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Brad Johnson Executive Council Report - August 2023

Areas of Responsibility:

Fisheries, Wildlife, Lands and Natural Resources
Treaty Implementation
Parks Canada Co-operative Management Board,
HR Workplace and Wellness
Special Project- Bamfield Road

Bamfield Road Project

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Work on the chip seal is well underway with half of the road completed from km 36 to km 76. Detours were put in place to help protect work zones, and flaggers and pilot cars were used to enforce the speed limit in these zones. There were issues with people speeding and tearing up the freshly graded road in the prep work for the chip seal, so these measures had to be put in place. This has helped the project stay on track for our projected timeline.
- We currently have 4 HFN citizens working on the project - 2 flaggers, 1 dump truck operator and 1 water truck operator. We gave an update to Ċawak ʔqin and Mosaic on the project and asked each party if they were interested in being involved in maintenance discussions along with MOTI. All parties agreed and future maintenance meetings will be held as a collective. We are projecting these meetings will happen in early September.
- We have 40,000 m3 of sand at the Blenhiem pit which was created from the crushing of the mineral aggregate for the chip product. We have someone interested in purchasing this product which would help offset some of the cost overruns from phase 1 of the project. We are hopeful this will happen.

Emerging Issues:

- Weather has been and may continue to be an issue – we lost a few days of chip sealing due to rain.

Natural Resources

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- We had a HIRMP meeting to get everyone up to speed and to set timelines and goals for this project. This group seems to be working well together and everyone is committed to completing the project on time. The old growth report is complete and was published for our citizens to see first, then released to the general public. There is an opportunity to be involved with Carbon Credits through Mosaic or Ċawak ʔqin, or both, if we wish. Both companies presented great presentations which were very informative. A future decision will come from Executive Council to see if this is something we wish to get involved in. Personally, I see it as a great opportunity.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Treaty Implementation

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- During the month of August, most of the meetings I regularly attend as the Maa-Nulth representative were cancelled due to fishing season. Most of the nations are not available until September.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Parks Canada

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- We are currently working on a West Coast Trail management plan. At the moment, we are focusing on scope, priorities, and topics for the plan. This plan will be to establish the next 10 years and to create a vision of what will the people be saying about PRNPR in 15 years in relation to what has changed and what has improved. The timeline for this work was projected to be 5 months, at which time all working groups will meet to approve the final report. We will be bringing in knowledge keepers for Huu-ay-aht when needed. The state of the park report has now been completed and a final version will be approved in September at the CMB meeting.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Committees

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- On August 31st we held an Executive Council meeting where we appointed our new committee members. I am happy that citizens applied to be a part of our committees. I am pleased with my two committees. Letters were sent out to the newly appointed committee members, and all have accepted.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

This was a busy month for me. I feel I was very productive in all the tasks I took on. I am pleased to represent our Nation as a member of Executive Council and I look forward to working with my newly appointed committees in the near future.

Councillor ƛicitaṯ Edward R. Johnson Report - Aug 2023

Areas of Responsibility:

Community Planning
Infrastructure
Children and Family Wellness
Deputy-Chief Councillor

Anacla Community Planning Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Putting out call Committee members
- Caching up to speed on ACRD

Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

Children and Family Wellness and Mental Health Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Honourable Murray Rankin and Josie Osbourne visited Oomiiqsu Centre Site on July 6, 2023. https://huuayaht.org/2023/07/honourable-murray-rankin-and-josie-osbourne-visit-oomiiqsu-centre-site-on-july-6-2023/.
- Had a call with Kwumut Lelum worker.
- Attended last day of Cultural Camp.
- Attended Men's health gathering.
- Attended Huu-ay-aht Days – House of Huuayaht/Pachena Beach.
- CLH Call with Canada.
- Attended a two-day Huu-ay-aht Child & Family Welfare - Costing and Funding Workshop (internal) with Ratcliff LLP.
- Attended a Meeting with Canada & Huu-ay-aht First Nations re Capital for CFS & Jordans Principle.
- Attended Oomiiqsu operational funding monthly meeting.
- Met with Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations re: Anti-Racism Legislation
- Attended a meeting with HFN/BC - funding update regarding bridge funding for CFW

Emerging Issues

- Bridge funding for CFW
- Oomiiqsu land lease

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Chaired Committee of the Whole on August 5th this Committee which was established for the purpose of conducting meetings that are primarily for information, analysis and discussion rather than decision-making
- This year we are recognizing 20 students -13 high school and 7 post-secondary!
- Attended Huu-ay-aht Days Aug 11th and 12th.
- Attended luncheon for the last day of HFN cultural Camp.
- Co-MC'd Huu-ay-aht Days at HoH/Pachena Beach.
- Mandate Letter Discussion - John/Edward.
- Chaired EC meeting.
- Attended a meeting with BC Corrections re MOU.
- Attended Event with RCMP/DFO/CO.
- Attended a meeting with Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations re: Anti-Racism Legislation.

Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Ministry of Housing Engagement with First Nations https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023HOUS0019-000436 .
- Catching up to speed on engagements from Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

Ha'wiih Representative Theresa Nookemus Report - July/Aug 2023

Ha'wiih Council

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- The council has supported and signed the Huu-ay-aht First Nations Good & Services Tax Act Repeal for Executive Council.
- Ha'wiih has also supported a couple of youth in their sports' endeavors and is looking into sponsoring a musical student who has been thriving in her lessons.
- We also had continued discussions on the traditional naming of citizens.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Heritage Conservation Act Transformation Project (HCATP)

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- An Alliance leadership meeting has been scheduled for Oct 18th to select the incoming Executive Director. The recruitment process will be complete in time for the hiring committee to bring a recommendation to leadership on Oct 18th.
- The Alliance tech team is continuing to work on the corporate bylaws. The bylaws have been sent for external legal review.
- Most of what is being worked on has been confidential.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Citizenship & Cultural Engagement

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- The committee is reviewing applications for new members and happily housed 9 new citizens this past month!
- Children's Culture Camp went well with just over 20 kids registered! It ran daily from 11 to 2 for 5 days in August. Their week was filled with introductions on the first day, making tye dye t-shirts, practicing songs, and drumming. They were able to view an Eagle, learned how to can fish and on their final day they had a BBQ at the Gazebo on Pachena beach, where they sang, danced, and drummed a song they learned.
- HFN days August 11-13 was a super fun success! The days opened with Edward and Stella doing opening comments, prayer, announcing housekeeping needs and the weekend Agenda. Alexandra Thomas was a guest speaker who is attending the University of BC in the Forestry Resources Management undergraduate program and will be graduating with her degree this December.
- There was a chili, fry bread, and Bannock cook off along with luncheon, cultural activities, a scavenger hunt, as well as Kiixiin tours! The following day we had a fabulous breakfast, a medicinal walk with Alexandra Thomas and a community potluck lunch.

Haircuts were available with Myra Mack, and many vendors were on site selling their wares. There were a couple of interesting tug-of-wars as well!

I am also continuing to become better acquainted with our Government Policies, and Procedures.

Councillor Stella Peters Report - July/August 2023

Areas of Responsibility:

- Citizen Development - Mental Health & Wellness and Education & Training
- Public Safety -Community Safety, Emergency Planning & Preparedness, Climate Resilience
- Parks Co-Management Board

Citizen Development

Progress on Key Initiatives:

Mental Health and Wellness

- I have had discussions with both Karen H & Coral J re: this portfolio, Coral and I will be having monthly meetings to discuss any upcoming issues/concerns that may arise or be pressing as well as highlights.
- I have been given updated materials.
- As of Aug10th, I was appointed as the Proxy for FNHA.
- I have attended Zoom meetings for the Engagement on the Housing Legislation for Homelessness & Encampments for the Ministry of Housing

Education & Training

- I have been given updated materials.
- I am waiting to have a meeting with Brent R & Vanessa S re: Education & Training (K-12 and University & Trades), Maa-nulth LEA.
- As of July 18, I have been appointed to the Pacific Rim School District Board of Education.
- I did go to the BCSA meeting only to find out that since I am not yet a Board Member I couldn't attend - the nominations for that is in January.

Emerging Issues:

None at this time.

Public Safety

Progress on Key Initiatives:

Community Safety

- I have had one internal meeting with RCMP, Karen H & Coral J, and have scheduled further meetings.
- I have also been involved in zoom mtgs around Policing & Public Safety.
- I have been appointed as an Alternate with Rita J as the Rep to the Maa-nulth Enforcement Advisory committee.
- I have also been appointed as a Rep with Coral J on the Alliance Engagements for Anti-Racism.

Climate Resilience

- I have been spending a lot of time reviewing documents that have been sent to me. It seems that everything that has to do with 'Climate Change" is being passed on to me.
- I have been in zoom meetings with Amelia V and the FN's Chiefs Provincial Technical Briefing/Situational Updates from:

    - BCWS (BC Wildfire Services)
    - EMCR (Emergency Management & Climate Readiness)
    - River Forecast Center (RFC)
    - FNESS (First Nations Emergency Services Society)
    - Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)

These meetings have been inn relation to BC Community Preparedness for Climate Related Disasters, Ministry of Environment/Climate Change Strategies, Modernized Emergency Management Legislation, Updated Emergency & Disaster Act (EMDA), BC's Compensation & Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, Response & Recovery, Wildfire Drought Preparedness, Indigenous Climate Leadership, BC Flood Strategy & Resilience Plan.

Emergency Planning & Preparedness

- I have been asking about existing Emergency Plans.
- I have seen one at the Soaring Eagle that is very outdated. I will be talking to Karen about meeting with the necessary Department heads to gather all the most recent ones just to review and make sure they are updated, I would like to have everything collected & compiled to ensure we have everything needed in place, as we know every year around May it is "Emergency Preparedness Week".

<u>Emerging Issues:</u>

- None at this time.

Parks Co-Operative Management Board

I will be attending with Councillor Brad Johnson.

Councillor Evan Cook Report – August 2023

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Law and Policy

Finance

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- The finance committee did not meet in July due to new selection of committee members.

Emerging Issues:

- The Treasury Board is asking federal cabinet ministers to find $15 billion in government spending by Oct.2. Proposed Indigenous Services cuts spark concern. Considerations to weigh when deciding on the Fiscal Financing Agreement Renewals and acceptance. Extending up to 10 years has been agreed upon. Acceptance of agreement in my opinion will include no funding increase or cost of living increase.
- This will be a concern with getting more money for Child and Family Wellness and other programs in the future. I participated in a HFN Child and Family Welfare Costing and Funding Workshop at PAGO.
- Mother Centre Building - Arseniy and team in the process of seeking funding for 25-year lease costs on the building.

Law and Policy Development

Progressive on Key Initiatives:

- The law and policy committee and Ha'wiih Council met to discuss the Repeal of the HFNGST (ACT). Was considered and were in support of the proposal Act and recommend that it be approved by the Executive Council at the same time as ensuring the Repeal of the HFNGST happens at the same time as the termination of the Tax Administration Agreement.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Other

- Economic Development Officer - Interviews were conducted by Executive Director, Economic Development Portfolio holder and I with three candidates for the position. Executive Director to choose the successful candidate by mid-September.
- MTN LR Working Group - Work continues on the final Draft for the new Fiscal Framework. The importance of having all the language correct to make sure everyone is covered so that more money is returned to MTN.

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Area of Responsibility:

Economic Development:

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses: Reviewing how our legislation has operated and been implemented in the past. Working on identifying areas for potential improvement and update, which could provide more comprehensive and streamlined legislation.

HGB has provided a high-level update of their ongoing operations. HFN is only a share holder in the group of businesses, and has no ability to provide guidance or input on their operations

EcDev Committee: The economic development committee members have been selected, and the HFNDC board will be implemented by EC in a meeting in September. The first couple meetings are being scheduled, to bring the committee up to speed on their function and responsibilities in the first meeting and then starting to conduct business in the second meeting in October.

EcDev plan: Reviewing and developing potential updates for the EcDev plan, preparing to review and update EcDev Plan. Reviewing HGB's tourism planning and preparing to run through HFM's economic development act, to potentially amalgamate and integrate feasible opportunities recommended ne the EcDev committee.

Tribal Park Allies land Steward Fee Program: Program has received EC approval and received funding to facilitate the development and implementation of the project. This project will take a year to explore and develop.

Economic Development Officer: We have conducted interviews for the EDO position and are conducting reference checks before providing an agreement to the leading candidate.

Artist Symposium: Preparing for artist symposium in port Alberni. This event included 13 artist and 8 vendors.

Emerging Issues

N/A

Green energy and climate sustainability:

Community Energy Plan. Engaging with the Barkley Project group to get an update on Huu-ay-aht's Community Energy Plan, to provide update. The community energy plan will identify all green energy power generating options that are feasible within the HFN territory.

Sarita Micro Hydro, project continues to advance, met with DFO and Barkley Project Group and Meeting to discuss next steps with DFO application. Reviewing project cost

Biofoam: Met with consultant to receive update and discuss direction of project.

Carbon Offset: Exploring options for carbon offset within HFN territory**.**

Green power generation: Met with local nations to discuss partnerships and support for developing alternative green energy.

Emerging Issues

N/A