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**Executive Council Report  
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## **Chief-Councillor John Jack Report – March 2026**

### **General Duties – Chief Councillor – Progress Report**

#### ***Week One***

The first week began on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> with a bilateral meeting between the Deputy Chief-Councillor and I. I then attended to an interview with Ha-shilth-sa, then I attended to some office work. At the end of the day, I attended some meetings in preparation for important, but confidential, forestry matters. On Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, I attended the Indigenous Business Growth Roundtable in Nanaimo as put on by Global Affairs Canada and the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation. I then attended the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations Annual General Meeting and Leadership Meeting. On Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup>, we met with Forum Asset Management at PAGO and continued work on a fulsome business agreement between ourselves and their company. We held a Special Executive Council meeting regarding an in-camera matter, and then I attended the ACRD Committee of the Whole on Budget Deliberations. On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>, I attended a comprehensive briefing meeting with Bluesky Strategy Group, our federal Government Relations firm. Afterwards, I attended an online information session with the First Nations Bank of Canada regarding their Land Development Loan Program and another program about enabling building more housing from a community and an individual perspective. On Friday, I traveled to Bamfield to attend the opening of the West Bamfield Watermain Replacement.

On Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup>, the House of ʔapwinisat held a private event at the Hupacasath House of Gathering to seat ʔiisinas (Olivia Peters). This is a welcome thing, and we look forward to working *alongside such a well-qualified and passionate person when the time calls for it.*

#### ***Week Two***

The second week began on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> with the first of a series of portfolio mandate reviews with the file holders, this time with Stephen Rayner about Law and Policy Development. A comprehensive meeting with Brad Johnson followed. Afterwards, I attended to some matters related to HGB and ICBC, and then finished off the day with a meeting of indigenous leaders with Premier David Eby and other Ministers about the prospective changes to DRIPA. The next day, Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup>, I met with the Executive Director for our weekly bilateral, and then later the CAO and Vice-Chair of the ACRD in preparation for our ACRD Board meeting the next day. A grand joint committee meeting was held that afternoon regarding the good progress being made on the land use plan process, and then the day ended in a productive mandate meeting with Edward Johnson Jr. about the children and family wellness portfolio file mandate. Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> was an ACRD Board meeting day. I then quickly left to get to the mainland for the remaining two days of the Local Government Leadership Academy in Richmond, BC. The LGLA is an organization devoted to the education and training of local government leaders and it's one where I've been a proud Director since about 2013-2014. I did end up attending our Executive Council meeting online, and then returning after the conclusion of the LGLA event on Friday.

#### ***Week Three***

Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> was mostly spent preparing for the first Session of Huu-ay-aht Legislature, which was held on the second day, March 17<sup>th</sup>, which was also my daughter's eighth birthday – Happy Birthday, #Wolfgirl! The 18<sup>th</sup> was devoted to both forestry-related matters with other nations, and then a long form interview with researchers working on our Tribunal Project. Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> was completing work on a term review for Uyaqhmis, and then our reconvened Committee of the Whole which I attended online. I traveled that night to Tsawassen to attend an event put on by

Global Affairs Canada regarding the Young Indigenous Leaders Exchange Program, which is going to send some of our indigenous youth into other countries in the Indo-Pacific region to learn from the indigenous folks of other countries like Australia or New Zealand and beyond. Congrats to łiišinas (Olivia Peters) for going on that trip on our behalf, though she more than easily earned her place in that group.

Unfortunately, on that day, we received word that ńaasiismis?aksup (Councillor Stella Maureen Peters) passed away that afternoon after stay in the hospital. I will not reproduce my public statements in this report, but Stella was true to her name, and she was our north star at Council. Her contributions to our government were immense, but her contributions to the Nation and our communities around it were much bigger and longer lasting. Hers was an example of excellence and dependability over decades. Stella helped build and maintain our HUU-ay-aht identity and culture no matter where she went and what she did. On behalf of Council and our ever-grateful Nation, our deepest condolences go out to her family and relatives, and her friends and colleagues.

#### ***Week Four***

We closed the Office in Stella's memory on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> was a heavy day, personally, but I attended to an ACRD prep meeting for the next day's Board meeting and then had some calls and emails relating to the work needed coming out of Stella's passing. Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> was an important meeting between HGB and HFN staff, a review of the relationship between our two entities was completed and presented there. I then attended and presided over the passing of the ACRD budget bylaw at our Board meeting that day. We held a moment of silence for Stella, and I gave a bit of a speech honouring her life and sending condolences on the loss of her. Director Bob Beckett and I connected later, he gave the community of Bamfield's condolences as well. Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> was our HFN Executive Council meeting. And on Friday, I attended to an external meeting of the FNNG Alliance, and then had the first of several mandate meetings regarding Economic Development.

#### ***Week Five***

Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> was the date of Stella's funeral. Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> was the rescheduled date of the second Session of our Legislature and the Executive Council meeting where we passed the financial plan.

### **Progress and Emerging Issues**

#### ***Economic Development***

We have been working on a third-party report regarding the troubled relationship between the HUU-ay-aht Group of Businesses and the HUU-ay-aht First Nations government. The individual who conducted the work related to us that this is not a unique challenge, and that many business wings and their owning governments have friction and miscommunication. Her main point was that management and administration needed to take the time to meet one another halfway and that assumptions and unspoken concerns were making things much worse than they needed to be. The prescription was for unvarnished, unqualified communication in ways and amounts that would be initially uncomfortable for everyone involved, but that was consistent with my understanding of the situation. It was resolved to continue working together on improving coordination and communication.

#### ***Major Projects***

These are largely subject to confidentiality as they are still in process. I count the ongoing work necessary to maintain the Bamfield Road (as it is and as part of a vital alternative route to Highway 4), our work with other Nations and companies in forestry, our work on property development and hospitality and tourism with proponents, and the development of global trade infrastructure in our territory as major projects. They all do not involve just me as their file stewards, however, and thus are subject to their own agenda items during Council meetings and meetings of the Committee of the Whole.

### ***Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District***

We have completed the budget for this year. It took a lot of work. We continue to work with Huu-ay-aht on developing the Bamfield Road as part of the prospective alternative to Highway 4 and as a favoured emergency route in the event of future emergencies like floods or wildfires. Once again, many thanks to Directors Bob Beckett of Bamfield and Penny Cote of Sproat Lake for attending the funeral of Stella Peters. Your presence honoured her memory and our relationship with local government.

### ***External Relations***

We have concluded our first briefing meetings with our provincial and federal government relations firms. They were largely overviews that touched briefly on everything. The next step will be to have more detailed briefings on specific topics like forestry, children and family wellness, economic development projects, and so on and so forth. These will be on-going and we will rely on their expertise to get into the right rooms, halls and meeting spaces to move our interests forward in a good way.

## Ha'wiih Representative Theresa Nookemus (Thlut' as aksup) – February 2026

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The Ha'wiih 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:

- – ʔApwinisathʔ house
- [Theresa Nookemus \(Thlut' as aksup\)](#) – H̄aw'ehtak'amłath house
- Phyllis Williams sitting in for daughter Victoria Williams (ʔuutstuʔaksa)- λamahuus house
- Andy Clappis (Ciicaacistuł) – Kuukw'iis house
- [Sherri Cook \(Yaalthuuaa-uks\)](#)– Yaaluwaštakamatł house
- [Tommy Happynook \(hapinyuuk\)](#) – Čačaahsiʔas house
- Alec Frank (λaacmiik) – Maatsaas 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 Ha'wiih, to be known as the Ha'wiih Council.

2.14 Representation on the Ha'wiih 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 Ha'wiih Council.

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

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### Ha'wiih Representative for Executive Council:

The Ha'wiih Representative attends meetings on behalf of the Ha'wiih Council, and in turn, then reports back to the Ha'wiih Council. A monthly report is sent out for review. This gives time for any questions or concerns the Ha'wiih may want to relay to Executive Council and visa versa.

### Areas of Responsibility include: \*(reports are done by the chairs of Committees)

- Ha'wiih Council
- Citizenship Committee
- Nananiqsu Society
- Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations
- Nuu Cha Nulth Council of Ha'wiih Forum on Fisheries

### Ha'wiih Council:

This council now meets twice a month. The first meeting is set for business and regular business practices. The second meeting is dedicated to helping our new Ha'wiih learn their Hereditary roles, practices and protocols.

Ha'wiih is awaiting the announcement of who will take over the chair of the ʔApwinisathʔ (Peter's) house.

Ha'wiih council has started with a cultural opening to bring in our Ancestors to help guide us in our development and decision-making process along with a closing to cover and protect Ha'wiih throughout our daily lives.

We will then begin with a friendly reminder on confidentiality. A discussion on NDA's was also discussed. While Ha'wiih has not signed NDA's, they (all Ha'wiih including upcoming Ha'wiih) have all read out the HUU-AY-AHT Oath.

There was more discussion on prudently redoing Oaths yearly and within 30 days for newly seated Ha'wiih. (Public officers are bound by the code of conduct). The material we see and work with is and can be extremely overwhelming at times.

It is important that we as Ha'wiih remember that we are to protect the most vulnerable, our women, youth and Elders. We as Ha'wiih are held at higher standards and should reflect that in everything we do. Whether it be in office, public or throughout our lives.

The Ha'wiih council has started preliminary discussions with lands to determine a feasibility study for longhouses to be erected and to help decide where each longhouse will go for each hahoulthlee and what will be included in the plans. More discussion on this to come.

Ha'wiih received their yearly list from the Citizenship committee to review on Community attachment. Any person/persons that have married in and or a person not showing community attachment with HUU-AY-AHT will receive a letter reviewing their lack of attachment with HFN. They will then be monitored and possibly removed from the citizenship list (5 letters will be going out).

Research on looking for Ha'wiih legal council has begun with the help of our in-house legal council Lawrence Dushenski and Karen Haugen to research firms with Indigenous Legal reps. This position will be contracting work on a year-to-year basis.

A discussion on wealth management, financial plans, was discussed. Due to population growth within HUU-AY-AHT, transparency on every side from Government to Huumiis, including HGB must take place. All sides MUST be transparent to make the wealth group work; with budget cuts and the rise in Tariffs in Canada happening now, this is imperative. Upping HUU-AY-AHT revenue is imperative in the success of and continuing of any new HUU-AY-AHT programs and education as Provincial and Federal budgets have been cut.

Financial workshops will start to pop up. Keep an eye out for them!

There will also be a Budgeting course in both Port Alberni and Anacla for ages 14 and up, as well as a financial abuse workshop to help better prepare and understand financial responsibilities.

Some of our Ha'wiilth have begun digitally recording of their house songs for proper preservation and practices. This will come out of the Four Pillars funding.

### **Citizenship Committee:**

The Citizenship and Treaty Enrollment Act Committee has looked into citizens who have married into HUU-ay-aht First Nation for its annual review.

This list is compiled of citizens that have been accepted under Section 21 (d) is accepted by the HUU-ay-aht member of the HUU-ay-aht according to HUU-ay-aht custom and has demonstrated attachment to the HUU-ay-aht community. The committee reviewed the list requested. The committee passed a motion to recommend the names listed to be reviewed by the Ha'wiilth Council for their community attachment.

### **Considerations:**

Indigenous Services Canada has advised that if a status citizen is removed as a citizen of the HUU-ay-aht First Nations, the individual will retain HUU-ay-aht status unless they formally transfer their membership to another nation or band.

Under the Community attachment Regulation, the following are indicative of an ongoing significant attachment to the HUU-ay-aht:

- a) Participation in cultural events,
- b) Participation in the People's Assembly,
- c) participation in community engagement sessions,
- d) voting in elections,
- e) demonstrating a knowledge of ancestral or familial connections to the HUU-ay-aht community,
- f) conducting oneself in accordance with the sacred principles,
- g) upholding HUU-ay-aht laws,
- h) engagement with the Hahuuli in a manner that accords with the sacred principles and HUU-ay-aht law,
- i) learning to speak the language,
- j) learning or engaging in cultural practices, and
- k) upholding the citizenship declaration
- l) any other criteria the Ha'wiilth Council or committee, as applicable, considers appropriate.

The Citizenship Committee recommends that each member of a Maht mahs must maintain a significant ongoing attachment to the HUU-ay-aht First Nation.

### **Steps for Citizen Enrollments:**

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

### **A friendly reminder that ALL points of these applications must be met:**

- Ancestry
- Declarations/Signatures

- Identifiers (Birth Certificate, Marriage License, Mortgage, DL, Bills (proof of living together)).

These MUST all be included in the application and **completed in full** in accordance with our laws and regulations for a successful application. All incomplete applications will be returned to sender until the forms are complete and the Committee is satisfied.

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR FORMS BEFORE SUBMITTING, TO PREVENT ANY DELAYS.

**There is a checklist at the end of each application.**

All HFN Citizens **must** have their harvesting cards **with them when Hunting, gathering and fishing, as well as displaying the HFN flag every time when fishing.**

If fishing for other family members, there are forms for this that **MUST** be filled out and a copy kept on your person. This in turn helps us to keep in touch with the Government to increase any amounts as needed yearly. Without these numbers/records we cannot increase our needs. This is extremely important!

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

Our previous meeting had 2 Citizenship applications. 1 removal, and 1 return application. This committee went through a compiled list of citizens who have either married into Huu-ay-aht and are now divorced and or no longer together as well as those who have not demonstrated any attachment to Huu-ay-aht First Nations. This list has been recommended to the Ha'wiih Council for review.

### **Nananiqsu Society:**

Nananiqsu has requested to review a list of concerns that came out of a scheduled meeting arranged by Robert Dennis on behalf of Simon Dennis. The next meeting will have dedicated time to work through all these points and send them to Executive Council for review. Nananiqsu will monitor the results.

### **Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations:**

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 and/or Policy Analyst also participate 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 report on activities supports updating MTN Leadership and the Alliance Management Committee (AMC). Meetings can thus be dedicated to decision making and to having important strategic discussions.

### **Alliance Administration:**

- Work continues on the redesign of the Alliance website. The goal is to develop a resource hub about modern treaties in BC that we can continue to enhance over time. MTNs, working through

the Alliance Management Committee (AMC) and MTN communication reps, have had the opportunity to review content. We anticipate the site will go live in April.

- In September 2025, the Alliance applied to CIRNAC for funding which aims to improve public education and awareness of modern treaties in Canada. In mid-January, CIRNAC confirmed our proposal was approved. The contribution agreement was signed in February, and funds have now been received. This funding will allow the Alliance to enhance the re-development of our website by adding additional public education resources, including a MTN course (which may take the form of short videos on different topics). Most of the funding will be rolled over to next fiscal year.
- The ABCMTN Holding Society AGM is scheduled for March 3rd, preceding an Alliance Leadership Meeting. During the AGM, Members will appoint the Directors to the Board, appoint the auditor, and receive a presentation of the 2024-2025 Audit.
- The Alliance will not receive confirmation of BC funding for next fiscal year until June. The ED has prepared several mitigation strategies to maintain operations until funding is secured, and to account for likely cuts. These will be discussed with MTN Leadership early March.

### **Leadership Meetings:**

- MTN Leadership will be meeting on March 3, following the Society AGM. The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss and approve the proposed annual budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 (with or without amendments). An initial budget discussion was had with Leaders on November 13, 2025. At that meeting, MTNs were asked to allocate 20k in their operating budgets for fiscal year 26/27 to support Alliance operations in the event that funding is not received before July 2026 (or in case the funded amount is not sufficient to cover operations).
- Leaders will also be presented with the key themes proposed for the 2026 Premier's Forum meeting agenda, scheduled for June 4 and hosted by the Yuułu?it?ath Government. If approved, the AMC will continue working with MIRR to develop a detailed agenda with topics of priority identified by leaders.

### **Alliance Management Committee:**

- The AMC meets on the third Wednesday of each month. Key issues discussed in February included:
  - o An overview of different budget scenarios the ED will be presenting to MTN leaders for approval.
  - o The 2026 Premier's Forum which will include a technical debrief on June 5. The MIRR team responsible for coordinating BC's participation at the Forum, including ADM Julia Iwama, attended the February meeting to discuss lessons learned from 2025, possible key themes, and identify next steps for agenda development. The AMC will continue to meet with MIRR as needed to prepare for the Premier's Forum.
  - o A status update on the renewal of CIRNAC's Federal Consultation and Accommodation Guidelines.
  - o The recommendation that Nations send political letters to the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sport advocating for the inclusion of funding in the Repatriation Policy Framework, as requested during the January engagement session with MTNs.
  - o An update on the Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project. A request for legislation is expected to be included on the Fall 2026 legislative agenda.
  - o An update was provided on Community Safety Strategy work, which was an outcome of conversations between leaders at the most recent FNLG, in response to commitments made during the 2025 Premier's Forum. The Indigenous Justice Secretariat will be attending the March AMC meeting to identify Strategy pillars and key, actionable MTN priorities. Next steps will be to identify cross-ministry actions.

## **Fiscal**

### **Fiscal Working Group:**

- The BC-MTN Fiscal working group meets virtually on a bi-weekly schedule and includes a MTN caucus. The current focus of the WG is on enabling grant funding for transfers made to MTNs through their respective FFAs and fine tuning the draft collaborative fiscal policy.
- Following internal engagement over November and December, BC proposed revisions to both the draft FFA language and policy. Over the last 2 months, MTNs have been reviewing proposed changes, discussing points of concern, and have worked with BC to find solutions. The BC team is now seeking internal approvals on the revised draft FFA language and policy. They are working to confirm approvals by the end of March.
- Once final draft FFA language is approved by MIRR and FIN executives, MTN representatives will circulate the document through their internal approval systems before moving to bilateral negotiations. MTNs are keen to get this done so that the new FFAs can be locked in for a term (instead of the current 3years). It is essential that this occurs in the life of the current government.
- The WG reviewed the Declaration Act Action Plan Annual Report that the BC Fiscal team will be submitting in March. Action item reports form a larger collective report that is made to BC Cabinet (and later made public) each year monitoring DRIPA implementation.

### **Lands and Resources Funding Model WG:**

- The L&R Funding Model Working Group meets approximately every 6 weeks with BC to develop a framework for assessing the incremental FTEs available to MTNs under the L&R funding model. The WG is exploring the drivers that will determine the incremental FTEs and the data needed to show volume, complexity, and role (i.e. how does number of referrals, for example, affects the workload of a lands department). The key will be to create a model that is simple and easy to explain to BC Officials, meets the data driven requirements set by the Treasury Board, and that can be applied across MTNs.
- MTNs have been focused on developing a model for assessing “land pressures” (i.e. tourism, resource extraction activities, and other drivers that affect the work of a lands department). Challenges have been encountered, especially around finding available data and linking these to workload.
- The WG was scheduled to meet on February 26. MTNs decided to use the time to caucus to support the development of a defensible model that fully reflects the needs of all MTNs. Another caucus is scheduled for March 19 with the goal of getting the draft model ready to present to BC at an in-person meeting on Apr 16.

### **Property Transfer Tax:**

MTNs began exploratory discussions with the Ministry of Finance (FIN) around the possibility of a treaty property transfer tax (PTT) benefit. FIN has asked MTNs to consider including FNs who are in advanced treaty negotiations in this work so that BC does not need to hold concurrent discussions. MTN reps have determined that for these particular discussions, having one table is the best path forward and have sought authorizations from their Nations. The next meeting with BC will be in April.

### **Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation (MIRR):**

#### **Modern Treaty Implementation Policy WG:**

- The MIRR policy team is leading the development of a new modern treaty implementation policy framework. A dedicated working group of MTN representatives has been created to support this

long-term project. Recurring meetings with BC are scheduled every 6 weeks. MTNs will caucus to accommodate the workflow, likely 2 weeks in advance of meeting with BC and/or directly before or after.

- The Alliance received funding from BC to develop a discussion paper detailing lessons learned from the Federal Implementation Policy co-development process, and to outline what MTNs expect from a BC policy. The discussion paper was created with input and direction from MTN reps. It was completed and sent to the BC team in early February.
- The WG met with BC on February 19. The WG discussed inconsistencies between the discussion paper and BC's initial thinking on this work. BC and the Alliance are seemingly well aligned on the initial scope, approach, and deliverables for the Framework. BC also shared a draft plan for engaging internally across ministries. As a follow up to the Alliance's discussion paper, a draft project plan is being created by BC to be reviewed by MTNs in March.

### **Shared Priorities Framework WG:**

The working group reviewed and provided input on several Declaration Act Action Plan Annual Report submissions related to ongoing Alliance initiatives. These included:

- o Action 3.15 – Including Indigenous languages in BC internal systems (such as the use of Indigenous names on BC ID cards)

- o Action 4.49 – Enhance MTNs fiscal capacity to deliver services to their citizens
- o Action 3.01 – Developing essential training for the BC Public Service
- o Shared Priorities Framework – Public reporting on the progress to achieve the outcomes of the Shared Priorities Framework

### **Declaration Act Secretariat (DAS) Working Group:**

#### **Declaration Act Action Plan Review & Renewal:**

- The Alliance has been meeting monthly with DAS on the review and renewal of the Declaration Act Action Plan, required under DRIPA legislation. The DAS will lead the review and renewal of the Action Plan throughout 2026 as two separate processes, with a renewed Action Plan expected to be introduced for legislative approval in September.
- The working group reviewed and provided feedback on a draft Consultation and Cooperation plan. The February meeting was a structured conversation seeking to hear about MTN experiences with the Action Plan, barriers and successes to the work, and how progress reporting could be changed.

#### ***Potential Amendments to the Declaration Act (DRIPA)***

- In mid-December, Premier Eby commented in the media that amendments to DRIPA would be forthcoming in response to the Cowichan and Gitxaala decisions. Following meetings with MTN Leaders, the DAS working group (along with AMC members and Nation legal counsels) attended two technical follow up meetings to discuss BC's initial policy approach and provide feedback.
- Executive staff at the DAS and MAG have advised they've been directed to introduce amended legislation during the Spring Legislative session. MTNs have yet to see draft language but an overview of proposed changes has been shared, along with BC's rationale for the changes. The policy approach presented to date has left MTNs with more questions than answers.
- This work is under confidentiality agreement; further details cannot be discussed here.

### **Ministry of Attorney General (MAG):**

### ***Justice Services Branch:***

- The MAG-MTN WG has been doing the work needed to implement BC Courts prosecuting offences to MTN laws, something that all modern treaties contemplate. The WG has outlined all the barriers within BC legislation and policy, prioritized the work needed to eliminate said barriers, and has co-developed a Request for Decision (RFD) for Cabinet submission in Spring 2026. The WG has also been engaging with the Judiciary and Prosecution Services.
- The WG met with BC in February to review the draft RFD, and to begin working on the Request for Legislation (RLF). Typically, BC would wait for approval of the RFD before beginning the work of developing the RFL. Given the complex nature of the work required, the group decided to take the risk and agreed to begin work now. A small group has been convened to undertake this highly technical work, comprised of legal support from all MTNs. Meetings are being coordinated by MAG. There are no note takers for this small group—the draft RLF will serve as record.

### ***Indigenous Justice Secretariat:***

The IJS ADM, Nikki Bresser, attended the MAG-MTN WG meeting in January as a follow up to the FNLG meeting MTN Leadership had with the Attorney General. A key action item was for technical staff to collaborate on a Community Safety Strategy. Discussions with ADM Bresser identified potential efficiencies with the enforcement of laws work and looked at possible next steps at developing a cross-ministry strategy. ADM Bresser committed to the IJS leading this work for the BC side, as well as organizing an initial meeting with executive staff from key ministries. • ADM Bresser and her team will be attending the AMC meeting in March to have high level strategic conversations about the Community Safety Strategy work with the goal of determining Strategy pillars.

### ***Anti-Racism Act Action Plan:***

- The Alliance has recurring meetings with the BC team to support the development of the Anti-Racism Act Action Plan, which is scheduled for publication in June 2026. Meetings had been on hold since Fall 2025 at the request of BC to allow for internal engagement and discussions, but are now resuming.
- Working group members reviewed a consolidated document that addressed some of the MTN feedback and concerns with the Action Plan. The MAG anti-racism team continue to work across ministries to fine tune actions and obtain commitments (including Cabinet direction where needed).
- This work is under confidentiality agreement; further details cannot be discussed here.

## **Ministry of Waters, Land and Resource Stewardship**

### ***MTN-WLRS Working Group:***

- MTNs meet with WLRS on a quarterly basis to provide updates on the Ministry's ongoing policy initiatives, as well as outline upcoming engagements that will be sent to Nations.
- The next meeting is on March 2. The focus will be on reviewing updates to the WLRS policy registrar and discussing next steps in the permitting solutions work.

### ***Natural Resource Permitting:***

- WG members have been engaged in a WLRS initiative aimed at reforming several permitting processes. MTNs reviewed a confidential draft Request for Decision for proposed WG members have been engaged in a WLRS initiative aimed at reforming several permitting processes. MTNs

reviewed a confidential draft Request for Decision for proposed legislative changes to the *Water Sustainability Act* and Regulation, the *Riparian Areas Act* and Regulation, and to the *Forest Act*. These are connected to the regulatory proposals.

- WG members provided initial feedback on consultative drafts but have not yet seen feedback reflected in updated versions. BC has confirmed that feedback is still being considered and should be reflected in subsequent versions. BC-wide all-FNs info sessions providing additional details on this work are being offered on March 9 and 11. MTNs were sent emails with registration links. We anticipate establishing regular MTN meetings with WLRS throughout the Spring and Summer to engage on phase 2 of this work, moving through the legislature in the Fall.
- Note this file is under confidentiality agreement; the details cannot be discussed here.

### **Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project:**

- In a press conference in January, the Minister of Forests stated that BC would be pausing the HCA Transformation Project. The Alliance received an update in February from the project lead confirming the Minister's public comments were a misstatement and the work would be continuing; the timeline was pushed from the Spring 2026 legislative session to the Fall 2026 session.
- BC is in the process of drafting a technical paper to provide details on proposed amendments. The working group members will be meeting with the BC team twice in March to continue discussions and engage on the Request for Legislation.

### **Infrastructure Projects Act Regulations (Bill 15) WG:**

- The *Infrastructure Projects Act* is a framework to allow the BC government to designate select infrastructure projects for fast tracking of permitting processes and/or a shorter environmental assessment process. A MTN WG has been working with the Ministry of Infrastructure to support the development of regulations. The WG has been meeting on a bi-weekly schedule, which includes a MTN caucus before meeting with BC. • The working group reviewed a consultation draft of regulations that sets criteria for a major infrastructure project to be eligible for fast tracking. This includes requirements for proponents to obtain support from "directly impacted First Nations" in the use of specific fast-tracking tools, such as removing the need for a proponent to undertake an Environmental Assessment. Other criteria include providing tangible benefits to the community and a list of project types that can be considered.
- Key concerns voiced by MTN representatives have been around the determination of which FNs will be consulted on the use of these tools, the ability for FNs to remove their support of the use of a tool if new information becomes known, and the amount of (or lack of) information available to Nation decision-makers when determining if they support the use of a tool or not. Some MTN feedback resulted in minor changes to the regulations, but most of the feedback is expected to be reflected in policy that will be developed at a later stage.
- The main focus of work beginning in March will be developing the regulations associated with the new fast-tracked Environmental Assessment process this Act created. These meetings will be jointly held with the Ministry of Infrastructure, the Environmental Assessment Office, and MTN representatives.

### **Renewable Energy Projects Act Regulations (Bill 14) WG:**

- The *Renewable Energy Projects Act* transfers regulatory authority for renewable energy projects (currently wind and solar) to the BC Energy Regulator (BCER), which previously only oversaw the oil and gas sector. The Act also exempts land-based wind projects from the environmental assessment process. The working group, which includes MTNs, BC, and BCER, meets every three weeks.

- Working group members reviewed BCER regulations which outlined how they would regulate wind and solar energy projects. Collective feedback was submitted and discussed with BCER, noting that some of the valuable feedback provided by MTNs in key areas was not incorporated. In a follow up meeting, BCER provided a written document that provided rationale for why some feedback was unable to be incorporated in regulations, and which feedback will be addressed later in additional policy or guidance documents.
- Upcoming meetings will further develop sections of the guidance document for proponents, look at other BCER policies and documents such as the pre-engagement with First Nations guidance, and explore related amendments or future work the Ministry of Energy may undertake.

### **Environmental Assessment Act (EAA) 5-Year Review:**

An MTN working group has been engaged with the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) on the mandated five-year review of the EAA. This process is expected to span approximately two years and will follow a phased approach, with separate deadlines for each major priority area.

- Initial meetings have focused on the Dispute Resolution process. The Alliance has submitted collective feedback on multiple documents and iterations of proposed amendments to this process. MTNs expressed concern about limiting the timeline for initiating a DR process, emphasized the need for facilitators to have knowledge about modern treaties, and noted several other issues or topics needing addressing. Many of the concerns raised by MTNs have not been sufficiently addressed.
- A consultation draft of the amended legislation was shared with MTNs for review and additional feedback. Collective written feedback on the draft will be shared with EAO before the proposed amendments are submitted to Cabinet.

The Alliance received 18k in capacity funding from BC to support collective drafting efforts. The Alliance has been contracting external subject matter experts from Ratcliff LLP to lead research and drafting efforts. We understand that capacity funding has also been made available to the MTNs.

### **Advisory Committee on Provincial Policing Standards (ACOPPS) WG:**

- The purpose of ACOPPS is to provide a forum for the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to consult with key stakeholders concerning the development or amendment of BC Provincial Policing Standards. The Alliance has a representative on the Committee, and the WG meets prior to BC's meetings to provide our representative with input from all MTNs.
- The WG met on February 3 to review the agenda for the committee meeting, which included: an update on Emergency Response Team standards development, outcomes of a Missing Persons Investigations standards review, updates on Detention Facilities standards development, and the progress of new Crisis Intervention and De-escalation training.
- In future meetings, the WG will look to identify priority areas of policing standards that MTNs would like to see reviewed or improved. The Alliance representative on the Advisory Committee will then bring forward MTN suggestions for consideration by BC.

### **Engagement Review Working Group:**

The ERWG meets on a bi-weekly basis to assess interest in engaging collectively, including attending information sessions on specific initiatives. The WG also debriefs on engagement meetings held and makes recommendations to the AMC for collective action.

- In February, the working group members discussed the need to clarify the differences in process between reviewing engagement requests and treaty notifications. In general, most treaty notifications will not be reviewed by the ERWG. Members will highlight situations in which a treaty notification is received without prior engagement, in which case the Alliance will contact BC and

request they follow the MTN Engagement Guidelines co-developed with MIRR for future initiatives.

• **Engagements reviewed by the working group in February were:**

***Legislation to protect places of worship:***

The Ministry of Attorney General sent letters to MTNs advising of impending legislation aimed at supporting safe access to places of worship. A subsequent letter clarified that these protections could be extended to places of worship on treaty lands in some situations. These protections would need to be further discussed on a case-by-case basis bilaterally. As such, no collective action was taken.

***Codes of conduct for local governments:***

A consultative draft of legislation which enables BC to mandate codes of conduct for all municipal governments was reviewed by the ERWG. The draft was in alignment with what the ERWG heard in an info session in October 2025. A new working group of MTN representatives has been formed and will work with the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs to help shape the development of the codes of conduct.

***Role of boards of education in childcare:***

Members reviewed a consultation draft of amendments to a Ministerial Order by the Ministry of Education and Child Care that would allow for expanded childcare services on public school property. ERWG members did not identify any collective action or provide any collective feedback on the amendments as proposed.

***Residential Tenancy Act amendments:***

Members reviewed a consultation draft of amendments that aims to provide clarity on the role of landlords of supportive housing tenants, as well as clarifying tenant rights and obligations. ERWG members did not identify any collective action or provide any collective feedback on the amendments as proposed.

***Potential Wildfire Act Updates:***

The Ministry of Forests sent emails to MTNs advising that they are exploring updates to the Wildfire Act. Key considerations for Nations include wanting to clarify MTNs role in fire prevention under treaties, as well as clarifying cost recovery remedies after wildfires. ERWG members have requested a collective info session to learn more about this initiative. This session is expected in April.

***Health Professions and Occupations Act regulations:***

Nations received letters from the Ministry of Health advising that they would be making several changes to existing policies and regulations because of the Health Professions and Occupations Act coming into force. The scope of changes and method of engagement was unclear to ERWG members. The Alliance has requested additional information and clarity from Health on this initiative.

### ***BC Evidence Act amendments:***

Nations got a letter from the Ministry of Health proposing changes to the Evidence Act with the goal of reducing harms, reducing the secrecy and distrust in the health systems, and improve culturally safe care. ERWG members have requested a collective info session to learn more about this initiative. This session is expected in March.

### ***Indigenous Language Names on Government ID Report:***

The Ministry of Citizen Services provided a report to Nations summarizing feedback gathered over engagements in past years. Most MTNs have engaged and provided feedback bilaterally. A collective info session was also held in 2025; the report aligns with what was heard in the collective info session. ERWG members were tasked with ensuring the report also aligns with the bilateral feedback given.

### **FEDERAL INITIATIVES:**

#### ***Fisheries: Salmon Allocation Policy:***

- Anita Blakley of LGL has been representing MTNs on the Salmon Allocation Policy Multi-party working group and First Nations-DFO Committee. She has also been participating in FNFC meetings as the Council has been active in this work. Anita provides updates and makes requests for MTN input through the Fisheries WG via emails sent by the ED.
- MTNs have submitted collective feedback as well as a letter outlining concerns with the policy. This includes Nations not receiving a draft version of the Policy, the need for flexibility for treaty-based fisheries, the misuse of outdated socio-economic data in allocation decisions, and the potential infringing upon modern treaty rights by restricting bycatch allowances.
- Additional Multi-Party & FN-DFO meetings have been scheduled for March with the aim of resolving outstanding issues. DFO has flowed additional capacity funding through the FNFC. LGL will bill the FNFC directly for Anita's participation in these meetings.

#### ***Renewal of the Federal Consultation and Accommodation Guidelines (CIRNAC):***

- Angela is participating on the Indigenous-Crown Steering Committee (ICSC) established to support the renewal process of the Consultation and Accommodation Guidelines.
- CIRNAC is currently drafting the new guidelines to be reviewed by the ICSC. With funding support from CIRNAC, external legal has been engaged to support MTNs in reviewing and contributing to the draft.
- CIRNAC has yet to produce a draft for review, though it was anticipated mid-February. Indigenous partners in the ICSC have submitted a letter to the executive staff lead asking that Canada extend their timelines to provide sufficient time for review and input.

#### **Nuu cha Nulth Council of Ha'wiih Forum on Fisheries:**

This forum was hosted by Nuchatlaht First Nation on Feb 18-19 by zoom or in person in Campbell River.

#### **Day One – February 18, 2026 - Nuuchah-nulth Nations and Partners**

8:30 AM tiqpitap hawiih (Ha'wiih seating – joining Zoom call) and k'wapii (coffee)  
9:00 AM hišumilałniš hiłh (meeting starts)

## 1. Cultural

- a) tiitiičwa / ciciqinký ak (chant, continued life)
- b) ǻ ayahoo?aał?iitsuš hawał
- c) Unveiling Huupakʷanum
- d) nuu?iǻwit asniš nuukukqin (Nuu-chah-nulth song)
- e) Remembering our recent losses
- f) ǻ uuni yakʷiimit (we remember past leaders)
- g) Nuu-chah-nulth meeting words of the day čiqhsii – speaker of the chief; nismakqin – our land that we own
- h) Introductions and check-in IC Members

## 2. Old and New Business

- a) Review, Revise, Accept Draft Agenda for February 18, 2026 (ǻiisałuumaluuk)
- b) December 9-10, 2025, Council of Haʷwiih Forum on Fisheries meeting: review and approve Record of Decisions, Action Items and Draft Meeting Summary
- c) Wie Wai Kum; We Wai Kai
- d) Meeting Honoraria
- e) Key messages to DFO from December 2025 CoHFoF meeting
- f) SAP Review Update
- g) CoHFoF decision making process
- h) Small group for agenda planning for Recreational Fishery representatives (SFAB and SFI) CoHFoF
- i) FNFC Executive Council Applications for Nuu-chah-nulth Area Confirmation
- j) NCN IMAWG membership
- k) Theresa Nookemus – Nuu-chah-nulth historical sealing \* link below**
- l) Indigenous Fishers First and NIFI-Tech
- m) National Evaluation Survey – SARA-CCA Project
- n) June CoHFoF meeting Date: June 2-3, 2026 Host Nation:

## 3. Management and Access

- a) JTWG – November 14, December 4, February 5

### 4. IMAWG

### 5. FNFC

### 6. Other

Chant to end meeting

## Day Two – February 19, 2026: Nuu-chah-nulth Nations and Partners

8:30 AM tiqpitap hawiih (Haʷwiih seating – joining Zoom call) *and* kʷapii (coffee) 9:00 AM hišumiłaniš hiłh (meeting starts)

## 1. Cultural

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## 2. Old and New Business

- a) Review, Revise, Accept Draft Agenda for February 19, 2026 (łiisałuumaluuk)
- b) Staff Updates – DFO/Uu-a-thluk
- c) Key Messages to DFO
- d) Groundfish trawl – number of active vessels fishing WCVI - handout

## 3. DFO Presentations

- a) Updates – PST Status of Renegotiations – timed item for 11:00am
- b) SRKW – presentation on management measures TBD
- c) Science branch marine mammal work
- d) Salmon Allocation Policy Review – timed item for 1:00pm

- 4. Other important information**
- a) Next Council of Ha'wiih meeting dates: June 2-3, 2026
  - b) Next meeting host Nation/location

**Note: There will be a one-hour break for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm**

**Note:** There was an item from Huu-ay-aht First Nations on the Agenda this month. Email addresses related to this information for any questions were attached. Unfortunately, I had to leave when this timeframe came up on the agenda.

**\*\*Nuu cha Nulth Historical sealing report.**



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## Ha'wiih Representative Theresa Nookemus (Thlut' as aksup) Report – March 2026

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The Ha'wiih 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:

- – ʔApwinisathʔ house
- [Theresa Nookemus \(Thlut' as aksup\)](#) – H̄aw'ehtak'amłath house
- Phyllis Williams sitting in for daughter Victoria Williams (ʔuutstuʔaksa)- λamahuus house
- Andy Clappis (Ciicaacistuł) – Kuukw'iis house,
- [Sherri Cook \(Yaalthuuuaa-uks\)](#)– Yaaluuwaštakamalth house
- [Tommy Happynook \(hapinyuuk\)](#) – Čačaahsiʔas house
- Alec Frank (λaacmiik) – Maatsaas 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 Ha'wiih, to be known as the Ha'wiih Council.

2.14 Representation on the Ha'wiih 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 Ha'wiih Council.

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

Constitution act

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### Ha'wiih Representative for Executive Council:

The Ha'wiih Representative attends meetings on behalf of the Ha'wiih Council, and in turn, then reports back to the Ha'wiih Council. A monthly report is sent out for review. This gives time for any questions or concerns the Ha'wiih may want to relay to Executive Council and visa versa.

### Areas of Responsibility include: \*(reports are done by the chairs of Committees)

- Ha'wiih Council
- Citizenship Committee
- Nanaaniqsu Society
- Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations
- Nu-cha-Nulth Council of Ha'wiih Forum on Fisheries

### Ha'wiih Council:

This council now meets twice a month. The first meeting is set for business and regular business practices. The second meeting is dedicated to helping our new Ha'wiih learn their Hereditary roles, practices and protocols.

Ha'wiih is awaiting the announcement of who will take over the chair of the ʔApwinisathʔ (Peter's) house.

Ha'wiih Council has started with a cultural opening to bring in our Ancestors to help guide us in our development and decision-making process along with a closing to cover and protect Ha'wiih throughout our daily lives. We will then begin each meeting with a friendly reminder on confidentiality. A discussion on NDA's was also discussed.

It is important that we as Ha'wiih remember that we are here to protect the most vulnerable, our women, youth and Elders. We as Ha'wiih are held at higher standards and should reflect that in everything we do. Whether it be in office, public or throughout our lives.

Ha'wiih Council met on March 2, 2026. Daniel Jack from culture sang an opening song to begin the meeting.

Ha'wiih has requested a longhouse feasibility study to be conducted and funded through the Four Pillars Project. A discussion on size and details of structures. Haw'iilth will then look at their Hahoulthlees to find the best location for each longhouse.

A discussion on Ha'wiih having their own in house legal representation to include an Indigenous aspect was had. A year-to-year contract was the final resulting decision along with Karen Haugen asking Lawrence Dushenski (Huu-ay-aht in house lawyer) to compile a list of candidates for Ha'wiih council to review.

While Ha'wiih has not signed NDA's, they (all Ha'wiih including upcoming Ha'wiih) have all read out the Huu-ay-aht Oath. A discussion on the Code of Conduct and the Confidentiality Act and if an NDA would be recommended. The Executive Director (Karen Haugen) was present to provide the provincial governments general practices to sign NDA's each year. Ha'wiih will continue this discussion at the next cultural meeting when discussing the Ha'wiih Charter.

Jennifer Walsh, CFO presented the Budget Act 2026 to Ha'wiih Council. The Executive Director Karen Haugen shares the Budget Act and gives spending authority for the upcoming year. Ha'wiih requested to have the previous year's Budget for comparison for this year's fiscal year and would like to see the reports when they are ready. The Ha'wiih clerk will draft a letter of support with Ha'wiih's recommendations for future consultations regarding the Budget Act.

It was shared that there have been many Provincial and Federal cuts that will affect the Nation and request support from Ha'wiih Council to inform their houses. Ha'wiih recommended workshops for citizens on Budget management and flagging financial abuse within relationships.

Ha'wiih Budget Priorities were discussed. Curtains, regalia, and recording of house songs are the first to fulfill. A list of artists was then compiled. All Ha'wiih agreed each house will decide who will be contacted for their curtain creation/replica. In regard to these thoughts, contracting a respected knowledge holder to work with Ha'wiih to create or add to a curtain's artwork on a 11x17 canvas and contract an additional artist to paint the artwork on said curtain. The Ha'wiih clerk will work individually with each Ha'wiih to review each of their lists of budget priorities.

Ha'wiih met with Jordan Young who is staff support for the Citizenship Committee. The yearly list of citizens review of citizens enrolled under category D about ongoing community attachment. The Ha'wiih Council has determined and directed the Ha'wiih clerk to send community attachment letters to 5 individuals.

**Upcoming events:**

- Next Ha'wiih Council Meeting – April 2nd 2026
- Ha'wiih Council would like to hold a Cultural meeting in April. Date to be determined.
- March 28th – Tseshaht ḥawil William Severinson - Memorial potlatch for Earl Mundy, Saturday, March 28th, 12:00 p.m., at Maht Mahs
- April 17-19, 2026 - hišumyił λaʔuukwiʔath "To Gather Tla-o-qui-aht" multi day event. Ha'wiih clerk to let culture team know Ha'wiih Council would like to schedule going as a nation and ask to have floor time.
- April 25th – Yuukuʔiʔath Ha'wiih Eddie Mack is hosting an event in Ucluelet
- Hoobiye - moved to first two weeks of May.
- May 2nd – Seitcher family having a Memorial for late Ina Seitcher
- May 14th – Ahousaht school feast, a potlatch hosted by the school.
- Oct 24th – Memorial for late Ray Samuel at athletic hall.

Executive Director updates Ha'wiih Council that the nation has started to plan HFN Days and it would be great to have Ha'wiih be part of the planning. Theresa to be a part of the planning committee.

Hinatinyis came for a review on First Voices. It was asked if the Huu-ay-aht portal will be public. Since it has already been made public, it will likely stay public unless HFN chooses to add stories, songs or dances. A letter of support to be drafted by the Ha'wiih clerk for this project.

A review on proposed names with Ha'wiih Council for the Cultural Centre to recommend the name huʔii. (meaning- taken back). This felt appropriate as Huu-ay-aht is having culture items and artifacts returned to the Nation.

### **Citizenship Committee:**

#### **Considerations:**

Indigenous Services Canada has advised that if a status citizen is removed as a citizen of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations, the individual will retain Huu-ay-aht status unless they formally transfer their membership to another nation or band.

Under the Community attachment Regulation, the following are indicative of an ongoing significant attachment to the Huu-ay-aht:

- m) Participation in cultural events,
- n) Participation in the People's Assembly,
- o) participation in community engagement sessions,
- p) voting in elections,
- q) demonstrating a knowledge of ancestral or familial connections to the Huu-ay-aht community,
- r) conducting oneself in accordance with the sacred principles,
- s) upholding Huu-ay-aht laws,
- t) engagement with the Hahuuli in a manner that accords with the sacred principles and Huu-ay-aht law,
- u) learning to speak the language,
- v) learning or engaging in cultural practices, and
- w) upholding the citizenship declaration
- x) any other criteria the Hfaw'iilh Council or committee, as applicable, considers appropriate.

The Citizenship Committee recommends that each member of a Maht mahs must maintain a significant ongoing attachment to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation.

### **Steps for Citizen Enrollments:**

- 4) Treaty Enrollment- enable citizens to receive hunting permits, fishing licenses, harvesting licenses and food fish distribution.
- 5) Maaht mahs-being housed by a Haw'iilth
- 6) Citizenship- ability to apply for a Status Card, Citizenship Ca

### **A friendly reminder that ALL points of these applications must be met:**

- Ancestry
- Declarations/Signature
- Identifiers (Birth Certificate, Marriage License, Mortgage, DL, Bills (proof of living together)).

These MUST all be included in the application and **completed in full** in accordance with our laws and regulations for a successful application. All incomplete applications will be returned to sender until the forms are complete and the Committee is satisfied.

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR FORMS BEFORE SUBMITTING, TO PREVENT ANY DELAYS.

### **There is a checklist at the beginning of each application.**

All HFN Citizens **must** have their harvesting cards **with them when Hunting, gathering and fishing, as well as displaying the HFN flag every time when fishing.**

If fishing for other family members, there are forms for this that **must** be filled out and a copy kept on your person. This in turn helps us to keep in touch with the Government to increase any amounts as needed yearly. Without these numbers/records we cannot increase our needs. This is extremely important!

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

Working with staff support Jordan Young the Citizenship Committee compiled a list of citizens enrolled under category D (married into) about community attachment. After going through the recommended list, 5 letters will be sent out regarding community attachment.

### **Results of Maht mahs' housing:**

- Arrora Kendra Sport (Minor) – Housed in Tommy Happynook house.
- Applicant – Tabled at this time. To be reviewed when a representative of Upwinasaht is present to house the applicant. Jordan to provide applicant an update.
- Applicant– Tabled at this time. To be reviewed at the next Ha'wiih Council Meeting

### **Nananiqsu Society:**

Benson Nookemus opened Nananiqsu with a prayer. A moment of silence was honored for the passing of Simon Dennis.

Lawrence Dushenski came to present on Wills and Estates. Lawrence will begin a list of those wanting to go over their Wills and Estates with the help of Coral Johnson. Previous wills and any

documents attached will be needed for this appointment to prevent any delays in updating any requests.

A discussion on Wills vs Trusts was had; a will becomes operational only after a demise. A trust comes into effect immediately upon its creation. This fundamental distinction has profound implications for how assets are managed and distributed. A trust can outline specific conditions regarding when, how, and to whom the assets will be disbursed. By placing assets in a trust, they are technically owned by the trust and not the individual, insulating them from personal financial vulnerabilities. Trusts also have a unique capacity to prevent legal disputes. A Power of Attorney was discussed also, this is granted when someone has lost their mental capacity to make decisions regarding financial decisions, as well as end of life decisions to include DNR's. Group sessions will be coming up in Anacla and Port Alberni to begin an understanding of what will be needed for your 1 on 1 with Lawrence just after Easter. There will be 2 sessions at each location to better accommodate citizens.

Next, Jeremy Perkins came to present on a Tribunal Project.

### What is the Tribunal Project and Why Do We Need It?

- The **Huu-ay-aht Tribunal** is an independent body established in 2011 when our Treaty came into effect. It provides a formal and final process for resolving disputes regarding Huu-ay-aht government.
- While the Tribunal has fulfilled its role to date, it is not fully grounded in **Huu-ay-aht laws, values, and sacred principles**. This is an opportunity to strengthen it so that it better reflects who we are as Huu-ay-aht.
- The **Tribunal Project** is focused on this transformation — making the Tribunal a process that is safe, culturally aligned, and trusted by all participants.
- So far, we have hosted **Community Engagement Sessions** and begun conducting **confidential interviews**. These rich and thoughtful conversations are helping shape the path toward a Tribunal that truly reflects Huu-ay-aht ways. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has shared their knowledge and experiences so far.
- To guide this work, we are hoping to speak with more **Huu-ay-aht citizens, Elders, government staff, and others** with experience or knowledge related to the Tribunal or traditional laws. Your insights will help us understand what changes are needed and how to make these changes.

### How You Can Participate in Tribunal Reform:

- If **you have any experience** you would like to share about the Tribunal or have **ideas** on how to improve the Tribunal process, we want to hear from you!
- For more **information** or to **schedule** a conversation, please contact the Tribunal Project Coordinator, Jeremy Perkins ([Jeremy.p@huuayaht.org](mailto:Jeremy.p@huuayaht.org) or 250-720-7434) or Project Lead, Dr Heather Castleden ([castleden@uvic.ca](mailto:castleden@uvic.ca) or [heather.c@huuayaht.org](mailto:heather.c@huuayaht.org) or 902-489-2412).
- You can also visit our page on the **Huu-ay-aht website** to learn more or get in touch: [Huu-ay-aht First Nations Tribunal Project – Huu-ay-aht](#)

**Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations:RE: Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations will be working with the Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project and the Province: Project update and next consultation opportunities:**

## **Project Update:**

The last round of consultation and engagement on proposed changes to the *Heritage Conservation Act* closed on November 14, 2025. We were pleased to see the level of interest and engagement from First Nations, local governments and stakeholders, and are currently reviewing the feedback to inform development of a Request for Legislation (RFL) for proposed legislative amendments to the *Heritage Conservation Act*. The RFL is the next step required in the process to change legislation in B.C. A standardized and central aspect of this RFL submission is the “three-column document” that identifies the proposed contents of the legislation and their policy rationale.

As per the consultation and cooperation approach for this project, and in alignment with the [Interim Approach to Implementing the Requirements of Section 3 of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act](#), we will be formally inviting all First Nations in B.C. to review and provide feedback on the draft three-column document in the coming months.

We will also be preparing a public document that contains technical policy information in advance of the three-column document. This document will not contain the same level of detail as the cabinet confidential three-column document and will be shared with a wider audience. In the coming weeks, you will receive a separate communication regarding this document.

## **Opportunities to Provide Feedback:**

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations consultation and cooperation in the HCATP to-date, both individually and through the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations (the Alliance), is gratefully acknowledged.

The province will continue to work with the Alliance to create additional consultation and cooperation avenues.

Additionally, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations will also have an opportunity to review and provide feedback on either or both the technical policy document and the final draft of the three-column document when these documents are available.

Feedback is welcomed through written submissions, Government-to-Government meeting requests and further sessions with the Alliance. Responses to the final draft of the three-column document will be welcome for 30 days from when it is made available.

Feedback received on the three-column document and technical policy document will be used to inform the final version of the three-column document that will be included in the RFL. Pending B.C. Provincial Government direction, the next step after the RFL will be to begin drafting legislation. First Nations will also have an opportunity to review draft legislation, subject to confidentiality protocols. We will send notification to Modern Treaty Nations pending an approved RFL.

To participate in the development and review of the three-column document, a signed confidentiality agreement is required for **each** individual wishing to review.

The province will work through the Alliance to ensure confidentiality agreements are in place as needed. The three-column document is the only one that requires confidentiality protocols.

**Nuu-cha-Nulth Council of Ha'wiih Forum on Fisheries: Next meeting date TBA.**

## **Councillor Āicitāh Edward R. Johnson - March 2026**

### **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**

- Bamfield Road Testbed Discussion:
  - Reduce ongoing accidents and improve emergency response, including immediate visibility into available rerouting options (e.g. Youbou),
  - Control the objective data that holds industrial users (logging/resource fleets) accountable for road wear,
  - Ensuring the Nation isn't left holding the bill for protecting the \$30M+ road investments
  - Allow HFN to set the standard for how Indigenous data is collected, owned, and shared.
- The Cultural Centre construction is progressing. Mechanical and plumbing are being roughed in and the Hydro design for power distribution is complete.
- Met with our provincial government relations firm Framepoint to discuss housing.
- Attended a joint committee meeting with Economic Development Committee, Anacla Planning Committee, Lands and Natural Resources Committee and Ha'wiih Council.
- Following up on the Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) letter to LCAC. We have reached out to Minister Robertson's office expressing our excitement to see the department's new Build Communities Strong Fund (BCSF) and looking to further discussion from the follow up thanks to Jillian.
- Bi-weekly check in with director of capital infrastructure - Topics were:
  - Cultural Visitor Center - waiting for floor slab to be laid before that plumbing needs to be inspected - in the works.
  - Talked about the Mother Center safety upgrades and accessing funds through Indigenous Services Canada in regards to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal. We talked about feasibility study and bringing to Committee of the Whole in April. It is quite a lengthy document and we'll send it out beforehand stemming from bringing to Committee of the Whole, then recommendations for engagement sessions to go to executive council. The estimated cost for the build for a children and families office and the childcare is 22M. Costs should be covered by Indigenous Services Canada through CHRT which leads the child care side of things so the estimated cost of 7M would be for the build. There are some funds that are available to go towards the build - operations is covered. With my other portfolio there will be some exploring of what drawing down jurisdiction for childcare means and what funding is attached to that; as well as networking and connecting with the province on what funds are available or could be available to go towards the build of a childcare unit on our homelands.
  - The growers project - some funds came in to go towards electrical.
- There is an opportunity to put in funding through CMHC. The deadline would be March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our housing society is putting together the information needed. They had a lengthy discussion regarding this because our department is helping with projects. This may be a capacity issue but I am thinking time wise re the length in between hearing if we're a successful candidate and then what does the timeline look like if we are successful.

- Also did a check-in with Director of Capital Infrastructure re Cultural Center water and sewer hookups. This will be delayed until October.
- RFP for work deadline for Oomiiqsu ends this month. Currently working with the Director of CFW to ensure work on both ends is not delayed.
- The water treatment project will begin construction in the spring of 2026 and will be completed by March 31/2028. The project will have a new facility built at 131 Nookemus Road where the water distribution will now be located.
- Growcer project for food sovereignty and job creation - end of this month will be looking at the layout and looking to get power three phase.
- Dock at Grappler Inlet – This is a work in progress, waiting to hear back from the Lands Director.
- Connect the Coast - having slight issues - looking to bring the briefing note to EC end of April.
- Feasibility study for children and families' office and childcare will be going to executive council in April - has gone to Anacla Planning Committee.
- Looking forward to hearing from the Maa-nulth meeting regarding Build Canada Homes. This will be a great discussion for Maa-nulth. This working group will be meeting two times next month.
- HGB is asking for gravel. We are waiting to hear back on numbers for paperwork on our end and to fulfill permit as well as campground work.
- Will be attending housing conference in April - looking forward to reporting back.
- Capital infrastructure director brought the department's mandate to the finance committee.
- Discussion on IT upgrades solutions. We are starting to scratch the surface on possible feasibility study on what it will look like in the future. With that, we need to know where we have come from, where we are now, and where we would like to go. I feel that we are a growing nation, especially in the past year and a half. Staff wise, this is something I feel would be needed in the very near future. It's good to start thinking about this now to prepare and connect the coast along with thoughts on city west.
- Talked about funding applications that have been put in in the past in regard to wastewater treatment plant upgrades and walking bridge trails. It sounds like we have been notified and that our applications have been moved over to a different area where there is a source of funding that we may be eligible for - fingers crossed.
- HOH forecasted roof replacement summer 2026 - Making contact with contractor that was awarded in 2025 but was unable to replace the roof due to the Mount Underwood fire.
- Prepping for mandate meeting with Technical Support and Chief Councillor - Thinking that the discussions will be in regard to visitor and Cultural Center current infrastructure needs and forecasted infrastructure needs in regards to our 10-year capital plan, build Canada homes initiative and networking and connecting with the Maa-nulth Treaty Society FN Healthy homes initiative, IT and possibly looking into utilities department. Also looking and thinking of the growth and future growth of our nation when it comes to infrastructure. Other conversations for upcoming mandate meeting would be connecting coast to coast as well as cemetery.
- With the fiscal year coming to an end, one can't help but think about the course of the year, of each of the HOH upgrades and investing into our House of Gathering and celebrating 25 years, key infrastructure projects, as well as starting and finishing the Cultural Visitor Center and sports field. I hold my hands up to the infrastructure lead and frontline staff for bringing this into fruition. Another key highlight is starting the food sovereignty/ food security project - when it comes to Growcer identifying a location and prepping the location for growth, and success and starting our feasibility study for our children and families' office on our homelands. The infrastructure department has been very influential and hands on regarding bringing this feasibility to light - something that is

needed in our community; And, of course, being hands on deck when it comes to our new infrastructure in regard to our Mother's Center. The department has been more than helpful when it comes to the safety of our children and families and working through some of the kinks with the new building and continuing to create a safe place.

### Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

## **Children and Family Wellness Committee**

### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- CFW Coordination Table Agreement re: Internal Discussion on Next Steps - Changing our CFW act - what are the steps and processes to do so that can lead to engagement sessions so we can make the changes. Also prepped for our March 4th meeting at the Trilateral Coordination Agreement Discussion Main Table Meeting, and had a conversation on team lead - having a conversation on what these Trilateral Coordination Agreement, Discussion Main Table Meeting meetings look like re opening, closing, chairing.
- Update meeting with Ratcliffe team on CFW BC conversations.
- Meeting with Bluesky, our federal external relations team, where we talked about our jurisdictional journey as well as about our treaty amendments and pilot project funding that we received to implement the 30 recommendations in our social services panel report - safe healthy and connected. It was a good meeting bringing them up to speed on where we have come from to where we are today to where we want be tomorrow in regard to long term sustainable funding. As of right now, there's nothing to pull the trigger on regarding these topics although this may change week to week. It was good to bring Bluesky up to speed so that when the time comes for any nudging or any conversations that may be needed in the federal government, they will be ready.
- Huu-ay-aht First Nations - Five Year Review Engagement Funding Confirmation Letter 2025-2026 reserved 60k for CES on the review of bill-C92 - This will be a great conversation to have with our citizens to talk about our journey and to help point us in the right direction. This will be a wonderful conversation to talk about how well we have done with the prevention focus and to be able to ask the question on next steps. The social services report re being safe healthy and connected has led us to this point. This report was completed in 2017 and there was an evaluation 3 years later as well as a summary in 2023. This engagement session will help us just like the 2017 report using the data compiled from when we started to present date.
- Meeting w/HFN & Framepoint re: Child & Family Wellness
- Meeting with delegated agency in Nanaimo - This was a great and difficult conversation to have with our delegated agency and families. It was good to reflect on the words spoken in a ceremony and to be able to help come up with a solution or next steps. That's about all I can say and that it was an honor to be a part of this process.
- Meeting with Mowachaht/Muchalaht - This meeting stemmed from reaching out wanting to network and ask questions about our jurisdictional journey and to give a very high level on where we are at with our journey and our prevention approach referencing the wonderful work stemming from the social services panel report as well as the evaluation. We talked about data gathering, needs assessment process as well as our children and families act and community engagement. MMFN was very happy to meet and acknowledged how quickly we as Huu-ay-aht responded. It is very important to network with nations e-and the meeting recognized our family ties to the nation through Ada Nookemus who married

Johnny Williams of MMFN and we thanked MMFN for reaching out - it's important to make time for our brothers and sisters of the coast.

- The Oomiiqsuu upgrades are waiting on permit approval with the city of Port Alberni. The RFP for the construction has been put out to tender and a site visit with potential contractors has been completed.
- The Aboriginal Operational and Practice Standards and Indicators (AOPSI) Redesign is an ongoing initiative in British Columbia focused on updating the standards for Indigenous child welfare, ensuring they are culturally safe, relationship-based, and child-family-community-centered. This re-envisioning project, often guided by the First Nations Leadership Council and local delegated agencies, aims to move beyond compliance to promote healing, wellness, and self-determination. Our Children Our Way Society +3 Key Aspects of the AOPSI Redesign Focus on Culture and Relationship: The redesign emphasizes a holistic approach, aiming for standards that reflect traditional practices and support cultural permanence for Indigenous children and youth. Re-envisioning Standards: The project updates the 2009 AOPSI manual, shifting from rigid, administrative audit tools to standards that prioritize the quality of services and relationships. Collaboration: It involves significant partnership between the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) and Delegated Aboriginal Agencies (DAAs) to create a new framework. Implementation Challenges: The project has addressed issues regarding the need for better support, training, and resources for social workers to implement these new standards effectively. Current Efforts: As of 2024-2025, there are active calls for the province-wide adoption of the redesigned standards to align with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Our Children Our Way Society +8 Relevant Resources and Sites: Our Children Our Way: Often hosts documents and updates related to the AOPSI redesign process. BCAFN: Provides updates on resolutions and steering committee efforts for the redesign. Indigenous Perspectives Society: Provides training and resources related to Aboriginal child and family services.
- The feasibility study for the Wellness/Daycare is complete and will be presented to COW and the ACP committees in the next month.
- The childcare centre has 14 enrolled children (5 infants and 9 aged 3–5) and welcomed two new children from Oomiiqsu families. Programming focused on outdoor and nature-based learning, supporting language development through Nuu-chah-nulth materials, forest exploration, and hands-on investigations with light, shadow, and movement. Staff strengthened professional practice through sector engagement and training, including the BCACCS Provincial Conference and collaborations with Child Care Resource & Referral. The team also welcomed Raman's return from maternity leave.
- Continuing to work on policy development and program guidelines to support trauma-informed, culturally safe practices and to support clear direction and procedures for staff. They are currently exploring and researching further operational funding options.
- Program focused on supporting mothers through a holistic lens including cultural, physical, emotional well-being as well as parenting and life skills. Participants took their food safe skills and want to explore more certificate options to build their independence and capacity. Still exploring options for seasonal healing programming and including the harvest calendar. Staff are building strong relationships with community resources to offer wholesome programming. Vancouver Mother center came for a visit.
- Drop-ins at CFW office
- Men's Group be held at Soaring Eagle
- NTC Youth Drop in being held at HOH

## Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

## **Deputy-Chief Councillor**

### Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Indigenous Business Growth Roundtable – Nanaimo BC March 3rd, 2026 - Hosted by Global Affairs and the NEDC.
- First Nations Leaders Meeting w/ Premier Eby, AG Niki Sharma and MIRR Minister Spender Chandra Herbert.
- Attended HFN Legislature 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in person at our Anacra Government Office.
- HFN/HGB Independent Review Interview.
- Bamfield Road Testbed Discussion - As a testbed Solution Adopter, Huu-ay-aht First Nation would be able to: Reduce ongoing accidents and improve emergency response, including immediate visibility into available rerouting options (e.g. Youbou); Control the objective data that holds industrial users (logging/resource fleets) accountable for road wear, ensuring the Nation isn't left holding the bill for protecting the \$30M+ road investments; Allow HFN to set the standard for how Indigenous data is collected, owned, and shared; Export HFN expertise gained (the "Bamfield Model") to other Treaty Nations and rural municipalities across Canada; Earn new attention from the province to the Bamfield Road Network issue
- <file:///C:/Users/edward.r.i/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/G2BZM6DZ/FNEMC-China-Strategy-Document-2017.pdf>
- Preparing for NTC budget meeting overlooking materials provided.  
Attended JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING - Economic Development Committee, Anacra Planning Committee, Lands and Natural Resources Committee and Ha'wiih Council
- Anacra News links for March <https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Anacra-News-Vol.-115.pdf> <https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Anacra-News-Vol.-114.pdf>
- Considerations and Potential Messaging The agenda for the June Premier-Alliance Forum is being developed. The high level themes will be the same - Treaty Relationship, Economic Development and Prosperity, and Community Safety. The specific topics, as well as the weight and time of the topics, are in development. HFN leadership can expect engagement on the topics, key speaking points, and asks, in late March or April.

### Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

## **Councillor Brad Johnson Report – March 2026**

### **Portfolios:**

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

**Fisheries:** The Winter Chinook fishery closed on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We had a few citizens take advantage of the opportunity to fish and sell chinook. This fishery took place inshore Barclay Sound for our local fishermen. Maa-nulth nations just finalized negotiations on a Spring Chinook fishery that will open April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Our total allowable catch will be 436 pieces. We have already started the summer fishery negotiations with DFO and are hopeful to roll over the remaining total allowable catch from the winter fishery into the summer as we did not catch all of the allocation. The Maa-nulth Treaty Society will be supporting nations with \$50000 each to run the pilot fishery this season. We are starting to see more interest from citizens as each of these pilot fisheries take place.

Sugsaw Chum negotiations with DFO started up again this month with the intent of trying to have an opportunity to harvest chum salmon out of Sugsaw Creek this fall. This will be another economic opportunity for our citizens. This fishery will replicate the economic fishery we have on the Sarita River.

**Wildlife:** The Maa-nulth Wildlife Council met on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Flights for elk surveys were booked this month within our territory. We are sending a team member from the lands department on the flight with the provincial representatives. Marbled Murrelets population surveys will take place in Toquaht and KCFN territory this month. The Firearms Violence Prevention Act draft language has been provided to Maa-nulth; we will have an exemption to discharge a firearm from a boat. We held several meetings over the past 6 months with BC Conservation to explain to them why it's important that we get an exemption for our Treaty harvesting rights. Legal will review the document and get clarity on some of the language we may not agree with and send back amendments. This will be submitted to cabinet next month.

**Lands and Resources:** We have started working on a cultural site protection protocol. We are working with the province to identify up to 40 hectares of unprotected culturally-important sites. We have identified 5 areas that we would like to see protected. I had asked for these identified areas be brought to Ha'wiih Council next month for review and input. Once this review is completed, staff can then start to create the files and mapping needed to complete this cultural site protection plan before end of year. I think this is a great project and I am very happy we will have identified protected areas for our nation.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> I attended the Maa-nulth Reasonable Opportunity Agreement Management Working Group annual meeting. This meeting was held in Toquaht Nation territory. I was the co-chair to this meeting with Jesse Montes from BC. The intent of the meeting is to provide an annual forum for information sharing to support Maa-nulth and BC in making ongoing informed decisions to ensure that a denial of Maa-nulth First Nations reasonable opportunity to exercise their Treaty harvest right does not occur. Overall it was a very informative meeting; each nation shared what they have been working on and it was interesting to hear about similarities with nation projects; for example our clam gardens - each community seem to be restoring their beaches for food security

reasons. I was very grateful to be accompanied by our Lands and Resources Director and Lands and Resources Stewardship Manager.

**Treaty Implementation:** The Maa-nulth Treaty Society (MTS) Board of Directors met for a special meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2026 related to the Budget. The board passed the budget by consensus. The Maa-nulth Treaty Society will be investing 1 million dollars into the First Nations Bank of Canada. The reason we are investing is the society has a surplus of money sitting in the bank. With this long-term investment, we will gain interest and it's a start of the society becoming self-sufficient and not to heavily rely on the 5 nations that fund the society. This will reduce costs for the nations over time. We took care of an emerging matter, the MTS corporate credit card needed a bigger budget, so it was increased.

I have stepped down as Vice President to the Maa-nulth Treaty Society. When I put my name forward there was nobody at the time, the seat needed to be filled, and I was one of the more senior Directors. Over the years I have enjoyed the role as vice president; there were no set timelines for the role so I would like to give another Nation the opportunity to hold this position. I enjoy being a Board member to the Treaty society and I will continue to do so without the title of vice president. In the future I may consider the role once again.

The three Treaty amendments that were set to go to the spring legislation will not be moving forward until the fall. BC hit a snag in some of the approval process and DFO did not get the work done for the coho allocation. Legal counsel is confident that all the work necessary will be completed and ready for fall legislation.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026, I attended the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations AGM. This meeting was Chaired by Andrew Robinson from Nisga'a. We reviewed the audit; it was a clean audit stated by BDO. A new auditor was selected for the next two years and that firm is RHN. Karen Haugen from Huu-ay-aht and Donna Monteith from Toquaht Nation have been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Alliance.

**Parks Canada:** National Marine Conservation Area Reserve (NMCAR) - we met with project lead Allison Biles on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 at the Port Alberni Government Office. She came to better understand what our nation would like to see with this project and where we see challenges and opportunities with this NMCAR. The challenges we identified were going to be territorial overlapping with neighboring nations, treaty nations and non-treaty nations, and trying to fit fourteen nations into a one model fits all. I think she gained a lot of knowledge from our meeting and we gave her ideas on how to address some of the identified challenges. I am grateful for our team we have that is currently working on this project. I look forward to future meetings to see where this will lead to as we are currently in the feasibility assessment phase.

**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.

**Special Project on the Bamfield Road:** The road remains in good shape with the maintenance crews solving road repair issues when needed. The weather this time of year has impacts on the road condition. When potholes occur or slides happen crews respond as quickly as possible for repairs or cleanup. I would just like to emphasize that when potholes occur, they can only be patched in dry weather conditions.

I took part in an ICBC claim inquiry interview, regarding the bus accident in 2019. This inquiry was a 3<sup>rd</sup> party interview where they were asking what the designation of the road is, who maintains it and what are the main user groups of the road from then to now. I gave them a lot of information as I am very familiar with everything to do with the road to Bamfield. At the end of the interview, it seemed they will be advocating for a designation change from an industrial private road to minimum a Forest Service Road. This aligns with our Nation's vision and may help it become a safer road for all user groups.

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

## **Councillor Evan Cook Report – March 2026**

### **Finance Report**

The Finance Committee met March 24, 2026. February Financials were approved and forwarded to Executive Council. The Financial Plan was discussed and must be consistent and in line with the Budget Plan. The plan aligns with the Strategic Plan and timelines for the Nation. Also, Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Government employees approved. Travel time compensation pay adjustment changes discussed for all government employees and Patient Travel discussed as well as non-reimbursable payments, hoping for all to be worked out in the next month.

#### Finance Department Work Plan (2026-2027)

- a) Implementation of a new payroll system underway.
- b) Minors Trust - Creating standardized reporting to improve transparency.
- c) Finance Process Mapping, a review of all finance functions to create a detailed process map that will identify and address inefficiencies and control gaps and any duplication of effort across the department. This will strengthen internal controls and improve operational efficiency.
- d) Financial Literacy - The finance team will take a leading role in building financial literacy across HFN. This will include developing and delivering presentations, sharing insights and providing guidance to departments to help strengthen understanding of financial processes, reporting and decision making.

The CFO and I met with Bank of Montreal representative to seek solutions and a financial pathway forward to assist HFN citizens in applying and seeking approval for housing mortgages.

### **Economic Development Report**

#### DicinFoam (Biodegradable Styrofoam)

The Wet'suwet'en First Nation (Yinka Dene Economic Development) with the support of HFN secured a \$1.6 million grant from NRCAN, IFIT to start the 10-ton Pilot Project. Together with partner, Plantee Bioplastic, the Pilot Plant with consultant, All North, the Plant will be in Vancouver.

The Pilot Plant will be used for verifying and validating proof of concept for four bioproducts. The four are: rigid wood fiber thermal insulation panels, loose fiber batting foam, protective packaging biodegradable foam and growing media for plant production.

The Pilot Plant equipment for the manufacturing of DicinFoam's protective packaging biodegradable foam is arriving end of April. We hope to have this operational by end of May. In the meantime, two Huu-ay-aht citizens are being trained for the startup and are contributing enormously to the project.

Once the project is proven successful, a design for a Scale UP plant has been designed for the Harmac Pulp Mill.

## Stackabl Homes BC

We are still in the process of trying to secure a site on the mainland to showcase our capabilities and building a pipeline for future manufacturing.

We met with Raven Stone Construction President Dan William, who will be erecting the Display homes. Dan will also be bringing a team to China in May to learn techniques on construction of the homes.

## **HGB**

### Microtel

- A) Final financing being arranged.
- B) Target date to begin construction is in the Spring.

### Oyster Program

- a) HPP Machine is up and operating.
- b) Preliminary samples have been sent to St Jeans for smoked oysters.
- c) Full production is imminent based on scheduling raw materials into the plant.

### Campground

- a) On track for record season. Booking is ahead of schedule.
- b) New washhouses are being installed at PBC in the coming weeks.
- c) Intown campground still expected for 2026.

### Accommodations

- a) YTD bookings for this year are significantly ahead of previous year's performance.

## Councillor Stephen Rayner Executive Council Report – March 2026

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

In this monthly report, I want to take a moment to honor the life and memory of Councillor Stella Marie Peters, who was born on November 3, 1962, and passed away on March 20, 2026. Stella was a truly special woman whose presence, strength, and kindness touched many lives. She carried herself with care, dignity, and deep love for her people, and culture. She gave so much of herself in service to her family, her community, and Huu-ay-aht First Nations. Her passing is a tremendous loss for our Nation, for Council, and for all those who had the privilege of knowing and working alongside her.

I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Stella. She was a remarkable person and someone who brought warmth, thoughtfulness, and steady commitment to the work she did. She had a way of making people feel supported and valued, and the positive impact she had on those around her will not be forgotten. She was the kind of person whose presence made a difference, not only through the work she carried out, but through the way she treated people and the care she showed to others.

The service held on March 30, 2026, was a powerful reflection of the life Stella lived and the love and respect so many people had for her. The hall was full, with additional space needed to accommodate all those who came to pay their respects. That gathering spoke to the kind of woman Stella was and the many lives she touched in such a meaningful way. She will remain in the thoughts and prayers of so many during this difficult time.

Stella's loss will be felt deeply. Her memory, her example, and the care she showed to others will continue to live on in our community and in the work she helped advance. She leaves behind a legacy of service, compassion, and strength that will not be forgotten. On behalf of myself and my family, I want to offer my deepest respect for Stella's life and my heartfelt condolences to her family and loved ones. She will be remembered with great love, respect, and gratitude.

### **Area of Responsibility:**

**Law and Policy Committee (Executive Council Portfolio Holder):** In March, no formal Law & Policy Committee meeting was held. Despite that, significant progress was made through the Spring Legislature, where the Community Safety Act and related legislative amendments successfully passed first, second, and third reading. This was a major accomplishment and an important step forward in strengthening Huu-ay-aht's legislative framework. Advancing the Community Safety Act through the full legislative process required considerable preparation and coordination and reflects the sustained effort that has gone into this work overtime.

This progress was particularly meaningful given the importance of the Community Safety Act in supporting the Nation's broader governance and community well-being priorities. Moving the legislation through all three readings marked the completion of a significant phase of work and helped position the Nation to begin focusing more fully on implementation and rollout.

Work also continued on the Economic Development Act (EDA) through the Economic Development Department, together with internal legal support and legal counsel. That work remains ongoing as we continue to refine the legislation and support its development in a way that aligns with Huu-ay-aht's current operational needs, governance priorities, and long-term economic development objectives. While this file did not come forward through a formal Committee meeting

in March, efforts continued behind the scenes to maintain momentum and ensure the work remains active and moving ahead.

Overall, March was a productive month for Law & Policy, with a strong emphasis on legislative advancement through the Legislature and continued development work on the Economic Development Act. The successful passage of the Community Safety Act and related legislative amendments through first, second, and third reading represents a major milestone and a notable achievement for this term. It also reflects the ongoing commitment to modernizing and strengthening Huu-ay-aht's legislative and policy framework in a deliberate and coordinated way.

**Emerging issues (March):** As work continues, a key emerging focus will be supporting the rollout and implementation of the Community Safety Act, while also maintaining steady progress on the development of the Economic Development Act and related supporting legislation.

**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.

**Clean Energy Portfolio (Executive Council Portfolio Holder):** In March, I continued advancing Huu-ay-aht clean energy priorities with a focus on affordability, reliability, sovereignty, and long-term resilience. My work as Board Chair of Clean Energy BC continues to complement this portfolio by supporting relationship-building across government, regulators, industry, and other Nations, while also helping to advance conditions that can support clean energy development within Huu-ay-aht territory and beyond.

I also attended a climate conference this month, where I delivered a presentation that included mention of Huu-ay-aht's Wind project. This was another valuable opportunity to raise the profile of the Nation's clean energy work, share the direction we are taking, and contribute to broader conversations about Indigenous leadership, innovation, and long-term clean energy development.

**Offshore Floating Wind Pilot – AKS Wind & SeaTwirl:** The offshore floating wind pilot continues to move ahead well and remains on track with good momentum. Regular work with AKS Wind and SeaTwirl continued throughout March, with ongoing advancement of the project work plan, government relations strategy, and the identification of funding opportunities to support next steps. Overall, the project remains in a positive position and continues to build credibility and support as we move it forward.

A key development this month was engagement with the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT). I travelled to BCIT, toured the campus, and delivered a presentation on the Wind project and its broader potential. That discussion was very constructive, and BCIT expressed interest in partnering with us to support the project. This includes supporting future funding applications and identifying other practical ways they may be able to help advance the initiative, including potential training-related opportunities connected to the project and its long-term development.

This BCIT engagement is important because it begins to build a stronger bridge between project development, workforce training, technical capacity, and external institutional support. As the project continues to advance, those types of partnerships will be increasingly valuable in helping

position Huu-ay-aht to maximize both the direct benefits of the project and the broader long-term opportunities associated with Nation-led clean energy development.

**Anacla Government Office (AGO) Solar Project:** The Anacla Government Office solar project is now complete and is approximately 90 percent through the commissioning and operational readiness phase. The system is currently operating, and the project remains an important near-term achievement in reducing operating costs, increasing local clean power generation, and demonstrating practical clean energy solutions within the community. It also represents a tangible example of Huu-ay-aht continuing to move clean energy priorities forward in a practical and visible way.

**Sector Engagement, Strategic Partnerships & Multi-Nation Collaboration:** In March, we continued discussions with BC Hydro regarding opportunities to improve power delivery and overall energy reliability for Huu-ay-aht. These discussions remain important as the Nation continues to look at both near-term and longer-term opportunities to strengthen local energy infrastructure and support future clean energy development.

We also met with BC Hydro regarding service to Ditidaht First Nation. Huu-ay-aht supports grid connection for any community, and this discussion also highlighted a broader opportunity for our own planning. Additional connections and changing demand on the system create a stronger basis for looking at future interconnection and transmission line upgrades, which could in turn help improve capacity, reliability, and long-term infrastructure planning for our region.

More broadly, discussions also continued regarding interconnection on Vancouver Island and the opportunities that may exist for Nations to work together through cross-investment, shared infrastructure, and collaborative development of local power and interconnection solutions. These conversations remain important, as stronger cooperation between Nations may help unlock more practical, efficient, and scalable clean energy opportunities over time.

**Emerging issues (March):** Emerging issues remain focused on interconnection, grid capacity, and securing the partnerships and funding needed to advance Nation-led clean energy projects. As work continues, there is also a growing need to align project development, training opportunities, infrastructure planning, and regional collaboration in a way that supports both near-term progress and longer-term energy sovereignty

**Climate Sustainability (Executive Council Joint Portfolio Holder):** In March, I want to first acknowledge the passing of Councillor Stella Marie Peters. Stella was an incredible woman whose leadership, strength, and care for others touched many lives in a deeply positive way. She brought compassion, dedication, and a genuine commitment to her people and community to all that she did. She will be remembered with great respect and appreciation for the way she supported others, carried herself with kindness and strength, and made a lasting difference in the lives of so many. Her passing is a tremendous loss, and I want to recognize both the personal and collective impact of that loss.

Throughout March, I continued to support this portfolio largely through government relations, advocacy, and related strategic work, while helping carry forward priorities that Stella had been advancing. This included continuing to support the identification of potential funding opportunities, partnership pathways, and government relations approaches that can assist in moving climate sustainability priorities ahead. While Stella led this portfolio with care and commitment, I was honoured to support that work and to help continue advancing it during this period.

I also want to recognize Sean Flickinger, who continues to do a very strong job in his role as Huu-ay-aht's emergency preparedness lead. His work remains important in ensuring the Nation continues to build readiness, coordination, and capacity in this area, and his steady efforts continue to support the Nation's broader climate resilience and emergency preparedness objectives.

**Emerging issues (March):** Continued attention will be needed to ensure climate sustainability, resilience, and emergency preparedness priorities continue moving forward in a coordinated way, including through government relations, funding opportunities, and partnership development, while also supporting continuity following the loss of Councillor Stella Marie Peters.

**Capital Raise (Portfolio):** In March, I continued advancing capital raise and partnership development work across several major Huu-ay-aht priorities, including the Framework Planning Initiative, ship recycling, StackBL housing, and broader clean energy and infrastructure opportunities. This work remains focused on identifying strategic partnerships, capital relationships, and external expertise that can help advance major projects in a way that supports Huu-ay-aht's long-term economic development, protects Nation interests, and creates pathways for investment, procurement, infrastructure development, and sustained economic participation. Across all of this work, the priority remains ensuring that partnership structures, commercial arrangements, and project pathways are designed in the best interests of Huu-ay-aht citizens, while minimizing risk and protecting Huu-ay-aht lands, assets, and decision-making authority.

**Framework Planning Project:** In March, the Framework Planning Initiative continued to advance through ongoing negotiations toward a formal agreement. A key area of focus this month was the development of a governance structure that will help work through the finer details of the agreement and support refinement of the overall arrangement before it is presented to Council. We met to discuss the governance structure, and both organizations are generally aligned on the direction. Work is now continuing to draft what that governance structure will look like in practice and how it can best support the next phase of agreement development.

This remains an important part of the project, as the governance structure will help provide a clear process for working through details, refining the agreement in a coordinated way, and ensuring that the arrangement is supported by an effective framework for decision-making, accountability, and project advancement. Overall, the Framework Planning Project continues to move forward steadily as negotiations continue and the parties work toward a structure that can support implementation in a way that is practical and in Huu-ay-aht's best interests.

**About the Framework Plan Project:** The Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan is 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>

**Ship Recycling Project:** In March, Huu-ay-aht's ship recycling initiative continued to advance through ongoing working group participation, coordination meetings, and engagement with government and external partners. During the month, we met with the Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth, as well as with CPCS, the firm engaged to help develop a broader business case for ship recycling on the west coast. These discussions were valuable in helping inform that work and ensuring Huu-ay-aht's interests, project vision, and site realities are reflected as the business case is developed.

We have also identified two sites with strong potential for development and the ability to accommodate a large-scale facility. At this stage, those sites are still subject to further due diligence, and substantial work remains before any conclusions can be reached. However, based on initial environmental and archaeological review, there appears to be meaningful potential at both locations. This is an encouraging early step and supports continued work to assess whether either site can meet the technical, regulatory, environmental, and operational requirements needed to advance the project in a way that aligns with Huu-ay-aht's interests.

Overall, the ship recycling file continues to move forward, with ongoing participation in working groups and continued engagement with government agencies to support project advancement. The focus remains on building the business case, refining site understanding, and ensuring the project continues to move ahead on a strong and well-informed foundation.

**StackBL Housing Project:** In March, I continued to support the Economic Development Department and Evan Cook on the StackBL housing project by providing technical support to help identify and advance the opportunity. This work remains focused on understanding how prefabricated or modular housing could support both Huu-ay-aht housing needs and broader economic development opportunities.

During the month, the RFP process continued for market analysis work related to the housing project. That work is intended to assess opportunities within the housing market and regionally, and to help determine the strongest path forward for this initiative. The market analysis is expected to conclude by the end of March, which will help inform the next phase of development and support decision-making on how best to advance the project.

Overall, this initiative continues to progress in a practical way, with the current focus on gathering the market information and technical understanding needed to evaluate the opportunity properly and position the project for its next stage.

**Emerging issues (March):** As these files continue to advance, an emerging issue is the need to move major projects forward at the right pace while ensuring governance structures, due diligence, and decision-making processes are sufficiently developed to support long-term success. This includes finalizing a practical governance approach for the Framework Planning Project, continuing site, and business case work for ship recycling, and using the results of the StackBL market analysis to determine the most viable next steps. Across all files, the ongoing priority is to maintain momentum while ensuring projects are grounded in sound analysis, clear structures, and protections for Huu-ay-aht's lands, interests, and long-term decision-making authority.

**Chair of Board of Directors of Huumiis Ventures:** In March, as Chair of the Board of Directors for Huumiis Ventures, we continued working with leadership and our partners to further develop and improve the agreement framework for the organization. This work remains focused on strengthening the partnership, refining the arrangements that support the organization, and ensuring Huu-ay-aht's interests continue to be well represented as the relationship evolves. Overall, this work is moving ahead well and continues in a positive and constructive direction.

We also continued looking at strategies to improve opportunities within the forestry sector and to better position the organization within a challenging coastal forestry environment. This includes ongoing discussion with partners about how to strengthen the business relationship, identify practical opportunities for improvement, and support better long-term outcomes for Huumiis Ventures and Huu-ay-aht. The overall focus remains on creating stronger conditions for stability, growth, and value creation while continuing to advance the organization in a thoughtful and collaborative way.

**Emerging issues (March):** Coastal forestry conditions continue to present challenges, and continued attention is needed to strengthen partnership arrangements, identify practical opportunities for improvement, and ensure Huu-ay-aht's long-term interests are protected in the forestry sector while protecting Huu-ay-aht's long-term interests

**Clean Energy Association of BC (CEBC): Board of Directors (Chair):** In March, Clean Energy BC entered an important leadership transition as Executive Director Kwatuuma Cole Sayers moved on to a new opportunity. CEBC publicly announced the transition on March 12, 2026, and noted that I would work closely with staff to support operations and help advance the organization's key strategic priorities during the transition period. At the end of March, with the support of Huu-ay-aht Council, I stepped in to help run the organization on an interim basis as Executive Director while CEBC moves forward with a recruitment process for a new Executive Director. An interim board chair has been put in place during this period, and overall, the transition has been going well. CEBC has remained well supported by staff, and the organization continues to move ahead in a positive and stable way.

Although the Board of Directors did meet in March, I was not part of that meeting as the transition was taking shape. My focus during this period has been on helping support organizational continuity, administration, and forward momentum. This work continues to provide important value to Huu-ay-aht by keeping the Nation connected to broader provincial clean energy discussions, strengthening relationships across industry and government, and providing direct insight into emerging opportunities, challenges, and policy developments affecting clean energy advancement in British Columbia.

Clean Energy BC also continued advancing a number of important sector priorities during this period. In public materials, CEBC identified ongoing work related to BC Hydro and FortisBC calls for power, government relations, reconciliation, regulatory efficiency, tariffs, transmission build-out, integrated resource planning, distributed energy resources, construction and transportation infrastructure, and capacity resources. In March 2025, CEBC also released its clean energy vision document, which emphasized Indigenous-led clean energy development, streamlined permitting, and policies that support Indigenous equity and private-sector investment. These priorities continue to align closely with Huu-ay-aht's own interests in offshore wind, solar, storage, transmission, and broader energy sovereignty.

On March 31, I also spoke at an event on behalf of both Clean Energy BC and Huu-ay-aht First Nations. That was a positive opportunity to represent both organizations and help continue building CEBC's profile and relationships during this transition period.

**Government Relations Committee (Member):** In March, CEBC's government relations work continued to focus on the major policy and market conditions needed to support clean energy development in British Columbia. Public CEBC materials show continued attention to regular calls for power, permitting efficiency, Indigenous participation, transmission planning, and broader government engagement on the conditions needed to accelerate clean electricity development. CEBC also noted that its Government Relations Committee continued curating key events and milestones for members, reflecting the Committee's ongoing role in tracking and responding to major external developments affecting the sector. This work remains directly relevant to Huu-ay-aht as we continue advancing our own clean energy priorities and building relationships that can support Nation-led development.

**Permitting & Regulatory Committee (Member):** In March, CEBC's permitting and regulatory work continued to focus on the practical barriers affecting project delivery in British Columbia. Public CEBC statements in this period continued to emphasize the importance of permit

acceleration, regulatory efficiency, stronger transmission planning, and more predictable pathways for clean energy development, while maintaining environmental standards and Indigenous participation. That broader committee work continues to provide useful insight into the regulatory environment shaping clean energy projects across the province, including issues that are directly relevant to Huu-ay-aht's own interests in project development, interconnection, and long-term energy planning.

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

**Week one (Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>):**

- Government relations meeting Ship recycling
- Independent review meeting
- Huumiis meeting
- First Nations Steering Committee meeting.
- Framework Partnership project meeting
- Meeting With Boralex
- Meeting with Forum Asset Management
- Internal coordination meeting
- Framework partnership meeting
- Special Executive Council meeting
- Bi-weekly bilateral meeting with Councilor Brad Johnson
- HFN/AKS offshore wind meeting
- Federal Government Relations Meeting Bluesky Strategy Group
- First Nations Bank of Canada meeting
- Bi-weekly bilateral meeting with Councilor Edward Johnson
- CEBC admin meeting
- Meeting with legal council
- Ship recycling meeting.
- Government relations meeting forestry
- ICBC meeting
- Internal admin meeting
- Framework Partnership project meeting

**Week two (Mar 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>):**

- Internal coordination meeting
- HFN/AKS offshore wind project
- EC mandate letter meeting
- Stackbl/HFN housing project meeting
- Framework Partnership project meeting
- HFN/Aks Wind BCIT Campus tour and presentation
- CEBC admin meeting
- Executive Council meeting
- Ship recycling meeting.
- Meeting with Lands director

**Week three (Mar 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>):**

- CEBC admin meeting
- Meeting with Ministry of Energy and Climate Funding director
- First Nations Steering Committee meeting.

- First Sitting of the Legislature
- CEBC admin meeting
- Framework Partnership project meeting
- Committee of the Whole
- Iskum meeting
- Bi-weekly bilateral meeting with Councilor Edward Johnson
- Iskum meeting
- CEBC Generate planning meeting.
- HFN/BC Hydro meeting
- Framework Partnership project meeting
- HFN/AKS offshore wind meeting
- Ship recycling meeting.
- RECONVENED Committee of the Whole meeting
- Framework Partnership project meeting
- Ship recycling meeting.
- Ship Recycling Business Case Engagement JEG
- Stackbl/HFN housing project meeting
- CEBC admin meeting
- HFN/AKS offshore wind project
- Bi-weekly bilateral meeting with Lands Director
- Anacla Community Planning Committee Meeting
- HFN/AKS offshore wind project
- Framework Partnership project meeting
- Executive Council meeting
- Ship recycling meeting.
- Huumiis meeting
- EC mandate Letter meeting EcDev
- Boralex meeting

**Week three (Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>):**

- Funeral for Elder
- CEBC HR meeting
- FN Leadership Conference - Prince Rupert
- Law and Policy Development committee meeting
- CEBC admin meeting
- Bi-weekly bilateral meeting with Lands Director
- Bi-weekly bilateral meeting with EcDev Officer
- Executive Council meeting
- Keynote speech at FN Leadership Conference - Prince Rupert
- Ship recycling meeting.

**Week three (Mar 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>):**

- Service for Stella
- Speech at First Nations Climate Gathering
- CEBC admin meeting
- Second Sitting of the Legislature
- Third Sitting of the Legislature
- Special Executive Council meeting