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People's Assembly Citizen Motion Guidelines

Citizen Motion Submissions for People's Assembly

Huu-ay-aht First Nations is inviting citizens to submit Citizen Motions for consideration at the upcoming People's Assembly. Citizen Motions provide an important opportunity for citizens to help shape the future direction of the Nation by bringing forward recommendations for Executive Council to consider.

What is a Citizen Motion?

Citizen Motion is a formal recommendation from citizens requesting that Executive Council consider a specific action, priority, or direction. Citizen Motions help Executive Council understand the issues that matter most to citizens and can influence future planning, policies, and decision-making.

What Should a Citizen Motion Address?

- Address strategic, long-term, or community-wide issues.
- Identify a concern, opportunity, or priority important to citizens.
- Propose a solution, recommendation, or action for Executive Council to consider.
- Support respectful and constructive discussion.
- Benefit Huu-ay-aht citizens or the Nation as a whole.

Examples of Appropriate Motions

- ✓ Exploring new housing initiatives.
- ✓ Increasing support for language revitalization.
- ✓ Reviewing opportunities for youth engagement.
- ✓ Improving communications with citizens.

What Should Not Be Included?

- ✗ Personal disputes between individuals.
- ✗ Individual complaints or grievances.
- ✗ Matters outside Executive Council's authority.
- ✗ Staff operational issues or day-to-day administrative matters.
- ✗ Disrespectful, discriminatory, or defamatory content.

Citizens with concerns that fall outside the Citizen Motion process are encouraged to attend an Executive Council meeting. Executive Council also welcomes citizens to participate during the Delegation/Presentation portion of Council meetings to discuss potential Citizen Motions and other matters of concern.

To learn more about attending an Executive Council meeting, please contact the Law Clerk.



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Submission Process

Submission period

Open: Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Deadline: Sunday, October 4, 2026

After submission

1. The Law Clerk will review submissions.
2. Legal staff may work with citizens to clarify wording and intent.
3. Minor edits may be recommended to improve clarity.
4. Approved motions will be included in the People's Assembly materials package.

Important Information

Submitting a motion does not guarantee adoption. Citizens will discuss motions during the People's Assembly, and Executive Council will consider the feedback and direction provided.

The citizen submitting the motion is expected to attend the People's Assembly to introduce it. If unable to attend, the citizen must arrange for another Huu-ay-aht citizen to introduce the motion on their behalf. Motions may not be considered if no representative is present.

For information on how to submit a Citizen Motion, please contact the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government Law Clerk at 250.723.0100 or email lawclerk@huuayaht.org.

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