2025.

A central theme in June was Indigenous inclusion and leadership. The committee advanced recommendations to embed Indigenous review and consent processes early in the permitting lifecycle and advocated for Indigenous technical staff to be resourced within the permitting system itself. These efforts aim to ensure that the One Window Approach is not only streamlined, but also reflective of Indigenous governance, stewardship, and authority.

Key areas of focus this month included:

- Advocating for clear guidance on cumulative effects assessment, particularly for wind and hydro projects in Indigenous territories.
- Recommending fast-track pathways for Indigenous-majority-owned projects and those aligned with UNDRIP principles.
- Supporting the development of regional permitting pilots, including potential partnerships with Nations already advancing clean energy strategies.

The committee also reviewed potential regulatory alignment issues between federal and provincial permitting frameworks particularly around fisheries, species-at-risk, and federal Impact Assessment Act triggers and is preparing a briefing to submit to Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Impact Assessment Agency.

Overall, the work in June reflects a shared urgency to modernize B.C.'s regulatory environment in ways that are efficient, equitable, and responsive to the clean energy transition. I remain committed to ensuring that Huu-ay-aht's interests and those of all Indigenous Nations are reflected in these evolving systems as we work toward climate targets and energy sovereignty.

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

Week one (June 2nd to 6th):

- BC Hydro meeting
- Iskum investments meeting
- Energy storage summit, CanREA
- First Nations Power Authority Indigenous Clean Energy Forum
- Permitting committee meeting
- First Nations Steering Committee meeting.
- CEBC/CanREA 2025 call for power workshop
- Huummiis board of directors meeting

- CEBC HR committee meeting

Week two (June 9th to 13th):

- Global Energy Show
- CEBC admin meeting
- Executive Council meeting
- Biweekly meeting with ED
- Task force meeting
- Iskum meeting
- Admin team meeting
- CIBC meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Chief John Jack

Week three (June 16th to 20th):

- Taxation authority meeting
- Meeting with ED
- Committee of the Whole meeting
- Executive council meeting
- Indigenous Resource Opportunities Conference
- Meeting with admin

Week Four (23rd to 30th):

- Meeting with the Lands Director
- HFNDC meeting
- Meeting with Hazelwood
- Meeting with EcDev officer
- BC/CEBC/CanREA meeting
- CEBC admin meeting
- Iskum meeting
- Clean Technology Investment Tax Credits - General Information Webinar
- Executive Council meeting
- Government relations meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with ED
- Meeting with Councilor Brad Johnson
- Admin team meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Chief John Jack
- Huummiis meeting
- Special Executive Council meeting
- Cawak? qin meeting

Councillor Stella Peters Report – June 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Citizen Development:

Mental Health and Wellness

Our Staff are doing amazing work in this dept. They have so much work going on looking after our citizens at home and away.

I got to attend the Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey with FNHA. It was well attended - there were about 700 people there. The Gala dinner was attended by about 300 people. They talked about their commitment to Health and had the following representatives speak:

- Christine Boyle Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
- Josie Osborne Minister of Health
- Cynthia Johansen deputy minister of Health
- Candice St-Aubin ADM Indigenous Services Canada

The two Ministers were there for maybe 15 minutes then they had to leave but the others stayed to answer questions. We brought this issue up because all these Nations from all over BC had attended and never got heard - they need to make time.

I was able to bring up concerns around Mental Health, Toxic Drug Crisis, Overdoses, “New” poisonous drugs that Naloxone has no effect on because it is meant for opioids, Homelessness, the need for more Detox and Treatment Centers and “After treatment Care” , increase in Crime Activity, Youth in Prostitution to try to support their addictions, Intergenerational Traumas and Grief and Healing for families who have suffered due to overdoses.

They provided an overview on how decisions are made within FNHC, FNHDA, FNHA Board, Health Service updates, Draft Principals to guide health legislation, Medical Travel, Toxic Drug Public Health Emergency, Indigenous Health, Indigenous Determinants of Health, Indigenous School of Medicine (ISOM).

I found it to be very interesting. This was my first time attending.

I have attended other meetings relating to Health and Wellness either in person or online where I also talk about impacts and needs for our Nation and citizens.

I attended the proposed BC Health Information Framework.

Our Executive Council and Executive Director met with Josie Osborne.

I also attended the new orange crosswalk celebration at ADSS, the HFN brain drop session with Huuayaht youth, and an overview of the Youth Gathering that was held in Anacla, PA and Victoria. There was a Health and Wellness Beach Day with HFN, NTC, FNHA, Island Health, Quu asa, ADAPS, and others where we talked about and share information around Mental Health.

We had a Huuayaht Baby Welcome that I was invited to attend and shared culture.

Education and Training

We had our BCS Ceremony at BMSC in the Rix. We celebrated 4 Bamfield graduates with 3 being Huuayaht. This was a very special day for our youth - a new milestone for them.

Brent and Vanessa do a lot of hard work for our students and are getting ready to host our 2025 Graduation Ceremony at House of Huuayaht.

Culture

Our Culture team is busy with drumming and singing, making drums, cedar headbands and roses in preparation for the Graduation Ceremony and the 25th Anniversary of HOH. I have been doing cedar roses on my off time for the HOH celebration as well.

I did a Cultural tour with BMSC place-based learning to show them our artifacts and talk about Huuayaht culture and our new Cultural Center.

Events

Currently planning for:

- *HFN Graduation Ceremony - July 25th and
- *House of Huuayaht 25th Anniversary Celebration

Public Safety:

Community Safety

I think the one thing I have to report is that the MOU we are working on with BC Corrections is final and will be signed off next month once we get a date set.

I still talk about community safety with Coral Johnson, Karen Haugen and the RCMP if needed and also Restorative Justice.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

Sean Flickinger is still finalizing our Emergency Plans for Anacla. We want to make sure we are prepared and ready for any type of emergency situation.

Climate Change and Resilience

We always need to be mindful of what is happening in our surrounding area in relation to climate change, the weather and what we can do to prevent any drastic situations as a result of climate change. Drought, forest fires and heat are the main ones for this time of the year.

Active Boards and Committees

- Co-Operative Management Board w/Parks Canada with Brad Johnson
- Citizen Development Committee (Chair) CDC
- Community Consultative Group (Chair) CCG
- Anacla Planning Committee with Edward Johnson jr and Stephen Rayner
- Human Resource and Workplace Wellness with Brad Johnson and Stephen Rayner

- I attend other meetings as well relating to my portfolio or if I can attend on someone else's behalf.