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Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	• December 1, the HFN team attended a meeting with Minister Conroy to attempt to advance the following issues. a) Old Growth deferrals b) Stumpage c) Project Green • Thursday, December 9, attended Project Green briefing that the Premier is willing to meet. That part of the objective met.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	• Thursday, December 2, met with the Self-Governing Indigenous Governments to review and consider the latest housing funding amounts from Canada. There was a slight reduction of $100,000, HFN agreed to the housing amounts in accordance with HFN EC motion regarding the $5.2 M. • Tuesday, Dec 7, sent email to Matthew Louie regarding South Salish Sea Arm-Length Initiative to get status update. Awaiting response.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	• To ensure HFN citizens are fully informed on the Old Growth issue, I conducted an interview with Eric Plummer.
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	• Thursday, Dec 2, participated in an interview with Eric Plummer regarding HFN's decision related to the Old Growth Deferral Process. • Thursday, Dec 2, participated in CFAX interview regarding HFN Old Growth Deferral decision.
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	• Ensuring that HFN aboriginal and treaty rights are part of the IRMP Plan through mandate instructions to fully implement Treaty Implementation Plan.
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies	• One of the main purposes of my morning telephone calls with the EC is to ensure adherence to, and enforcement of, our constitution, legislation and policies.
7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	• Employment and Training is an integral part of a sound Huu-ay-aht economy. Prepared a draft HFN Employment and Training Strategy and sent to Trevor for further review and consideration.

	• December 1, met with Tliishin and Trevor to discuss an approach to address the Tseshaht Economic Protocol issues, especially related to Micro Hotel Project. • Forestry is integral part of sound economy. Prepared a draft HFN Forestry Strategy and sent to Trevor for further review and consideration. • Dec 1, attend the CEDI interview. • Carrying out Executive Council decision regarding Me Too Fishery Strategy, developing lobbying plan to visit Minister Joyce Murray. • Monday, December 6, met with Capital Raise team to review and consider first draft of power point to promote Huuayaht. • Friday, December 10, met with Caa`wak-qin Forestry Advisory Council to work relationship and operational goal and objectives.
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	• Meet with Councillor Edward Johnson to review ways that we are promoting Huu-ay-aht values, culture, traditions and language. • Apply Tliishin's core values that he so respectfully reminds us on regular basis.
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	• Continued with my 7:30 am call with Connie to ensure proper management and administration of government and council. • Tuesday, December 7, met separately with Councillor John Jack, Trevor Cootes and Councillor Edward Johnson to discuss portfolio priorities. • Reviewed Old Growth Data for HFN territory and TFL 44 to prepare for future meetings and media releases. • Continue to have daily discussion with Executive Director to ensure proper management and administration of government and address arising issues.
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	
11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios or removing portfolios from Councillors;	• Tuesday, Dec 7, met with Councillor John Jack to discuss current issues arising from his Finance and ACRD portfolios. • Also, met with Councillor Edward Johnson to discuss 2022 current issues arising from his portfolio and to assign him Infrastructure and Housing till March 1, 2022.

	• Thursday, December 9, met with Kiixin Climate Change team to discuss potential funding opportunity to do some work. • Friday, December 10, met with Brian Chatwin to discuss his Climate Change project and different First Nations he's working with and discussed potential climate change initiatives.
12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	• Saturday, Dec 4, attended an participated in 2021 People Assembly acting as public spokesperson for the Annual Report.
13) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy.	

Emerging issues:

1. To review and consider the following four letters to determine if there are discriminatory practices, decisions or comments being applied by HFN administration.
    a) Becky Nookemus letter.
    b) Michelle's (terminated staff person) letter.
    c) Clifford Nookemus Letter
    d) Victoria Nookemus letter.
2. On-going review of Old Growth conference. Yes or No. Or different approach.
3. Approved Project priorities.
    a) Specific Claim – approved funding but may need more.
    b) Project Green – no approved funding but EC resolution.
    c) 51 % TFL 44 Acquisition, no approved funding but EC resolution.
    d) Sarita Micro Hydro – approved resolution.
    e) $25 M Capital Raise.
4. Portfolio Review and potential recommendations for review and consideration and/or change. Also, 2022-23 budget considerations.
5. A report that RCMP assaulted Jaye Dennis over the holidays.
    - May have mental health issues
    - Been jailed for stealing a can of coke.
6. Executive Director Evaluation, status update.
7. Policy related.
    a) Set committee meeting dates.
    b) EC reporting
    c) EC duty to meet

Councillor John Alan Jack

Note to Reader:

Finance – Progress Report

Finance committee met on December 16th and aside from the financials, we had discussions about our feedback on the Housing Regulation as well as asking for a briefing note on potential cost of living increases for the next budget. With the annual cost of living going up significantly, it's probably the right time to look at pay.

Finance – Emerging Issues

Initial administrative work has begun on the Budget Forecast in December - more details should be forthcoming from the Executive Director's Report.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report

I conducted my first in-person discussion with the CAO regarding HFN's interests as well as the general governance issues for the entire district. We spoke to parking, the need for community planning and zoning at HFN, as well as the other items listed in previous reports.

Climate Change – Progress Report

I attended a meeting of the Citizen Development Committee regarding plans for Climate Change and it was well received. Jim Lee also gave a rundown of the items we have already started.

We had an initial meeting regarding the Kiixin Site environmental and climate change work. There's still plenty to do, but it seems the team that has been pulled together is quite capable.

Law and Policy Development – Progress Report

The Housing Regulation has been to the relevant committees for feedback at this point; the next step will be Council for adoption.

Law and Policy Development – Emerging Issues

I would like to start the process of developing a regulation for business licensing, which falls under HFN's jurisdictions under the treaty. We can use this regulation to not only control what types of businesses are conducted on our lands, but also how we might provide incentives for citizens to start their own businesses. The regulation can also provide rules by which partnerships or joint ventures may also access the same incentives, as long as HFN citizens own at least some predetermined percentage.

Huumiis Ventures LP and HFN Forestry Consulting Services LP

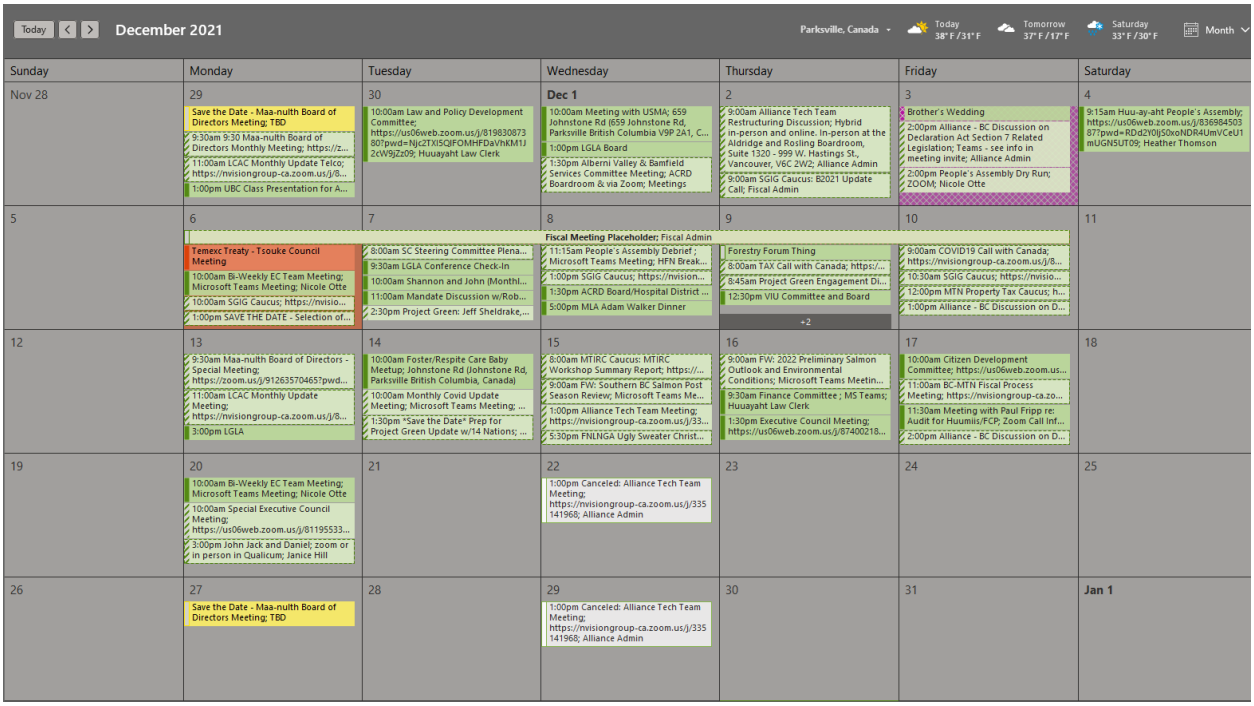
Some work was done to ensure that appropriate information was sent to the auditors for completion of the HFN audit. As a result of this work, it has been determined that there needs to be more discussion between HFN and Huumiis to ensure that auditing practices are adhered to.

This will mean that Huumiis will have to interface directly with Tsawakqin (TFL 44) LP's Board of Directors to ensure that their financial practices jive with our PSAP requirements. This might get complicated.

Meetings were had with Paul Fripp from BDO regarding the Audit that will be upcoming. There will be a need for continued interface with WFP's financial staff to ensure that we can make this process less painful for HFN's holdings. In addition, we have engaged with Grant Thornton for more financial help regarding a more-sophisticated budget.

HFN Personnel Committee

An RFP/advertisement for an evaluation process for the Executive Director went out, but nothing was received in regard to responses. As a result, I will be asking the committee to sole source a subject matter expert for conducting the evaluation in the new year. I will need to ask the Law Clerk and Legal Counsel what steps we are allowed to take during the campaign period, or whether we should wait for after the by-election.



Councillor ƛicitaṯ Edward R. Johnson Report

Area of Responsibility:
Community Health
Citizenship Committee
Education, Language and Culture
Citizen Development Committee
Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Community Health**

- Attended Atmospheric River Event Coordination Calls. We had unusual amounts of rain and wind through the atmospheric river events at the tail end of November and first part of December. We generally receive about 35 atmospheric river events over the course of the year and usually only three of them are significant, but we have had several back-to-back, seven in total through November and December. The following sites are good information for winds, rain and snow. https://www.windy.com/?48.456,-125.055,8 https://www.windy.com/?49.211,-124.020,5 https://www.weather.gc.ca/map_e.html?layers=radar&zoom=10&center=49.16377827%2C-125.11038787
- Monthly Covid Update Meeting - The task force worked on communications leading up to Christmas and the holiday season in order to provide our HFN with some good information to support awareness and appropriate responses to Omicron.
- Monthly ACHN Table of Partners Meeting - I was networking at the monthly Alberni Clayoquot Health Network table and came across this Residential Heat Pump Incentives funding – looks very interesting - https://betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/icec-offer/. I shared it with our funding guru and he is looking into it further. The funding is for Housing Heat pumps. Homes eligible for the residential heat pump incentives must be one of the following types of buildings: single family detached dwelling, mobile home on a permanent foundation, side-by-side duplex, stacked duplex, side-by-side row home or townhouse (provided that each unit has its own natural gas and/or electricity meter).
- Attended FNHA VI Region Town Hall: Omicron variant update. On November 30, 2021 the first case of the COVID-19 variant, Omicron, was detected in British Columbia and on December 13, 2021 the variant was confirmed to have arrived on Vancouver Island. As we continue to learn about the Omicron variant, there are some things we know. It has a short incubation period of 2-3 days, it is 3.5 times more transmissible than the Delta variant and individuals who have up-to-date COVID-19 vaccines have the best protection from acquiring Omicron. COVID-19 Community Support Guide link. https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-COVID-19-Community-Support-Guide.pdf and link for frequently asked questions https://www.fnha.ca/Documents/FNHA-COVID-19-Meal-Support-FAQs.pdf. Talked about the aftermath of the holidays with the new variant and the need for rapid tests in the new year.
- Working on setting up workshop for EC and SMT Restoring Wellness in Our Community: Addressing the Root Causes of Addiction - Dates to work with are May 16-20, 2022 and June 6-10, 2022.

Emerging Issues

- Omicron variant early studies show more fully-vaccinated people are getting the Omicron variant
than previous variants.

- Workshop for EC and SMT Restoring Wellness in Our Community: Addressing the Root Causes of Addiction.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Citizenship Committee**

- Chaired our Monthly Citizenship Committee meeting. It is HFN Law to have a Citizenship Committee meeting every Month.

Emerging Issues

- No emerging issues

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Education, Language and Culture**

- As a board of director's member for the BCSA, we hold monthly meetings every second Monday of the month.
- Was on the agenda at our Ha'wiih Council Meeting - talked about K-12 in Anacla and establishing a working group in the new year. Talked about the representation for this working group HFN, Bamfield Community Affairs, BCSA, SD70/Community School and ACRD. Executive Director of BMSC attended this meeting as well. We talked about the development of a business case for sustainable K-12 education in Bamfield. This is one of chief councillor's top three priorities moving forward as our community grows in Anacla. We talked about K-12 in our Strategic Planning and have added to the SP. Next step is to add to budgeting for our 2022 to 2025 Financial Plan.
- Attended the Warriors Retreat at Outer Shores Lodge West Bamfield song making and drum making.
- Receiving phone calls from neighboring nations across the sea.
- In our strategic planning session, we talked about creating three full time positions to hire for language and for them to be able to get their Certificate program and then move onto the Diploma program and then finally be able to teach our language in all of our communities. This was added to our SP. We just need to put some numbers together and add to our Budget for 2023-2025. It would be good to have elder support using our fluent language speakers to help guide those learning the language and then to be able to teach the language. I will be seeking input from our Ha'wiih and Nananiiqsu on this process in order to move forward in a positive way. This process is very similar to what Tsawwassen FN is doing for their Culture and Language initiatives - investing in their citizens by creating three full time positions to learn the language as well as elder support.
- Looking to resume conversations with RBCM in the new year regarding the repatriation of our treasures. We have identified 153 treasures that are at RBCM which are HFN cultural treasures collected over the past 100 years. We have requested the return of all remaining treasures to HFN. Treasures will go on display in the new Community Cultural Center upon its completion.

Emerging Issues

- Receiving calls from citizens regarding traditional names. Traditional names are very important; they are our identity that's connected to our lands. The more we heal, the more involved in culture we become. As we gravitate towards our culture, I can see a

growing demand and we need to prepare for this demand as we heal from past traumas. They have been passed down through generations.

- Still in need for Language worker.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Citizen Development Committee**

- Oomiiqsu meeting with Jennifer Melles - All in all throughout our meetings, the mother center is a great idea and everybody loves this idea. We've come to a point where we are talking to the higher ups and MIRR has continued to move Oomiiqsu forward. Minister Rankin is leading the charge now. We will pick up the conversation again in early January.
- Attended meeting to go over the draft Maa'nulth FN RCMP Enforcement Agreements for HFN Review.
- Meeting with MLA Office to discuss Oomiqsu Mother Center. Was a great discussion and we talked about K-12 in Anacla. In the meeting Josie mentioned that she was just speaking to Minister Rankin prior to our meeting.
- Attended Health Governance Restructure Committee.
- Nananiiqsu meeting was on zoom and we had presentations from PRNPR Wild About Wolves presentation and FNHA benefits presentation.
- Bi-monthly Citizen Development Committee on the agenda was Climate Change.
- Was approached by a citizen regarding setting up something similar to AA, but with a Huuayaht twist.
- Having conversation with our ED regarding a safe house for our women and children on our homelands. There is funding available called Indigenous Shelter and Transitional Housing Initiative funding. This conversation was generated from a conversation with a citizen on their concerns on safety for our women and children, expressing the need for something to be in place for their safety in Anacla. We are looking into the funding. https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/all-funding-programs/shelter-and-transitional-housing-initiative-for-indigenous. This was talked about at our citizen development committee meeting and the committee strongly recommends that we identify a location for a safe house on our homelands. There is a need as we grow in population on our homelands and as we continue to heal.

Emerging Issues

- Safe house for our women and children on our homelands.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Infrastructure**

- I have received the infrastructure portfolio on an interim basis until March 1, 2022.
- Lunch and tour of Hazelwood operations – Nanaimo.
- Weekly Meeting Bamfield Road - Road is on time and on budget - looking to finalize drawings in the near future and to put out contracts.

Emerging Issues

- Cultural Center needs more attention.
- Need to review the infrastructure list to prioritize infrastructure for the next year.

Other

- People's Assembly Dry Run
- Huu-ay-aht People's Assembly
- Bi-Weekly EC Team Meeting
- SC Steering Committee Plenary SGIG Caucus
- People's Assembly Debrief
- Opening comments at the Ratcliff 2021 in Review: Major Cases & Legal Updates Webinar
- Meeting with ED
- Attended Special Executive Council Meeting over the holidays.
- Meeting with Bamfield Climate Action Series to talk about HFN's involvement in the BCAS. The first of several series is going to be on Wed. Jan 19th at 1pm PST. This series will be on Coastal Restoration & Carbon Sequestration. We are looking to talk about the HFN Watershed Renewal Project and there may be some filming with HFN in early January. The second is Wed Feb 2nd at 1pm PST - Rising Seas & Climate Extremes - featuring municipal-led climate adaptation strategies to sea level rises and extreme weather events. For more info on BCAS and dates here is the link file:///C:/Users/edward.r.j/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CX3YDG2W/BCAS_SeriesPoster.pdf