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**Executive Council Report
March 2025**

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Chief Councillor John Jack – March 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Chief Councillor
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Major Projects
External Relations

General Duties – Chief Councillor

First Week

The first week started off with a series of meetings relating to the adoption of the Huu-ay-aht Economic Development Plan, culminating in a joint committee and Ha'wiih meeting including the Finance Committee, and Lands & Natural Resources Committee in addition to the Economic Development Committee. The day capped off with a check-in with the Executive Director and preparation for the week. Tuesday had a meeting regarding forestry as well as a few external meetings regarding the FN LNG Alliance and the fiscal tables alongside other treaty and land claims nations. The end of the day had me do an interview on the radio with CBC regarding the possibility of US tariffs and its impact on the region. Wednesday the 5th was devoted to ACRD-related budget meetings in the morning and the evening. Thursday the 6th was a lighter day highlighted by a region-wide meeting regarding the threat of tariffs put together by our MP Gord Johns and our MLA Josie Osborne. The rest of the day was devoted to office catchup and preparation for a special economic development committee meeting on Friday the 7th and reading and preparation regarding the HFN Framework Plan comments being sent for completion of the final draft.

Second Week

Monday the 10th began with a working group meeting surrounding reform of the Economic Development Act and items related to our Special Investment Bodies and then the weekly meeting with our Executive Director. Tuesday the 11th was largely a day devoted to confidential forestry-related calls and messages, though it was also a travel day as I would attend the Local Government Leadership Academy Annual Conference in Richmond starting on March 12th. On Thursday, I was able to attend the Executive Council meeting remotely from Richmond and then head back to the conference to moderate a panel regarding Engagement with First Nations with two amazing indigenous representatives in Westbank's Lisa Pastro and Dr. Michelle Corfield. Due to my wife having pneumonia, I headed home that evening and stayed home on Friday to take care of her and attend to the children. As a result, not a heck of a lot else happened that day, but I reckon taking the time to help my immediate family is okay.

Third Week

Monday the 17th started with further working group activity regarding the economic development act in person at PAGO. The next day was devoted to the First Sitting of the Spring Session of the Huu-ay-aht Legislature, followed by an HFN Committee of the Whole Meeting that took up the rest of the day. Wednesday the 19th was another Port Alberni day with an ACRD Committee of the Whole on the Budget, and then meetings regarding provincial local government legislative reform, a meeting regarding local economic development, and then we hosted Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Minister, Hon. Christine Boyle, at Oomiiqsu before I attended the service for the

late Pat Lecoy. On Thursday the 20th, I had an important meeting with our Executive Director on a fair measure of items, then attended a working group meeting, and then a Law and Policy Development Committee meeting in the afternoon. Friday the 21st was a very packed day, started with a meeting with Global Affairs Canada in the morning online, then a full-day session between the elected Council and our hereditary leaders discussing lateral violence and what we can do to help address it.

Fourth Week

Monday the 25th began with an NTC Budget Overview meeting in the morning, followed by strategy discussions with the Land Claims Agreement Coalition, and the Annual General Meeting and Leadership Meeting of the Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations (the Alliance). At the end of the day, we held a Special Executive Council meeting regarding the Economic Development Plan and several confidential items that required timely attention. Tuesday the 26th started with the proper NTC Budget meeting, which I had scheduled the whole morning for but it only required about sixty minutes of attention before the Maa-nulth nations were excused for the rest of the day. I used the time to further prepare for the upcoming ACRD meeting and the second Sitting of the Huu-ay-aht Legislature. Wednesday the 26th had me taking a call relating to the Island Coastal Economic Trust, then to chair a meeting of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District where we passed the “budget” aka the Financial Plan, extended the work on Inclusive Governance, and then I managed to connect with Huu-ay-aht Speaker, Angela Wesley and have a check-in and walk there, which was much appreciated. Thursday the 27th was the second sitting of the Huu-ay-aht Legislature, then an Executive Council meeting that took up the rest of the day. Friday started off with a meeting with Indigenous Services and Crown-Indigenous Relations Canada on emergency planning and climate change related programs and services – this was mostly to aid in my catchup on the topic. I then attended a town hall call with the First Nations Health Authority on the Toxic Drug Crisis, and ended the day with my final Huumiis and Forestry Consulting Services Board meeting.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report (and Emerging Issues)

The major update for the ACRD is that we have concluded work on budgeting and passed a financial plan for the region. Important notes for HFN are continued commitment to work together on a solution for a level three water technician as well as working together on extending work on the inclusive governance initiative, the latter of which is covered by grants from the provincial government.

Major Projects – Progress Report

HFN often participates in projects that are either quite large in scale/scope; or they have a degree of political importance that they are carried forward under the supervision of Council itself rather than being delegated to a committee or a department. These projects may include items identified as “special investment bodies” or they may be particularly important infrastructure or investment projects or potential partnerships or joint ventures. In any event, these items fall under Council’s decision making, but the Chief Councillor will be the lead on these items. In this instance, the major projects I have identified are two-fold: the Bamfield Road, which I have assigned to Councillor Brad Johnson by the time of this report due to his good oversight of the project since the last term of office; and the forestry-related initiatives related to our special investment bodies: Huumiis Ventures LP and Huu-ay-aht Forestry Consulting Services LP.

Work on Major Projects have expanded such that I have asked Councillor Rayner to help oversee the specific activities of the Special Investment Bodies, expanding the involvement of more members of Council on larger and politically sensitive activities.

External Relations – Progress Report

Not long ago, it was suggested by one of the senior managers at Earnscliffe that I consider attending the Canada Strong and Free Conference in Ottawa and after some discussion and consideration, I agreed to do so. It is apparently one of the largest and most well-attended conservative conferences, and I expect to be able to attend sessions that will better explain and present the conservative mindset in ways that I will be able to better understand and incorporate into our own communication as well as government and public relations. The aim will be to better interface with these approaches and fit out objectives in the framework possessed by conservative leaders in politics, the economy and wider society. It seems to me that indigenous leaders are more adept at interfacing with government/bureaucracy and academic mindsets than those of the business-focused or folks whose primary concerns are around private property and individual rights rather than collective ones. If we are to have stronger effect, HFN needs to have avenues into all areas of political concern, even if it is uncomfortable.

Tariff considerations are emergent from the United States, and that's led to quite a change in the sentiments toward our southern neighbours. The sitting government seems to be benefitting from the upheaval in the United States, and it's looking like the polling is changing to make the upcoming federal election one where it might not be a landslide for the Tories as expected. This will need to be monitored, but the best course is to continue attempting to widen our political networks to include the conservative sphere more specifically. I would appreciate it if I am not the only member of HFN government doing so, but I do understand that partisan politics is often fraught for indigenous leaders. It is best to play the game wide, but I can understand the need to cleave to those who are more overtly supportive of collective indigenous rights.

External Relations – Emerging Issues

We continue to work with our GR firm to help navigate concerns with both the provincial and federal governments. With an election called federally, much of the progress made will be put on hold until some time after election day at the end of April. Regardless of the outcome, real progress likely won't resume until late May at the earliest.

Provincially, we are focused on making progress with the Provincial government in the areas of (1) forestry, (2) improvement of our road and how it can be an alternative to Highway 4, (3) adoption and respect for our children and families act, (4) child and family welfare generally, but also especially ensuring the tragic death of one of our own citizens never happens again. On that last item, we will be working with the GR firm, our legal counsel, opposition parties, and beyond to put as much pressure as needed to get answers and exact meaningful change.

Ha'wiih Representative (Thlut' as aksup) Theresa Nookemus - March 2025

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The Һawiih 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:

- Jane Peters – Һapwinisath house
- Sherri Cook (Yaalthuuuaa-uks) – Yaalthuuwaštakamath house
- Phyllis Williams sitting in for daughter Victoria Williams (Һuutstu?aksa)- Һamahuus house
- Andy Clappis (Ciicaacistu) – Kuukw'iis house
- Tommy Happynook (hapinyuuk) – Čačaahsi?as house
- Alec Frank (Һaaciik) – Maatsaas house
- Theresa Nookemus (Thlut' as aksup) – Һaw'ehtak'amlat 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 Һawiih, to be known as the Һawiih Council.

2.14 Representation on the Һawiih 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 Һawiih Council.

2.16 In addition to the role contemplated in 2.15, the Һawiih 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, then reports back to the Ha'wiih Council. A monthly report is sent out for review. This gives time for any questions or concerns that the Ha'wiih Council may have. It also lets the Ha'wiih Council pass on pertinent information to the Executive Council.

Areas of Responsibility include (reports are done by the Chairs): *

- Ha'wiih Council
- Citizenship Committee
- Nanaaniqsu Society
- Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations

Ha'wiih Council

This council will start to meet twice a month this year. The first meeting will be dedicated to business and the second will be to facilitate the Ha'wiih with guidance within their roles. The

timeframe for this beginning will be in April on weekends to enable all Ha'wiih to attend along with our younger upcoming Ha'wiih involvement.

This committee is in the process of looking for Dates, Speakers, Elders and Knowledge holders to help facilitate and guide our Ha'wiih in their respective rolls.

Ha'wiih met Monday, March 31, 2025:

Heather Castleden and Oynx Sloan Morgan gave an update with discussions on Climate Change & Treaty work. This included a reviewing of:

- Hunting, Fishing Grounds, Research, Climate Change on open waters in fish pens in regard to warm water and dangers of it.
- Evacuation Strategies
- Disaster Emergency Preparedness
- Logging practices
- Fish streams

This research Advisory Committee will be applying for another Grant in 2026 to help continue with their work. Tommy Happynook has agreed to be the principle investigator along with Heather Castleden on this and continues with this Committee.

Ha'wiih Council then reviewed the Community Safety Act with Stephen Rayner from Law & Policy along with MF (Maryantonett Flumian) and Sylvan Dubois who have been contracted to help HFN with Community Safety Act. This Act has been meticulously worked on by the Law & Policy Committee with input from other Committees.

There was a brief discussion on a HFN Sweeping Event. This would be to memorialize all those who have passed where we never had a chance to have services, potlatches or memorials for them for various reasons, one of which includes our time during Covid-19.

We then had an update on the Archiving Project from Tommy Happynook. He reported that everything is now catalogued! A discussion with Executive Council will be the next step to decide where this important work can be safely stored, with the possibility of it all being digitalized. Then the next step is also to connect with language to help were needed in this project.

Ha'wiih is awaiting updates from our Youth Group who went to "Gathering our Voices" as well as hearing from our Elders who went to the 2025 Hoobiye.

What Ha'wiih will be looking into is:

- Social Justice Training
- Looking into our Canoe Family
- Youth Gathering trip
- Dates for Ha'wiih to gather for Guidance workshops in the future
- Recommendations for working group to be determined

Citizenship Committee

This committee meets once a month - this works well with the Ha'wiih Council. This committee is ruled by a 3-step process for applications to become a Huu-ay-aht Citizen.

- 1- Treaty Enrollment - enables citizens to receive Hunting permits, Fishing Licenses, Harvesting licenses, and food fish.
- 2- Maatmaas – being housed by a Ha'wiih
- 3- Citizenship – ability to apply for Status and Status Card.

A friendly reminder that ALL points of these applications, ancestry, declarations, and identifiers must be filled out in full/complete for a successful application, or they will be returned to applicants which delays your application.

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK YOUR FORMS BEFORE SUBMITTING.

This March the Citizenship Committee had 3 Treaty Enrollments, 1 Citizen application, and 1 Transfer application.

These were all passed by consensus.

With the new application forms, they have a check list to make sure they have everything completed and or attached on their forms, which makes reviewing the applicant forms much easier and efficient to go through for the Committee.

Nananiqsu Society:

This Society meets once a month. It is compiled of our Huu-ay-aht Elders. This is my favourite. This is where I get to hear many stories of another time and spend quality time with our Elders.

Nananiqsu had a Social at the Barclay Hotel this March. Unfortunately, I was in my Ha'wiih meeting for this, so I had mere minutes with them. This society is looking at dates to go look at the Archives in Anacela.

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 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 briefing note supports updating MTN Leadership and the Alliance Management Committee (AMC). Meetings can thus be dedicated to decision making and to having important strategic discussions.

SUMMARY OF MARCH ACTIVITIES:

Alliance Administration:

- The AGM for the ABCMTN Holding Society occurred on March 24th. A Motion was passed by consensus to accept audited and unaudited financial statements for fiscal year 2023-2024. Financial statements were audited for the post-incorporation period only (November 2, 2023 to March 31, 2024). In accordance with Society bylaws the audit was approved by the Board of Directors on January 24, 2025. Additionally, a resolution was passed to reappoint Frank Dragon, Andrew Robinson, Stefan Virtue, Twyla Smith, and John Rankin to the Board of Directors.
- A meeting of MTN leadership followed the AGM on March 24th. A proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 was presented and approved by leadership. A draft agenda for the upcoming Alliance strategic planning workshop on April 30th was presented by workshop facilitator Harmony Johnson, with leadership providing their feedback.
- A briefing package with background information and rationales for recommendations was provided to MTN leadership and AMC members, now filed on the Dropbox.

Where there is limited information, I am not the chair.*

Councillor Áicitath Edward R. Johnson – March 2025

<https://huuayaht.org/councillor-edward-r-johnson/>

Area of Responsibility:

Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure
Children and Family Wellness Committee
Deputy-Chief Councillor

Anacla Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Solar System Plan Discussion - This was an initiative brought forward by council member Stephen Rayner. Councillor Rayner is a new addition to the committee - I feel with his past experience he will be a strong asset.
- The draft agreement is being worked on with BMSC regarding our WWTP; hoping to have it completed by 04/01/25.
- Kitchen contractor is coming to Executive Council Huu-ay-aht FN.
- Biweekly meetings with Kaal.
- Foundation for the Cultural Centre is expected to start at the end of March. Logs for external features are ready to be worked on.
- Director of capital infrastructure has been connecting with our CFO, identifying and flagging already for next year's budget regarding healthy homes. We are expecting \$1.3 million to come back to the nation from the road - still awaiting funds.
- Director of capital infrastructure is working with McElhaney in regard to the Canada Infrastructure grant which would be involving waterlines and a wastewater treatment plant cell.
- Director of infrastructure has arranged for his senior management team to meet the morning of March 20 to connect and then spend the afternoon with the entire infrastructure team to plan out and prepare for the year to come. This is exciting to hear the team getting together. I feel that the infrastructure team is at full capacity and with the new committee we are going to see some exciting things in the coming months.
- Housing Society Reporting/Budgeting Discussion
- Meeting with HFN/WCUMSS – WWTP. This meeting was a great discussion. Both sides had their CFO's involved, getting on the same page between HFN and BMSC.

Emerging Issues

- Slight changes in upgrades to the HoH. Hopefully all the renovations will be completed middle of June. As a result of this, we have changed the dates for the 25-year celebration. Currently looking to set up a group/committee to talk about what things will look like - aiming to be on the agenda for Ha'wiih.

Children and Family Wellness Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Info-session on policy legislative changes to the Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA). On November 21, 2023, Huu-ay-aht First Nations was awarded,

alongside other Nations, a Premier's Award for the work done on Bill 38 the last legislative changes to the CFCSA. Looking forward to this round of changes. Here is the link on the Premier's Award from 2023 <https://huuayaht.org/2024/02/huu-ay-aht-wins-award-for-work-done-on-child-and-family-legislation/> This was an online information session to provide additional information on upcoming engagements. This session was a high-level overview of the proposed changes and an opportunity for questions on the following:

- standardizing safety planning in situations where MCFD or an Indigenous Child and Family Services Agency are responding to a child protection report,
- ending restraining orders when the director withdraws,
- simplification of procedures for supervision orders,
- clarification of provisions under s.13 related to domestic violence, and
- updating Rights of Children in Care to include both Physical and Mental Healthcare
- Attended restorative justice meeting
- ʔumʔiiqsu Child Care Centre spent two days last week undergoing our first Program Evaluation Process (PEP). Dana Gustafson, our Regional AHS Advisor came to Port Alberni to walk through this valuable process. Other attendees were Geraldine Edgar-Tom and representatives from our community partners from NIC and NTC. PEP (Planning and Evaluation Process) is a tool designed to support the delivery of Indigenous Early Childhood programs. Based on The LOVIT Way process, it promotes excellence in practice through self-evaluation and program planning. PEP is both qualitative and quantitative, capturing the holistic aspects of Aboriginal Head Start (AHS) programs. It aligns with the foundational Principles and Guidelines of AHS programs in Canada, ensuring a comprehensive and culturally relevant approach to early childhood education. Once our PEP was completed, a narrative was created. From that narrative, we worked together to create an action plan to lead us forward through the next 4 months.
- Special Joint Child and Family Wellness and Mental Health Committee and Citizen Development Committee Meeting YaaʔAkap Child and Family Wellness Act Tabletop Exercise.
- First Nations Children's Housing Fund Discussion. HFN has received \$133,947.00 for 2024-25. The spending plan is required to be completed no later than June 30, 2025. This funding is for on-reserve housing, and for the purchase, construction, or renovation of housing units to meet the needs of children and families. Working on a plane with the team for June.
- Traveled to an Information Session Sts'ailes FN Snowoyelh Child and Family Services
- Funding Model Co-Development - Modern Treaty Nations
https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/121/2023/11/Jurisdiction-Funding-Model-Discussion-Paper_MCFD-Nov-1-update.pdf
- Biweekly meeting with Kerry-Ann
- Attended Info-Session on policy and legislative changes to the Child, Family and Community Service Act (CFCSA). The ministry is working towards legislative changes that will improve safety and service delivery for children, youth, and families in several areas. These proposed changes relate to safety planning, supervision and restraining orders, and domestic violence, among others. Indigenous partners are invited to provide input on the proposed CFCSA amendments beginning in March 2025 through virtual engagement sessions. Engagement will continue over the summer months as work proceeds. We invite you or your representatives to contribute your community's perspective to this work.

Emerging Issues

- MCFD

- Canada election - Canada's involvement at the coordination table is paused until after the election.

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Nationhood Development Workshop in Haida Gwaii, workshop was put on by The Reconciling Ways of Knowing Stewardship Society (RWoK) (Maryantonett Flumian) and Peter Robinson.
- Attended dinner at the HOH where there was a final presentation of the Covid-19 research study results.
- Meeting with Minister Boyle at Oomiiqsu Mother Center
- Meeting with NEDC was the orientation meeting. I was appointed to be on the board at last month's council meeting - looking forward to being a board member. The creation of NEDC was created by George Watts's vision of how to support our people in entrepreneurship.
- TFL 44 Forest Landscape Plan All-partnering Nation Meeting.
- Attended our Huuayaht Wellness Event. At this event there was culture, wellness topics, and self-care strategies such as Massage, Reflexology/Reiki, Psychic Reader, Brushings, Cedar table, Henna eyebrows/ lashes, Energy Healer.
- Good news story from Tla'amin - Tla'amin Nation and Domtar Celebrate Historic Land Agreement. Nation reacquires lands at the tiskwat paper mill site
<https://www.tlaaminnation.com/tlaamin-nation-and-domtar-celebrate-historic-land-agreement/>
- Attended First, Second and Third sittings of the 2025 Spring Legislature
- Destination BC Development video project DBC Video - Pre-interview
- In Person Special Joint Committee of the Whole and Ha'wiih Council Meeting

Exciting conversation to have with our ED! We are looking into different financial structures and options to support citizens with obtaining housing affordability. Two categories:

- Support for investments through micro-loans, loans or grants to put towards the building and/or ownership of homes on Hahuuli.
- Options for Citizens to access different housing financial scenarios, including social housing rental, affordable rental, rent-to-own and mortgage financing through the Nation.

The CCP focuses efforts on TSL, not off, so this will be a new venture and we need to better understand where this fits best – Infrastructure, Community and Citizen or Economic Development?

https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/HUUAYAHT-CCP_v6.pdf

<https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Huu-ay-aht-Independent-Housing-Panel-Final-Report.pdf>

Councillor Brad Johnson Report – March 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

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

Fisheries: The Nation has continued to work with our Maa-Nulth Treaty partners at trying to push forward the MeToo negotiations. Since my last month's report there has been another change of the Minister of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and that is now the Honorable Joanne Thompson. I will continue to keep pushing for this work to be completed as this is one of my original mandates to achieve and although sometimes it feels we are making no headway, the internal work we do to set up for these negotiations is just as important as the actual negotiations. I will continue to keep pushing forward on this matter.

In the month of March, we had our Nations Food Fish RFP go out. I was very happy to see this happen earlier this year so we can make appropriate changes, if need be, in the season to ensure we catch our full allocation of food fish for our citizens. I look forward to seeing these contracts be approved at future Executive Council meetings.

Wildlife: This month a Maa-Nulth Wildlife committee meeting happened on March 19th, 2025. This meeting had a very full agenda but the main topic that related to our Nation was Elk. The province had budget cuts for their Elk Surveys this year so they would only be flying the Klanawa valley due to the nature it takes priority over other nations flyovers, because the herd size is large enough for a limited entry hunt (LEH) and tags for First Nations to harvest. On March 27th members of our technical staff in the land and resources department joined the province for these flyover surveys. Since we have had limited flight time, I had asked the question if we could pay for future flights to survey other areas that have elk populations at the Nation's cost to gain better access to the data of what's out there for Elk populations. The province stated that if Nations wanted to pay for these flights because of their budget cutbacks that these flights could happen. Other Nations may partner up on shared costs, for example UTG and YG have shared territory over the Nahmint valley that they would like surveyed.

I attended a meeting with the Ministry Water Land Resource Stewardship (WLRS) info session on wildlife on March 6th 2025. This meeting was very informative to hear how Deer, Elk, Black Bear and Wolf Surveys are done and how the ministry uses the data for allocations or closed areas on a species. It was very interesting to hear about translocation and how that process works and the public safety factor that comes into play when the Ministry of Transportation gets involved with animal crossings on highways. Overall, it was a very informative meeting, and I was happy to see some of the other Maa-Nulth nations join and ask questions along with myself. One key take away was there are opportunities for Nations to join Bear den training workshops with the province; these could be very beneficial for our Guardians or other staff that work out in the field. This training will be held sometime in the summer so our technical staff will make the appropriate connections to utilize this training in future months.

Land and Resources: I was tasked with looking into a property in the Bamfield area, as a seller contacted the Chief Councillor about a property they had for sale. The seller wanted to give the nation priority as it was said it was adjacent to some TSL lands. After a bit of research myself I

reached out to our EC Dev and HGB for some assistance in looking at this potential investment for the nation. Both Patrick and Piyush were very helpful in their findings. Overall, the property didn't really fit within the nation's needs at this time, but the proper steps were followed to look at this investment property.

On March 13th I was asked by the Chief Councillor to attend a TFL 44 Forest Landscape planning (FLP) meeting as he was double-booked. This meeting took place at the Barclay here in Port Alberni. The meeting was with all partnering nations surrounding TFL 44. The Deputy Chief Councillor Edward Johnson joined me as he had available time, and he came to support me in this meeting. At this meeting we reviewed the Terms of Reference and Nations input on how we can make this project work as a collective by coming together. The Ministry of Forest suggested it would be best if all Nations shared their FLP, HIRMP, IRSP so that it would coincide with their forest work plans that are essentially linked to this new FLP.

Protected areas were then talked about and these are all identified in each nation's plan, which then helps with predictability in making access for future harvest plans for the Ministry. The workplan that was discussed will be a 2-year work plan and a lot of engagement will be needed from each Nation to collectively come up with a plan that suits everyone's needs. In a report back to the Chief Councillor and Executive Director, I identified an emerging issue as the Nation is lacking a Forest specialist in this working group, as all other nations have technical forestry expertise at these meetings. This project is funded through the province to engage with Nations in a meaningful way. Hopefully in the next month the Nation can hire a Forestry Specialist that will fit our needs with this FLP.

Treaty Implementation: On March 10th, 2025, I held a long overdue Committee meeting. Although we have had several joint committee meetings, it was nice to have a full Tech team to support me and report on everything from the LCAC, SGIG, Maa-Nulth Legislative Engagement tables and the work that has been undertaken with Global Affairs Canada. I gave my chair report in everything I attend at the Maa-Nulth working groups and it was well received with very few questions. One thing moving forward we will strive to Implement is how this committee can participate more so in a meaningful way; as of right now how it stands, it feels like an information dump to the committee. I, Jillian and Crystal are going to implement a standing item on our future agenda on citizens' point of views on various topics. This way we can ensure the committee reps feel involved. We also discussed having some communication come out to citizens on how the treaty is benefiting us compared to a non-treaty nation and how far we have come under treaty. The committee would like to see how our treaty brings tangible benefits to our citizens. I believe most of this communication has been provided at People's Assembly, but not everyone attends so we will be working with our communications department to better spread the information to our citizens.

Parks Canada: On March 5th members of the Cooperative Management Board (CMB) met with the Auditor General. This was an introduction to a project that they are working on to get feedback from nations on how well Parks Canada is doing in the last 5 years from a First Nations perspective. This meeting went well as we gave them a lot of information on what Parks Canada is doing right compared to other Federal agencies in the Government of Canada. A survey will be sent to the Nation in the next month to complete for their records and all feedback will be incorporated into this Audit.

On March 4th we held an internal CMB meeting to discuss the Terms of Reference and make many changes as this review was long overdue. I feel as a group we all shared what we would like to see changed and will submit our amendments to Parks Canada at our next official CMB meeting. We had deferred our CMB meeting to a later date as we are waiting to hear feedback from upper management on related initiatives that were outlined in the Huu-ay-aht (HFN) Framework plan. We also are waiting to give Parks Canada an update on when the Framework plan will be adopted by Executive Council once all the final amendments are made to this document.

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 the Bamfield Road: The Road has been holding up well for most of the winter months. A few spots were identified by the Nation to Cawakqin about patches that were needed. Nearing the end of this month the weather let up from the rain long enough to give time for potholes to be filled. The main area that was addressed was between km 42 and km 44. Mosaic did not notice any significant holes on their portion of the road but is maintaining to keep a close watch for damaged areas. Relationships with the two forestry companies who maintain the road are going well as they both respond to any inquiries we may have with the road in a timely manner.

The Ditidaht First Nation had written a letter of concern to the province regarding the secondary route out of the Alberni Valley. I brought this topic up at the Executive Council meeting and feel that we should also write a letter of support for this action to become a reality. Our Executive Council agreed to support our neighboring nation and push for this secondary route to connect us with the south end of the island, giving more access and a safe secondary route if another emergency happens to shut the main highway down into the Alberni valley again.

Other tasks and meetings:

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings of legislation
- Iskum meetings x 2
- Special Economic Development Joint Committee meetings
- Meeting with the Executive Director
- Meeting with Councillor Stephen Rayner x 3
- Grappler inlet Property research
- Maa-Nulth Fisheries Committee meetings
- Executive Council meetings
- Special Executive council meetings
- Committee of the Whole meetings
- Special Committee of the whole with Hawiiah
- Alliance of British Columbia of Modern Treaty Nations AGM
- TFL 44 FLP meeting
- MTS check in with Mark Stephens
- Special MTS BOD Budget 2025 meeting
- In-person meeting with Parks Canada in Anacla
- Maa-Nulth Wildlife Committee
- WLRS meeting
- Meeting with Jillian x 2 Treaty related meetings

Overall, this was a very busy month. I was productive with all the tasks I took on this month. Due to the 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 projects I'm referring to as well. I am honored to represent our Nation as a member of the Executive Council.

Councillor Stephen Rayner – March 2025

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

Areas of Responsibility:

Law and Policy Committee (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): As Chair of the Law and Policy Committee, I continue to support and guide the important work of the Governance Project, which is making steady progress in advancing key legislative priorities aligned with Huu-ay-aht's long-term vision of self-governance and community well-being.

This month, the Committee reviewed and provided recommendations on several items, including updates to the flag guidelines, a package of minor legislative amendments, and citizen motions submitted for consideration at the upcoming People's Assembly. These reviews ensure our governance processes remain transparent, responsive, and aligned with our Nation's laws and values.

A significant portion of our meeting was dedicated to reviewing the latest updates on the Governance Project, particularly the Community Safety Act and the Economic Development Act. I'm pleased to report that we've made strong progress on the Economic Development Act, with several working group sessions completed to refine the legislation. Consultants have now begun drafting the updated legislation in preparation for formal presentation at the next People's Assembly.

In addition, a work plan for the Community Safety Act has been developed and received approval from Executive Council, enabling that portion of the project to move into its next phase. We also received updates on the development of the Governance and Fiscal Agreement Regulation, another important piece of work that supports stronger intergovernmental relationships and improved fiscal oversight.

The Governance Project remains on track, and I'm encouraged by the level of collaboration and dedication shown by all involved. Together, we are continuing to develop thoughtful, community-driven legislation that reflects Huu-ay-aht values, strengthens our governance system, and supports a safe, prosperous future for all citizens.

About the Governance project: In the fall of 2023, the People's Assembly approved an in-depth review of our laws and policies to assess our progress since the signing of our Treaty and ensure our legal framework reflects and upholds our traditional values and practices. This comprehensive review has already identified key areas for enhancement, with a clear plan to actively involve the community in sharing their insights and feedback throughout the process. The first phase of this review focuses on the Community Safety Act and related legislation, followed by an evaluation of our financial and economic development laws. Our overarching goal is to systematically strengthen our legal framework to make it more responsive to the needs of our community while staying aligned with our cultural principles and long-term vision.

Emerging Issues: Keeping on track of delivering the revised legislation in the set time frames.

Framework Planning Project (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): As the Project Lead on Executive Council, I've been closely overseeing the continued advancement of the Framework Planning initiative. This month marked a key milestone in the process as we received an updated draft version of the Framework Vision Plan from our consultants.

The Huu-ay-aht First Nations team conducted a detailed review of the draft, providing targeted feedback to ensure the plan accurately reflects our Nation's long-term goals, values, and priorities. We held several working sessions with our partners and consultants to walk through the document and confirm alignment on key components. Based on our input, revisions were applied, and a final draft version was submitted for review.

Following a final internal review, the updated Framework Vision was approved, marking the successful completion of this critical phase of the project. The next steps will include bringing the Framework Vision forward to Executive Council for formal approval, after which we will begin developing a next phase agreement in collaboration with the Partners Forum.

This progress reflects the strength of our Nation's leadership and the power of collaboration with our partners. The Framework Vision lays a solid foundation for future development, informed by Huu-ay-aht's governance, stewardship, and economic principles. As we move into the next phase, we will begin defining actionable steps and identifying strategic opportunities that support sustainable growth, community well-being, and long-term prosperity for Huu-ay-aht citizens.

This initiative remains a transformative opportunity to guide responsible development across our ḥahuuḥi, ensuring decisions are grounded in our values and benefit our people now and into the future.

About the Framework Plan project: The Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan is currently focusing on visioning, incorporating community feedback, and completing the report. The goal is to create a long-term vision that shapes land uses, mobility, and open spaces over 20-30 years. Recent engagement rounds have highlighted priorities such as diverse housing options, eco-tourism, and cultural preservation. The framework is designed to ensure sustainable growth, supporting diverse businesses, and fostering a thriving community. The project will continue into the next phase with detailed feasibility of the initial ideas into 2025. For detailed updates, visit the Huu-ay-aht Framework Plan here: <https://huyuayaht.org/huu-ay-aht-framework-plan/>

Emerging issues: Keeping the work on track and initiating the second phase so there are no delays.

Green Energy Portfolio (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): As the Executive Council portfolio holder for Clean Energy, I'm pleased to share good news regarding the solar installation at the Anacla Government Office (AGO). We have successfully secured a new funding path for the project that allows us to move forward without being limited by the March 31, 2025 deadline tied to the CERCC funding program.

The install will now be fully funded through our partner company, which is leveraging the BC Hydro incentive rebate it expects to receive from solar installations already completed on Haida Gwaii. This creative funding solution keeps the project on track while providing greater flexibility in timing.

While the project was originally scheduled for installation in February, we are now planning to begin construction in late spring or early summer. This revised timeline is based on several important factors:

- Partner company is currently waiting for rebate funds to arrive from BC Hydro to finance the installation.

- The roof mounting system has an estimated 8-week lead time, which aligns better with a late spring install.
- BC Hydro's solar incentive program is temporarily paused and will relaunch this summer—by delaying the install slightly, Huu-ay-aht will also qualify for the new round of incentives, reducing overall project costs.

This project reflects our Nation's commitment to environmental sustainability, energy self-sufficiency, and long-term infrastructure planning. By integrating solar energy into AGO's power system, we are reducing our dependence on diesel and the electrical grid, while building clean energy capacity that will benefit Huu-ay-aht citizens for generations to come.

Beyond the technology itself, this project is also about capacity building—training our staff and creating pathways for community members to gain skills in clean energy installation and maintenance. It's a step toward, not just a greener Nation, but a more empowered one.

This initiative demonstrates Huu-ay-aht's leadership in the clean energy space and lays a strong foundation for future renewable energy development across our ḥahuuli..

Community Energy (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): The Community Energy Plan remains a guiding document for Huu-ay-aht's clean energy initiatives as we continue advancing key projects that support energy independence and economic growth. This month, we took a major step forward by submitting a \$300,000 funding application to the British Columbia Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) to support a wind feasibility project in our territory.

This project includes the deployment of SODAR wind monitoring technology, which will provide critical data on wind resources, helping us assess the viability of future wind power generation. The insights gained will guide investment decisions and position Huu-ay-aht for future clean energy development opportunities.

In addition to securing funding, I continue to engage with the Ministry of Energy and Climate Action to advocate for Huu-ay-aht's clean energy priorities. These discussions focus on removing barriers to Indigenous-led clean energy development and ensuring that our projects, including the Sarita Micro Hydro Project, are well-positioned for future Calls for Power.

Looking ahead, the Economic Development Department has allocated funding to explore additional clean energy opportunities in the 2025 fiscal year, maintaining momentum in this critical sector. The next phase of the Community Energy Plan will include feasibility studies that assess capacity, locations, and economic viability for various renewable energy sources identified in our territory.

By investing in wind monitoring and feasibility studies, we are strengthening Huu-ay-aht's long-term energy security, reducing reliance on external power sources, and positioning our Nation as a leader in BC's clean energy transition. These initiatives align with our broader vision of economic resilience, environmental stewardship, and sustainable energy development for future generations.

Climate Sustainability (Executive Council Portfolio Holder): This month, I had the opportunity to attend two important events that directly support Huu-ay-aht's goals in climate resilience and sustainability: the Renewables in Remote Communities Conference and the AFN National Natural Resources Forum. These gatherings brought together Indigenous leaders, technical experts, and

government representatives to share best practices, innovations, and funding opportunities for climate adaptation and clean energy development.

While attending, I engaged with representatives from several BC government ministries, building relationships and identifying programs that could support Huu-ay-aht's long-term climate and sustainability goals. These new connections are helping to open doors for potential funding and technical support for initiatives like wildfire planning, shoreline protection, and community resilience.

One of the most exciting developments was reconnecting with the consultant who originally developed Huu-ay-aht's Community Wildfire Protection Plan. He is a recognized expert in wildfire risk reduction and emergency planning and has offered to help us update our plan and apply for new funding to strengthen our community's readiness. This collaboration will allow us to integrate the latest data, technologies, and best practices into our wildfire preparedness strategies.

Our focus remains on tackling key climate-related challenges, including:

- Wildfire prevention and response planning
- Flood mitigation and emergency preparedness
- Extreme heat adaptation
- Shoreline erosion and sea-level rise
- Seismic risk reduction

By continuing to build strategic partnerships, seek out funding opportunities, and pursue expert-led planning, we are ensuring that Huu-ay-aht remains proactive and resilient in the face of climate change. These efforts will help safeguard our ḥahuuli and create a more sustainable, climate-ready future for all Huu-ay-aht citizens.

Maring Shipping Subcommittee (MSSC) (CSpan) (Committee Member): The TMX Marine Shipping Subcommittee focuses on addressing the marine transportation impacts associated with the Trans Mountain Expansion (TMX) project. It works to ensure that shipping activities related to TMX comply with environmental standards, prioritize safety, and respect the rights and concerns of Indigenous and coastal communities. The subcommittee engages with stakeholders, advocates for sustainable practices, and seeks to mitigate environmental risks, such as impacts on marine ecosystems, while promoting responsible marine operations in alignment with Clean Energy BC's sustainability values. The Committee is continuing to work on feasibility studies to determine location of marine safety Vessels. This committee did not meet in February.

Multi-Nation Energy Development: Momentum continues to build around the creation of a First Nations Power Authority (FNPA) as more Nations across Vancouver Island and beyond recognize the strategic opportunity in collaborative clean energy development. This month, I engaged with First Nation leaders, government representatives, and industry experts to explore the potential of an FNPA and the role it could play in advancing Indigenous-led energy sovereignty.

At both the Renewables in Remote Communities Conference and the AFN National Natural Resources Forum, discussions on the FNPA were front and center, highlighting the increasing interest in a coordinated, Nation-to-Nation approach to energy development. These conversations reinforced the need for:

- Shared resources to maximize expertise and infrastructure.
- Joint advocacy to strengthen our collective voice in shaping BC's energy policies.

- Coordinated project development to enhance efficiency, investment potential, and long-term benefits.

With the uncertainty in U.S. energy markets and BC Hydro's upcoming Call for Power, First Nations have a key window of opportunity to secure funding, influence policy, and ensure Indigenous participation in large-scale clean energy projects.

The FNPA framework aims to create a structured, Indigenous-led approach to power generation and distribution, ensuring that First Nations:

- Have greater control over energy resources and decision-making.
- Benefit from equitable revenue-sharing and long-term financial stability.
- Strengthen Indigenous leadership in BC's transition to a low-carbon future.

By working together, First Nations are positioning themselves as leaders in clean energy development, ensuring that the economic, environmental, and social benefits of this transition flow directly to our communities. The FNPA represents a transformative step forward—not just in energy development, but in advancing sovereignty, sustainability, and economic self-determination for future generations

Clean Energy BC (CEBC):

Board of Directors (Chair): As Chair of the Board of Directors for Clean Energy BC, my focus this month has been on guiding the organization through several important governance and operational initiatives that will strengthen our internal structure and support the broader growth of British Columbia's clean energy sector.

The Board has been actively working on updates to membership categories, amendments to the bylaws, and the development of a new eligibility criteria policy—all aimed at ensuring the organization remains inclusive, transparent, and responsive to the evolving needs of our members. We are also modernizing our voting language to reflect best practices in nonprofit governance and support greater participation from our diverse membership base.

In preparation for the upcoming Annual General Meeting, the Board has reviewed and approved key items including the 2025 Fiscal Operations Plan, the budget update for February 2025, and an updated membership dues structure. These steps are critical to ensuring the organization remains financially sustainable while continuing to deliver strong advocacy and support for clean energy proponents across the province.

Beyond administrative matters, the Board continues to focus on strategic priorities such as advancing regulatory efficiency through the One Window Approach, clarifying access to the First Nations Loan Guarantee Program, and supporting policy reforms that streamline permitting for industrial-scale wind projects. Throughout these efforts, I have worked to ensure that Indigenous voices—particularly those of First Nations like Huu-ay-aht—are heard, respected, and integrated into the policy landscape shaping the future of renewable energy in B.C.

Our continued advocacy for First Nations power development remains a top priority, as we strive to ensure equitable access to clean energy opportunities and to position Indigenous Nations as leaders in the province's clean energy transition.

CEBC BOD Chair position: I sit as the Chair for the Board of Directors for Clean Energy BC. In this role, I provide strategic leadership and governance to the organization, ensuring it fulfills its mission to promote and advance clean, renewable energy in British Columbia. The Chair facilitates effective board meetings, fosters collaboration among directors, supports the Executive Director, and serves as a key spokesperson and advocate for the organization's goals. This role also involves engaging with government, industry, and Indigenous partners to strengthen the clean energy sector across the province

Government Relations Committee (Committee Member): The Governance Relations Committee for Clean Energy BC continues its vital work in building and maintaining strong, respectful relationships with all levels of government, Indigenous nations, and regulatory bodies. The committee's focus has expanded to include collaborative governance approaches that recognize the growing role of Indigenous governments in shaping the clean energy future of British Columbia.

Over the past month, the committee has been actively engaging with provincial and federal officials to advocate for streamlined permitting processes, equitable funding opportunities, and policy frameworks that support Indigenous participation in clean energy development. This includes identifying opportunities to align regulatory and funding mechanisms with the principles of UNDRIP and Indigenous self-determination.

With anticipated shifts in the political landscape—both provincially and federally—the committee is prioritizing outreach across party lines to ensure clean energy remains a non-partisan, forward-looking priority. In parallel, we are closely monitoring cross-border developments in energy and trade policy that may impact BC's clean energy sector, particularly in light of emerging climate and economic strategies in the United States.

By providing thoughtful policy input, fostering intergovernmental collaboration, and amplifying the voices of Indigenous partners, the Governance Relations Committee plays a key role in shaping a just, low-carbon energy transition that creates long-term economic and environmental benefits for all communities in British Columbia

Permitting and Regulatory Committee (Committee Member): The Permitting and Regulatory Committee for Clean Energy BC continues to focus on improving the permitting environment for clean energy development in British Columbia. This month, the committee has deepened its efforts in response to BC Hydro's anticipated call for power, ensuring that regulatory pathways are streamlined, accessible, and able to support the timely development of clean energy projects across the province.

As a committee member, I've been engaged in conversations aimed at reducing regulatory bottlenecks and promoting coordinated permitting processes that reflect the priorities of Indigenous Nations, government agencies, and industry partners alike. A significant area of focus has been the development of the One Window Approach, led by the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. This initiative aims to create a more coordinated and transparent regulatory process by consolidating permitting pathways across multiple agencies, making it easier for proponents—particularly Indigenous-led and partnered projects—to navigate the system.

The committee is also working to ensure that this new approach upholds environmental standards, incorporates Indigenous decision-making, and aligns with the timelines required to respond effectively to new clean energy opportunities. We're advocating for the One Window

model to be resourced appropriately, with meaningful Indigenous participation embedded throughout the process.

Our collective goal is to help shape a permitting framework that is both efficient and inclusive—one that respects Indigenous rights and governance, protects the environment, and enables British Columbia to meet its climate and energy goals through responsible, renewable energy development.

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

Week one:

- AGO solar upgrade meeting
- Economic development and Ha'wiih meeting
- Government relations committee meeting CEBC
- Attended the Budget speech and met with ministers at the Legislature
- Meeting with Councillor Brad Johnson
- Permitting committee meeting CEBC
- Bi-weekly meeting with Councillor Edward Johnson
- CEBC team meeting
- Generate 2025 Meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Executive Director Karen Hogan
- Call to the Ministry of Energy and Climate
- Iskum meeting
- Clean energy government relations meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Chief John Jack

Week two:

- HR committee CEBC
- Governance project working group 2 all-day meeting
- CEMPO alliance of modern treaty nations meeting
- HFN energy discussion meeting
- CEBC pre board meeting
- Governance project working group 1 meeting
- Weekly team meeting CEBC
- AFN National natural resource forum Vancouver, (Wednesday/Thursday)
- Executive Council meeting
- CEBC bylaw regulation meeting
- Governance project working group 3 all-day meeting

Week three:

- Governance project working group all-day meeting
- First sitting of the spring legislature
- Committee of the Whole meeting
- Joint, Ha'wiih Council, EcDev, Finance, and LNR Committee meeting
- CEBC team meeting
- HFN energy project meeting
- Governance committee meeting CEBC
- Governance project working group meeting
- Government relations committee meeting CEBC
- Law and Policy Development Committee meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Executive Director Karen Hogan

- Maa-Nulth and global affairs Canada meeting
- Committee of the Whole and Ha'wiih Council Meeting
- Bi-weekly meeting with Chief John Jack

Week Four:

- Executive council meeting
- CEBC Bi-monthly board meeting
- Renewables in remote communities' conference Tuesday-Friday
 - Conference meetings:
 - Minister - Energy, Mines & Resources, Government of Yuko
 - Pembina institute
 - Indigenous clean energy
 - Government of Nunavut
 - Skitigate band councillor
 - Northern energy innovation
 - Several contracting companies
 - Several engineering and development consultants
- Second sitting of the legislature
- Third sitting of the legislature
- Executive council meeting

Councillor Evan Cook Report – March 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Economic Development

Finance

The finance committee met on March 25th, 2025. The 2025/2026 HFN Financial Plan Draft was presented to the finance committee by the CFO and team.

The financial position Proforma (projection) for 2026 to 2028 continues to have positive growth for our HFN assets but also held down by our financial Liabilities, like government businesses, especially in our forestry sectors, which a nil return in revenue is forecasted for the next 3 years.

Investment Wealth Fund:

The Trump administration's new trade policies could affect our investments, major exposure to revenue generation in the U.S. are most vulnerable. That being said, we want to position our portfolios around tariff risks and increase diversification.

The HFNDC Board of Directors approved the audited financial statements for HFN Development LP and financial statements for HFN Development Corporation for the year ending December 31, 2024.

Economic Development

HGB

The HFN Group of Business met with HFNDC to seek approval on a Business Case to develop 30 campsites on a new campground on the Bay house property in Bamfield to generate an incremental revenue stream. While this property is included in the Framework Plan, near-term development is not expected. Any large-scale development is projected to be at least 10 years away.

Microtel

Due to delays in construction permits etc, the final cost of the project has increased substantially. To make the business more viable, more equity by the partners will be required. So far, between the overall capital structure First Nations partners equity injection and Bank loans, a shortfall of \$5 to \$6 million will need to be raised.

Tariffs

With induced tariff uncertainties, where is the best investment for limited time and money?

Short Term:

My opinion: Ecotourism (fastest source of return) -Trailer Park, enhance RV and Camp site, logistics (buses, ferry Port Alberni to Bamfield, accommodations, traditional and culture

attractions, sport fishing, seafood - create the destination. Canadians will be looking for alternative destinations to the USA if tariffs continue.

Medium and Long term:

Economical clean energy-as our accelerator. HFN becomes the energy supplier to the area.

Land Development in Bamfield (Forum)?

The two are integrated.

Long Term-Forestry

Councillor Stella Peters – March 2025

Areas of Responsibility:

Mental Health and Wellness

Education and Training

Public/Community Safety

Emergency Planning and Readiness/Climate Change and Climate Resilience

Mental Health and Wellness

- Cory and I attended the Nuuchahnulth Traditional Wellness Practitioners, Knowledge Keepers and Healers Gathering with a couple FNHA staff in Tseshaht. It was a very interesting three days. Focus was on traditional medicines and healing.
- Coral and I attended the NCN Health Legislation dinner and Dialogue session looking at principals to guide health legislation from BC FN's perspective, health governance, primary care wellness, accountability on the delivery of health, the partnership accord and systemic racism in all levels of health. Our values need to be centered to create change in the health system, recognition of authority. "Declaration 46 means nothing" - we want it to be distinct based. Traditional practitioners/healers need to be recognized/certified.
- I attended a meeting on the toxic drug crisis, the impacts, harm reduction intervention. Since the harm reduction and the naoxilin training and it's availability, it's never taken into consideration "how many lives have been saved" only the deaths and overdoses.
- April 10th 2025 will be 10 years since the FN's had FNHA "Declare a State of Emergency" on the toxic drug crisis. Imagine if the Provincial and Federal Governments had taken it more seriously.
- We still talk about intervention, prevention, land-based learning, education, awareness, treatment centers, after care and the social determinants of health, primary care units-resources for mental health/addictions, the impacts in communities, loss, grievance, families left behind, hard on elders, youth and young children, broken families, affects on people with addictions in order to support their habits, criminal activity, prostitution. Homelessness is another concern that is always on our agenda.

Education and Training

- I will keep the "Friendly Reminder" about keeping in touch with our Education team Brent Ronning and Vanessa Sim (Sabbas) about our Graduating student and/or Scholarship recipient. We will be celebrating their successes at HOH on July 25th. This will be the first time we are having it in the homelands - so far we have 25 Graduates.
- John and I had a meeting with Jaime Hansen Pacific Rim SD 70 representative to discuss documents relating to Bill 40 and changes to the School Act for School of Choice, Model LEA and Indigenous Education Councils.
- We continue to work with our Bamfield Community School bringing in culture and trying to address any concerns that come up like bullying (still an issue), having the RCMP go in and talk to them, not only for that but other things like Internet Safety - just to give them awareness.

Culture

- Our Culture and Wellness team is down to one right now so Cory Sr has been quite busy, He has been doing dance practice in Anacla and Port Alberni. He also started doing shawl making. We do have a new job posting out for another Cultural Wellness worker.
- I just received an email from Sherri Cook connecting myself, Theresa Nookemus and Jeff Cook as contacts for Repatriation of HFN Artifacts from the Canadian museum of history.

Events

- No events scheduled this month.
- We will be planning for our HOH 25th Anniversary celebration. We had set the date for July 5th but due to HOH renovations we will be looking at July 19th instead.

Public Safety

Community Safety

- This will always be in the forefront - having a safe healthy community was one of the recommendations to ensure our youth, citizens and elders are in a safe place. We continue to look at different things we can do for them. Whether it's focusing on the youth or a community engagement for our citizens and elders, we try to encourage our citizens to attend.
- We just did an engagement session for community safety focusing on:
 - Fraud and Counterfeit Money (phone,text,email,social media,mail,in person)
 - Family Violence (Intimate Partner, Family, Physical, Emotional, Verbal, Sexual)
 - Victim Services and Reporting.
- We have the final draft for our MOU for Supported Community Reintegration with BC Corrections.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness

- It's nice having Sean Flickinger as our Emergency Coordinator; he is well resourced in this area and things are coming together quite well. They just did two days on Intro to Emergency Management and quite a few staff attended. I was only able to make it to the second day. He is still doing some work with Byron from JEL Protection doing a Hazard Assessment.

Climate Change and Climate Resilience

- This also relates to the emergency planning we do as it affects it in a major way.
- I have attended meetings relating to BC's Flood Strategy and for the Climate Resilience Forum. There hasn't been very many meetings, but I am on standby.
- Sean and I met with Heather Castleden about an opportunity to be a part of a joint project with three other nations to look at Climate Displacement Project. She has confirmed that the Athabasca Chipewan First Nation, Doig River First Nation, Yellow Knives Dene First Nation, and the National Indigenous Organizations and several indigenous scholars are also a part of the project and hopefully Tommy Happynook Jr as he and Heather both are at U Vic.

Boards and Committees

- Co-operative Management Board with Brad Johnson and Parks Canada (PC)

- Citizen Development Committee (CDC)
- Community Consultative Group (CCG)
- Anacla Planning Committee with Edward Johnson jr and Stephen Rayner
- Human Resource and Workplace Wellness Committee with Brad Johnson and Stephen Rayner