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MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2026

Time – Location: 9:30 a.m. Zoom

Attendance: John Jack (Chair), Brad Johnson, Evan Cook, Theresa Nookemus, Stephen Rayer

Excused: Edward Johnson

Resource: Alexis Young - Acting Law Clerk, Karen Haugen - Executive Director, Piyush Pushkarna – Economic Development Officer, Jennifer Walsh – Chief Financial Officer, Lawrence Dushenski – In-house Legal Counsel, Janet Kunstmann- Executive Assistant to Executive Council, Marina Rayner – Director of Lands and Natural Resources, Grace Hermansen – Ratclif Legal Counsel

Guest: hinatinyis – Huu-ay-aht Citizen, Sarah Johnson – Huu-ay-aht Citizen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Delete: 6a.iii. Cultural Center Update

6a.vii. Jillian LeBlanc Consulting

6a.viii. Tiithluup Advisory Services

6d. Financial Recommendations

6e. Quarterly Contract Report

9e. Education Policy

9f. Prescription Policy

9g. Dental Policy

10a. Status Report on Public Complaints

10g. HR Annual Report

Add: 9a.i. DMO / MRDT – March COW

9a.ii. HFN/HGB Working Group Delegation / HFN Mandate

9c.i. Support Letter for DicinFoam

10c. HFN Forum Governance Approval

- 10d. BCHRT Matter
- 10e. Huumiss VTB Loan
- 10f. HFN Economic Development Restructuring
- 10g. HR Annual Report
- 10h. By-Election Update
- 10i. BC Political Discussion

MOTION PASSED re: Adoption of Agenda as Amended

Resolution #EC260430-01

3. DECLARATIONS

Executive Council had no declarations at this time.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence Log

Chief Councillor John Jack reminds Council that the correspondence log is fyi.

MOTION PASSED re: Correspondence Log

Resolution #EC260430-02

5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

a) Citizen Requested – Discussion on New Education Bursary Idea

A citizen presents a proposal to establish a bursary in honour of a community member, highlighting the importance of legacy, language revitalization, and consistent community recognition practices. Council discusses financial feasibility and options, including restructuring existing bursaries, and directs that further review be undertaken.

MOTION PASSED re: Citizen Requested – Discussion on New Education Bursary Idea

Resolution #EC260430-03

6. FINANCIALS

a) Approval of Contracts

The Director of Lands and Natural Resources and Director of Infrastructure is going over the report that was provided to Executive Council.

i. Firelight Contract Extension

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of Contract Extension with the Firelight Group

Resolution #EC260430-04

ii. 2026 Food Fish Contracts Approval

MOTION PASSED re: Pre-approval of Contracts re Food Fish

Resolution #EC260430-05

iii. Omiiqsuu RFP award and contract approval

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of contract with Sioux Projects

Resolution #EC260430-06

iv. Central Island Excavating – Quarry Contract

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of contract with Central Island Excavating

Resolution #EC260430-07

v. Approval of Contract - Roc Star Enterprises - Roadside Mowing

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of contract with Roc Star Enterprises

Resolution #EC260430-08

b) March 2026 Monthly Financials

The Chief Financial Officer is going over the March 2026 financial with Executive Council.

MOTION PASSED re: March 2026 Monthly Financials

Resolution #EC260430-09

c) Quarter 4 Financial Statements

The Chief Financial Officer is going over the 2025-2026 Quarter 4 financial Statements with Executive Council.

MOTION PASSED re: Quarter 4 Financial Statements January – March 2026

Resolution #EC260430-10

7. REPORTS

a) Executive Director Report – March 2026

The Executive Director going over summary of the Executive Director report with Executive Council, noting progress on organizational stability, service delivery, and ongoing priorities.

MOTION PASSED re: Executive Director Report March 2026

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Executive Council took an 8-minute break from 10:55 a.m. to 11:03 a.m.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) ECO Depot for Solid Waste Management

The Director of Infrastructure reviewing the report that was provided to Executive Council. He mentions that the Anacla Community Planning reviewed and recommended the report be brought to Executive Council.

MOTION PASSED re: ECO Depot for Solid Waste Management

Resolution #EC260430-12

b) Sewer fees for non-citizens on TSL

The Director of Infrastructure reviewing the report that was provided to Executive Council. He mentions that the Anacla Community Planning reviewed and recommended the report be brought to Executive Council.

MOTION PASSED re: Sewer Fees for Non-Citizens on Treaty Settlement Lands

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c) Connected Coast, TELUS Connection

The Director of Infrastructure reviewing the report that was provided to Executive Council. Executive Council discusses cellphone tower for future and revenue sharing.

MOTION PASSED re: Connected Coast Project - CityWest Letter of Support

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9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Committee of the Whole Recommendations

i. DMO / MRDT – March COW

The Economic Development Officer going through the report provided to Executive Council and reviews the recommendations from Committee of the Whole regarding the establishment of a governance model for the Destination Management Organization and Municipal & Regional District Tax. Discussion focuses on clarifying roles, accountability, and oversight to ensure coordinated tourism development and effective use of revenues.

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of the Destination Management Organization (DMO) and Municipal & Regional District Tax (MRDT) Governance Model

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ii. HFN/HGB Working Group Delegation / HFN Mandate

Executive Council considers the need for a clear and structured approach to the relationship between the Huu-ay-aht First Nation and the Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses. Discussion highlights alignment of priorities, transparency, and governance expectations.

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation and Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Relationship Negotiation Mandate

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b) Forestry Tenure Opportunity Agreement – TFL44 Undercut Allocation

Executive Council reviews the Forestry Tenure opportunity agreement – TFL44 undercut allocation briefing note. Discussion notes the potential to increase forestry participation, generate economic benefits, and strengthen resource management capacity.

MOTION PASSED re: TFL 44 Available Unused Volume (Undercut Allocation) Forest Tenure Opportunity Agreement and Associated License

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c) Economic Development Ecosystem /Capital Projects

The Economic Development Officer going through the report provided to Executive Council. A high-level risk assessment and alignment framework for current and proposed capital projects. Discussion focuses on financial exposure, project prioritization, and alignment with broader economic development goals. Executive Council supports the strategic direction to better coordinate investments and manage risk across the economic development portfolio.

MOTION PASSED re: Economic Development Capital Project High-level Risk Assessment and Ecosystem Alignment

Resolution #EC260430-18

i. Support Letter for DicinFoam

Executive Council considers a request from Councillor Evan Cook to provide a support letter for an external initiative. Discussion focuses on alignment with economic development objectives and potential benefits to the Nation. Executive Council approves issuing the support letter to advance partnership and funding opportunities.

MOTION PASSED re: Support Letter for DicinFoam

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10. IN CAMERA SESSION

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In-Camera Resolution #EC260430-21

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In-Camera Resolution #EC260430-22

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In-Camera Resolution #EC260430-23

MOTION PASSED re: Go Out of Camera

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The meeting went in camera from 1:45 p.m. until 2:33 p.m.

11. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

d) Huu-ay-aht General Legislation Regulation/Policy Amendments

Executive Council reviews proposed amendments to legislation and policy instruments. Discussion focuses on improving clarity, administrative efficiency, and alignment with current governance practices. Council approves the amendments to support ongoing governance and operational improvements.

MOTION PASSED re: Huu-ay-aht General Legislation Regulation/Policy Amendments

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e) Meeting Attendance During Campaign Period

Executive Council discusses the need for clarity regarding attendance at meetings and events during the campaign period. Consideration is given to transparency, consistency, and avoiding perceived conflicts. Executive Council approves guidance to ensure participation is appropriate and aligned with governance expectations.

MOTION PASSED re: Meeting Attendance During Campaign Period- Chief Councillor John Jack

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MOTION PASSED re: Meeting Attendance During Campaign Period- Councillor Stephen Rayner

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MOTION PASSED re: Meeting Attendance During Campaign Period- Executive Director Karen Haugen

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12. IN CAMERA SESSION

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In-Camera Resolution #EC260430-32

MOTION PASSED re: Go Out of Camera

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The meeting went in camera from 2:50 p.m. until 4:08 p.m.

13. Administrative Matters

The Next Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.

MOTION PASSED re: adjourn

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