



Huu-ay-aht Government Offices closed December 22, 2025, to January 4, 2026.

Chief Councillor John Alan Jack

- Attended a Special Chief's Assembly of the Assembly of First Nations. Connected with MP Gord Johns and Director General of Justice Canada United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).
- Hosted an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing ceremony between HFN and the Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD) at the Port Alberni Government Office.

Councillor Brad Johnson

- Maa-Nulth Nations have been negotiating with DFO for a Winter Chinook fishery, which will start January 2026.
- Excess food fish (canned salmon) will be delivered in the new year.
- Increased patrols by Guardians on our land due to threats to the Nation's territory on social media.
- The Vancouver Port Authority 'Near Time' arrival program has ships anchoring offshore at the 'Big Bank' is in the Maa-Nulth Domestic Fishing Area (MDFA), and the zone takes up 40% of the MDFA – this has become a real concern.
- Sent a letter to Minister Josie Osborne about concerns with the ICU closure at West Coast General Hospital.
- Maa-Nulth is engaging in the development of the Salmon Allocation Policy (SAP) through the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations representative from LGL.
- Road patching of the Bamfield road will continue in dryer weather conditions.

Councillor Evan Cook

- Attended a conference which included discussions on Indigenous-led Clean Energy, the role of loan guarantees in infrastructure projects, and advancing prosperity and building healthy communities through partnerships and capital.
- Seeking a suitable site for the Stackabl display homes.
- The Finance Department are seeking a suitable candidate for a Business Development Manager, preferably HFN citizen and based in Nanaimo.

Councillor Stella Peters

- Attending meetings with Island Health, FNHA, and NTC to address community health concerns to see how improvement can be made.
- Attended the Vancouver Island Regional Fall Caucus for FNHA to discuss mental health and wellness, patient travel, cultural humility, racism, drugs crisis, and dealing with BC Coroner's Service and Cultural protocols.
- The Culture and Wellness team busy with dance practices and drumming circles and cultural activities.
- The Mount Underwood Wildfire was an eye-opener with the extended power outage and road closure. Our Emergency Coordinator is doing amazing work in emergency preparedness and resilience.



Councillor Stephen Rayner

- Wish to acknowledge the strong contributions of our new in-house legal council who has added significant value supporting the Legal Department.
- Working on the Framework Project Team Sheet to ensure the proposed governance, risk allocation, capital terms and revenue framework are clear and protective of Huu-ay-aht's long-term interests.
- Coordinating with Alberni Valley organizations that are exploring ship recycling, exploring site identification of locations that can realistically support safe operations.
- Anacla Government Office solar is ready for service and waiting for BC Hydro commissioning. Looking for options to expand solar generation.
- Offshore Floating Wind Pilot discussions are advancing with partners aligned, workplans progressing, and engaging federal and provincial partners on funding and support opportunities.
- Mapping funding and partnership tools in the areas of climate sustainability, such as shoreline protection, wildfire reduction, emergency preparedness, and low-carbon community infrastructure so that when project concepts are promoted by Stella, it can move quickly to the right minister/program conversations.
- Working with Western Forest Products to clarify roles, improve accountability and create benefits for Huu-ay-aht.
- Was the MC for the First Nations Energy Summit (FNES), which is a forum to advance indigenous-led clean energy and power development and engaged with Premier David Eby and Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions Adrian Dix.
- Clean Energy BC (CEBC) collaborated with Indigenous Clean Energy to release the Clean Energy Project Equity Guide, providing practical tools and step-by-step frameworks to support Nations about key stages of project development.

Councillor Edward R. Johnson

- Housing inventory discussion meeting notes that 85% of citizens live outside of Huu-ay-aht TSL. HFN is working on plans to ensure housing they need is safe and healthy.
- Accepted an award on behalf of the Nation from the Alberni Valley Restorative Justice Society for the ʔumʔiiqsu Centre.

Deputy Chief Councillor

- Added pressures related to social media posts, increased patrolling of infrastructure, communities and lands.
- Attended Envision Your Future Community Engagement Session, hosted by Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government and 4EVER Strategies Inc. to share thoughts on developing an Indigenous-led Destination Management Organization (DMO) and Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT).
- Attended meeting to talk about a designated person to help Citizens with everything related to housing, to promote communication and transparency with Huu-ay-aht's housing process and policies: more housing options, different financial structures and options, and Elder's housing facility in the ʔaʔuʔi.

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