EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, December 17, 2012
10 am, Administration Office, Port Alberni

Attendance: Jeff Cook (Chair), Jack Cook, John Jack, Charlie Clappis, Tom Happynook, Sheila Charles, Connie Waddell
Resource: Rob Botterell, Deborah Smith (Recording Secretary)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

2. AGENDA

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL approves the Agenda for the December 17, 2012 Executive Council meeting.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2012-207

MOTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Executive Council considers that in light of the special circumstance set out above a delay in consideration of the matter is not in the best interests of the Huu-ay-aht; and

2. Executive Council hereby waives the requirement(s) that the report regarding the Substantive Matter be delivered four working days in advance of consideration.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2012-208

3. LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mayor John Douglas is requesting a letter of support from Huu-ay-aht First Nations to have the traffic enforcement office relocated from Parksville to Port Alberni.

Executive Council directs the Executive Director to prepare a letter of support for the relation of the Traffic Office for Executive Council's signature.

Action: Executive Director

4. PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY MOTIONS

Jeff Cook reviewed the motions:

Spring Legislation:

Rob Botterell, Legal Counsel, is drafting an instructional memorandum with respect to Spring Legislation for distribution to Executive Council on Thursday, December 18, 2012.

Action: Legal Counsel

Executive Council will prepare a one-page summary of Spring Legislation requirements for posting on the webpage.

Action: Executive Council

Economic Development Legislation:

John Jack advised that the first steps will be to conduct community rounds to review the presentation in full form to ensure that we have consulted as many citizens as possible.

Action: John Jack

Legal Counsel's instruction memorandum will detail the steps necessary for the legislative steps.

Tribunal Decision – Application #2012-001:

Connie Waddell advised that Brenda McLuhan, Human Resources Legal Counsel, is working on the implementing the recommendations in the Tribunal Decision to the Huu-ay-aht Human Resources Policy. There will be consultation with HR Legal Counsel with respect to the creation of fines.

Action: Executive Director

Ha'wiih Council to consider their involved in Tribunal issues. To be discussed at the next Ha'wiih Council Meeting.

Action: Ha'wiih Council

There was discussion of Hugh Braker's Letter of Decent with regard to the Tribunal Decision not being received. The Executive Council directed the Executive Director to send a letter to John Rich, Tribunal Chair and inquire about the status.

Action: Executive Director

Treaty Settlement Land:

Section 77 (b) of the *Government Act* that requires that the People's Assembly be held on Huu-ay-aht Land will be deleted. This will be detailed in Legal Counsel's instructional memorandum.

People's Assembly Quorum:

Section 77 (c) of the *Government Act* referencing eligible voters for the People's Assembly will be changed to 20%. This will be detailed in Legal Counsel's instructional memorandum.

Timber Harvest on Treaty Settlement Land:

This process does require concurrent work by Forestry and Lands. The work will be initiated by HDC and work its way through the process – Lands Committee, Ha'wiilh Council, Finance Committee with a final recommendation to Executive Council for the June 2013 Executive Council Meeting.

The Executive Director to coordinate a meeting with the Forestry Department in early January. Larry Johnson and Jeff Cook to be included in the meeting.

Action: Executive Director

HFN Investment in HDC:

John Jack advised that the implementation of the Eight Recommendations address a lot of the concerns brought up in this motion. He further advised that there is a solid operating Board that can be the "independent financial expert". The concerns that John Jack had was the 10% threshold and how the $1.7 million was derived.

Executive Council recommended that HDC meet with all members of government and the Finance Committee to review HDC's plan.

This motion was passed with 95 citizens in favour. The highest "in favour" participation of any motion.

It was highlighted that the motion called for an independent financial expert to review the businesses.

Executive Council recommended that John Jack meet with Karen Haugen to review specifics of the motion.

Action: John Jack

Ottawa Trust Fund Benefit Programs:

Executive Council is directing this motion to the Finance Committee to prepare the report by April 30, 2013.

Action: Finance Committee

Executive Council and Executive Director Salaries & Benefits:

Executive Council is directing this motion to the Finance Committee to prepare the report as described in the motion.

Action: Finance Committee

Education & Trades Training:

Citizen Development Committee has completed all this work and the education policies have been amended. This information needs to be communicated to the citizens.

Action: Citizen Development Committee

Payment to Citizens:

Although this motion was not passed at the People's Assembly, Executive Council felt that it should be addressed. Consideration was given to a variety of different options, however it was agreed that an Investment Policy with consideration for profit distribution to citizens as an option be developed.

Action: Finance Committee

Food, Social and Ceremonial Fish:

Food, Social and Ceremonial Fish is a priority and should be given due consideration in the budget process. This will be addressed in the January Executive Council Meeting once the budget process has begun.

Action: Executive Council

Administration Organization Structure:

The Executive Director advised that a lot of work has been done for this already and with the organization review underway in each department, it will be easy to flush out. The Executive Director will report back to Executive Council in the January Executive Council Meeting.

Action: Executive Director

Executive Council directed the Executive Director to have a communication drafted by Friday, December 21, 2012 to go to all citizens advising on the status of all motions addressed at the December 8, 2012 People's Assembly.

Action: Executive Director

5. MAA-NULTH LAWS UPDATE

Rob Botterell provided a brief update with respect to the Maa-nulth Laws. Maa-nulth is moving forward however Huu-ay-aht will not be participating at this time.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN

The strategic plan was presented at the People's Assembly on December 8, 2012. Executive Council is considering adding additional items. John Jack to meet with individual Council members to review portfolio priorities; compile the data and present to Executive Council. A draft template based on the current Strategic Plan to be distributed to Executive Council to review.

Action: John Jack

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The meeting went in camera for the discussion on the remainder of the Agenda items.