



Chief Councillor John Alan Jack

- Attended First Nations Leadership Gathering with Executive Director, Councillors Stephen Rayner, and Edward Johnson, and met with 11 provincial ministers on behalf of the HFN.
- Attended strategic planning with Executive Council and People's Assembly.
- Opening of the Bamfield Road on October 24 was welcome, but the impacts of the Mount Underwood Wildfire cannot be understated.
- Economic Development operating board members appointed are Larry Johnson, Calum Matthews, Kerry Mehaffey, Rick Shafer and Diane Nicholls.

Councillor Stella Peters

- Changes with Patient Travel and Restrictions from the First Nations Health Authority has posed limitations of what we can do.
- The Mount Underwood Wildfire highlighted the impacts on mental health and well-being of Anacla citizens and preparing for future emergencies.

Councillor Evan Cook

- In the new year, the Finance Committee will discuss different solutions to assist citizens with mortgages and down payments.
- An HFN delegation will be travelling to China, paid for by the Chinese hosts to visit Waste to Energy plants, timber prefabricated home and green build solutions.
- The DICINFOAM pilot project for manufacturing biodegradable foam thermal packaging from wood waste will start in the next few months.

Haw'iih Councillor Theresa Nookemus

- 50th Parallel PR presented the Alliance communications plan to the Alliance Management Committee (AMC), with the first initiative to redesign the AMC website, aimed to be launched in April 2026.
- The AMC participated in the First Nations Leader's Gathering with successful meetings with the Premier, ministers, Attorney General, Health, Public Safety and Solicitor General, Jobs and Economic Growth, Infrastructure, and Children and Family Development.
- AMC participated in meetings with representatives from the Premier's office and Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth to discuss BC's new economic industrial strategy, "Look West". BC is preparing a proposal for Modern Treaty Nations (MTNs) involvement.
- The Lands and Resources (L&R) model working group is exploring the workload of the lands department and are currently focused on developing a model to assess land pressures (e.g. tourism, resource extraction, etc.) and linking these to the workload of L&R staff.
- Draft policy from DFO on Salmon Allocation Policy provided to MTNs for feedback, with the engagement phase taking place in December 2025.



Councillor Brad Johnson

- HFN working with DFO to negotiate Chum fishery at Sugsaw Creek for next season.
- Completed the Me Too fishery video presented to DFO minister, and continued negotiations to achieve what the Taaq-wiihak have.
- Fraser River surplus in Sockeye allowed the nation 900 pieces of Sockeye that were processed at St. Jeans Cannery for food fish.
- The Maa-nulth Wildlife Committee (MWC) successfully negotiated for the translocation of elk from Wei Wai Kum to Yuułu?i?ath Government and Toquaht Nation. Surveys of elk at Klanawa will take place next year. Two elk tags were granted to HFN from BC and were successfully filled.
- Land Use Plan Amendment Project (land, zoning, building and development and residential lease regulations) should be completed by spring 2026.
- On-leash dog area implemented in upper Anacla to support residents to feel safe from roaming dogs.
- Implemented year-round Guardian Program that will expand to water and land patrols in the territory.
- Maa-nulth Treaty Society working on 2025-2030 strategic plan.
- Maa-nulth Nations along with Tsawwassen First Nations and Tla'amin have formed a coalition of modern treaties to support the Nisga Nation in their court case with the supreme court of Canada regarding land title, the outcome of which could affect our treaties.
- New organizational chart, HR policy manual, and salary pay grid for the organization.

Councillor Edward R. Johnson

- The Cultural and Visitor Information Centre still under construction.
- Trail upgrades on the Bamfield Main Road and danger tree work on the lifesaving trail started mid-November.
- Septic field replacement is underway and should be completed by mid-November. Water treatment upgrade construction should begin spring 2026.
- Infrastructure staff have begun upgrading and training for skill development planned in 2026.
- Attended Our Children Our Way Conference and the First Nations Leadership Gathering.
- The Warriors Program is running strong, with significant movement in life skills, mentorship and bonding with other Nations.
- Very proud of the Child and Family Wellness team who have provided a range of support to a total of 667 citizens. ?um?iiqsu Mother Center currently has 10 families, and 2 in second stage housing, and 6 children attending childcare, 44 employees in this 24/7 facility.
- Looking for ways to address Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR) funding shortfall from \$5M to \$3.85M.

Deputy-Chief Councillor

- Attending First Nations Leaders Gathering (FNLG), People's Assembly, set up Mount Underwood Fire debriefing meeting.



Councillor Stephen Rayner

- The Community Safety Act is in its final stages with amendments approved by consensus; the priority is shifting to final drafting and engagement and then to legislature.
- Working on finalizing the Framework Project Term Sheet that will guide future agreements that reflect our governance priorities, and risk tolerance.
- Working with Hazelwood Construction on Ship Recycling project to handle mid- to large vessels (currently in the pre-feasibility stage).
- AGO solar project is installed and connected and now are moving to the final commissioning phase.
- Exploring a new offshore floating wind power generation project which has the potential to provide a long-term clean energy solution for Huu-ay-aht for up to 25 years.
- Permitting & Regulatory Committee continued work on Fisheries Act issues for clearer guidance from DFO to planning can be made with more certainty. Also advanced wildlife and wind permitting work, and best management practices for bats.



For full details of this Executive Council report, visit:

<https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/7a.-Executive-Council-Report-Nov-2025.pdf>