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November 8, 2017

Dear Huu-ay-aht Citizens:

We are writing you to update you on the $14,285,000 IR No. 1 Specific Claims Tribunal Award.

The award is the result of a claim Huu-ay-aht filed with the Tribunal in 2011 about logging that took place on former Numukamis IR1 between 1948 and 1969. Huu-ay-aht chiefs petitioned Canada at the time of the logging operations, asserting that the licence should be cancelled, to no avail. In 2014, the Tribunal found that Canada had breached its fiduciary obligations in relation to the way the timber was sold. The Tribunal found that Canada had not acted in Huu-ay-aht's best interests, had entered into an unlawful arrangement, and that Huu-ay-aht had received far less compensation than it ought to have for its timber. The compensation for these breaches of duty committed by Canada were set by the Tribunal in 2016 and this matter came to a conclusion earlier this year when Canada dropped its appeal of the Tribunal's decision.

Under Huu-ay-aht law we are charged with acting in the best interests of present and future generations of Huu-ay-aht. With this in mind, at the November 6, 2017 meeting of Executive Council, we passed a resolution to allocate the monies received from the $14,285,000 Tribunal award. The allocation made is as follows:

Invested Wealth Fund	44%
Self-Reliance Investment Fund	22%
Citizen Dividend	34%

This allocation will help to ensure that funds are available to fill the yearly funding gap that will occur beginning in 2021/2022 because of the completion of treaty payments from the Federal government.

Each aspect of this allocation is discussed in further detail below:

Invested Wealth Fund

Per our *Financial Administration Act* the Invested Wealth Fund has a target amount to reach by March 31, 2019. The target amount is variable based on inflation, but this contribution will ensure we reach the target amount, which is about $20 million. This will provide an annual payment needed to help maintain current levels of Huu-ay-aht government programs and services.

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Self-Reliance Investment Fund

This is a newly created fund. This fund will also help to address the structural deficit of the Nation that will start in the 2021/22 fiscal year. Programs funded will have to prove that they provide a return on investment by the 2021/22 fiscal year. Huu-ay-aht programs and services to citizens are growing and we will need annual funding that exceeds the amount provided under the Invested Wealth Fund.

Citizen Dividend

The dividend will be $6,000 to each Citizen that is enrolled in the Citizenship Register as of November 6, 2017. This is a one-time payment. Executive Council is hopeful that this dividend payment will help to contribute to Huu-ay-aht citizens of all ages achieving self-reliance.

> Please don't hesitate to contact the Government if you would like to talk through various options to use the dividend to reach your goals. We will also provide a list of local banks and financial advisors who will be on hand to answer any of your questions. Please keep an eye on the Huu-ay-aht website for regular

When will Citizens receive the Citizen Dividend?

The Government administration is committed to making sure the dispersal of funds is completed in a smooth and organized process. The most important part of that is having your current address updated on the Citizen Register. We will continue updating the Citizen Register until November 24, at which point we will produce the first run of cheques. The first run of cheques will be available for pickup on December 1, 2017 at one of three locations in Anacla, Port Alberni and Vancouver. Any cheques not picked up will be mailed at the end of the day.

If you do not receive your cheque in the first run, please contact us to confirm your correct address, and we will cancel your cheque from the first run and put you on the list for the second run. The second run of cheques will be mailed out on January 15, 2018.

The Finance Department will review National, Provincial and Huu-ay-aht Government programs that may be affected by this dividend payment. For example, to be eligible for the BC Income Assistance program you cannot own a vehicle that is worth more than $10,000. Before the funds are dispersed we will issue a summary of potential effects of the dividend. While this information may be of assistance to Citizens, it will be up to each Citizen to ensure they comply with applicable laws related to their receipt of these funds and pay any applicable taxes.

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Updating your address in the Citizenship Register

There are three options to update your address in the Citizenship Register:

1. Fill out a change of address form on our website: https://huuayaht.org/how-do-i/change-of-address-form/
2. E-mail the following to address@huuayaht.org:
    a. Full Name
    b. Email
    c. Mailing address
    d. City
    e. Postal code
    f. Phone number
3. Starting November 13, 2017, call the PAGO office at 250-723-0100 and ask for Amanda-Lee, who will assist you with updating your address.

The Government will be fielding a high volume of calls and requests for information. To make sure all information is recorded correctly, please use one of the above three methods to update your information. Employees will refer you to the above processes when they receive inquiries about the dividend.

If you have any questions, please call Amanda-Lee at 250-723-0100.

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