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MINUTES of EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, September 26, 2024
10:00 a.m. – Zoom

Attendance: Edward Johnson (Chair), Brad Johnson, Evan Cook, Theresa Nookemus, John Jack, Stella Peters, Stephen Rayner
Excused:
Guest: Teresa Gagnon – Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Chief Financial Officer, Patrick Schmidt – Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Chief Executive Officer
Resource: Karen Haugen - Executive Director, Jordan Young – Acting Law Clerk, Janet Kunstmann – Executive Assistant to Executive Council, Amanda-Lee Cunningham – Communications Manager, Kiara Collinge – Communications Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

   The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**:

   Delete:

   Add: 9d. Application for National Guardian Network Indigenous Led Climate Solutions
   10a. Committee of the Whole Recommendations
   10c. Provincial Elections Discussion

   MOTION PASSED re: Adoption of Agenda as Amended

   Resolution #EC240926-01

3. **DECLARATIONS**
   a) **Declarations**

Executive Council has no declarations at this time.

   b) **Conflict of Interest**

Councillor Stella Peters declared a conflict for item 5b.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Correspondence Log

Executive Council reviews the correspondence log for FYI.

5. DELIGATION AND PRESENTATION

b) Klanawa Contracting

Councillor Stella Peters declared a conflict for item 5b. and left the meeting for this item. The Executive Director explains that a letter of support for Klanawa Contracting is being requested and hearing directly from the requester will help shape its content. Executive Director to work Klanawa Contracting.

MOTION PASSED re: Letter of Support for Klanawa Contracting

Resolution #EC240926-02

5. FINANCIALS

a) Preapproval of Contracts

The Executive Director going over the proposed contract and motion with Executive Council.

MOTION PASSED re: Approval of Contract with Legacy Tourism Group

Resolution #EC240926-03

b) Financials

The Chief Financial Officer going over the August 2024 monthly financials.

MOTION PASSED re: August 2024 Monthly Financials

Resolution #EC240926-04

c) Financial Recommendations

The Executive Director mentions that the CRA authorized individuals need to be updated to reflect the current Executive Council and administration.

MOTION PASSED re: Appointment of Officers

Resolution #EC240926-05

6. REPORTS

a) Executive Council Report – August 2024

Executive Council reviewed their August 2024 report and provided the opportunity to highlight key topics from their reports.

MOTION PASSED re: Executive Council August 2024 Report

Resolution #EC240926-06

7. IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION PASSED re: Go In-Camera

Resolution #EC240926-07

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

In-Camera Resolution #EC240926-08

MOTION PASSED re: Go Out of Camera **Resolution #EC240926-09**

The meeting went in camera from 10:46 a.m. until 12:20 p.m.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a) Appointment of Auditor

The Chief Financial Officer going over the briefing note regarding the appointment of an auditor and the potential options provided by the Finance Committee. Councillor Evan Cook, the Chief Financial Officer, and the Executive Director will gather additional information and present the item back to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

IN-CAMERA SESSION

MOTION PASSED re: Go In-Camera

Resolution #EC240926-10

IN CAMERA MOTION Re:

In-Camera Resolution #EC240926-11

MOTION PASSED re: Go Out of Camera

Resolution #EC240926-12

The meeting went in camera from 12:38 a.m. until 12:54 p.m.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Annual Report

The Acting Law Clerk explains to the Executive Council that the Finance Committee recommends extending the Annual Report deadline.

MOTION PASSED re: Annual Report Extension

Resolution #EC240926-13

b) Strategic Plan Update

The Executive Director goes over the Strategic Plan update briefing note with Executive Council. She mentions VIU students are now reviewing HFN plans to identify gaps and ensure alignment. They will also assist with amendments to integrate the strategic plan with other key plans.

Before approval, consultations with the Ha'wiih Council and citizens are required. A document will be posted online for citizen feedback, which, along with proposed amendments, will be presented to the Citizen Development committee for recommendations to the Executive Council meeting in November.

MOTION PASSED re: Strategic Plan Update

Resolution #EC240926-14

Executive Council took a 5-minute break from 10:35 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

c) Application for National Guardian Network Indigenous Led Climate Solutions

The Stewardship Program Advisor going over the briefing note with Executive Council. He mentions Huu-ay-aht Lands and Natural Resources Department is working on grant application to the National Guardian Network for Indigenous Led Climate Solutions.

MOTION PASSED re: Letter of Support for Application for Funding from the First Nations National Guardian Network

Resolution #EC240926-15

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.