



### **Ḥawiiḥ Councillor Theresa Nookemus**

- The ḥawiiḥ Council now meets twice monthly, with one meeting focused on governance business and the second dedicated to mentoring and protocol training for newer ḥawiiḥ members.
- Confirmed continued partnership with researchers Dr. Heather Castleden and Dr. Onyx Sloan Morgan through a new Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Grant application. The proposed five-year research project focuses on modern treaty implementation and supports Huu-ay-aht governance, capacity building, and citizen-led research. The project aligns with the Nation's vision of sovereignty, self-governance, and cultural continuity.
- One transfer-in application was reviewed and accepted by consensus.
- The Alliance continues to advance collective treaty implementation priorities through consensus-based governance and technical working groups.
- The Alliance continues to engage actively with Fisheries and Oceans Canada on salmon allocation policy and has secured capacity funding for fisheries representation. Participation also continues in the federal renewal of consultation and accommodation guidelines through Crown–Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC).

### **Councillor Brad Johnson**

- Concluded pilot economic fisheries, youth participation initiatives, surplus salmon harvesting, and negotiations with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to expand future fishing opportunities. Exploratory work continued on surplus chum salmon opportunities and abalone harvest advocacy.
- Participation continued in Maa-Nulth Treaty Society governance, national legal advocacy, and support for modern treaty oversight legislation.
- Cooperative Management developed an engagement strategy for the West Coast Trail Management Plan, giving citizens the opportunity to provide feedback through a survey at the People's Assembly and online.
- The Bamfield Road remains closed due to the Mt. Underwood Wildfire damage

### **Councillor Stephen Rayner**

- Significant progress was made on legislative amendments, revisions to the Community Safety Act, and Economic Development legislation.
- Work advanced on partnership development with Forum Asset Management, including agreement on the Terms of Reference and direct engagement with investment partners.
- Progress continued on the Anacla Government Office solar project, sector advocacy, funding applications, and inter-Nation collaboration to advance Indigenous-led renewable energy development.



**Councillor Edward R. Johnson**

Community Planning and Infrastructure

- Construction of the Cultural and Visitor Information Centre is progressing, with anticipated completion in March 2026.

Child and Family Wellness

- Work continued on amendments to the Child, Family and Community Service Act, treaty amendment discussions, and wellness infrastructure planning.

Deputy Chief Councillor

- Activities included extensive intergovernmental engagement, emergency preparedness coordination, wildfire response follow-up, economic development advocacy, and participation in the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) meetings with multiple provincial ministries.
- Cultural and community events (Anacla Cultural Night and Dinner with Council).

**Councillor Evan Cook**

- The Finance Committee reviewed budget adjustments, approved the 2025 Annual Report, and appointed Deloitte as auditors for 2025–26
- Plan to meet the UBC Centre for Advanced Wood Processing
- Continue work on international partnerships, modular housing collaboration, hospitality projects (micro-hotel, and Nova Harvest/HFN facility completion).

**Councillor Stella Peters**

- Road closures significantly impacted service delivery. Alternative transportation arrangements were coordinated to ensure continued access to health services, groceries, and prescriptions for citizens.
- Education programming remained active across K–12, post-secondary, and trades, with positive progress reported for students.
- Cultural programming continued, including dance practice and traditional arts. Some events were postponed due to access limitations.
- Work progressed on community safety agreements, fraud prevention education, exploration of restorative justice, and updates to the Community Safety Act and related protocols.

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