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Chief Councillor John Jack – September 2023

Areas of Responsibility

Chief Councillor
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
Major Projects
External Relations

General Duties - Chief Councillor

Progress on Key Initiatives

First Week:

September began with a Statutory holiday on the 4th and the month again began with forestry-related meetings, this time all online. The Executive Director and I kicked off our weekly bilateral meetings on the 6th, and I completed the last of my mandate-related meetings with a Member of Council on the 7th. On Friday, I travelled to Vancouver for a meeting with the Premier, David Eby, relating to the situation of coastal forestry with several colleagues. In addition, I was able to squeeze in an online presentation to a UVic class regarding treaty governance and the TRC Calls to Action.

Second Week:

On September 11th we conducted the first reading of a Special Legislative Session. Then we hosted our MP (Gord Johns), our MLA (Minister Josie Osborne) and two VIPs from the Trans Canada Trail organization, serving lunch and then going on a cultural tour of Kiixin. On the 12th, we had a meeting regarding Law Review as a continuation of our Governance Project, and then I attended a vital meeting of regional leaders regarding a Secondary Route into the Alberni Valley in the wake of what happened with Highway 4. I finished the day off with a quick visit to the Artist Symposium dinner at the end of their Day One. On Wednesday the 13th, I returned to chair a meeting of the ACRD Board, followed by Chairing a meeting of our Executive Council on the following day. On Friday the 15th, we concluded our Special Session of Legislature.

Third Week:

My week started on the day of my wife's birthday, Sunday the 17th, where I headed to Vancouver to stay the week for the Union of BC Municipalities annual convention. Around the Convention, I was able to fit in several meetings with Council Member Stephen Rayner and make some connections with fellow FNs. The week was very productive, but it was mostly from a local government perspective.

Fourth Week:

The fourth week started with a continuation of bilateral meetings with the Executive Director and I meeting online on the 25th. On the 26th I attended a meeting regarding a prospective revenue source from the Federal Government in Vancouver (and it seemed like I was among the minority of leaders who actually prepared for the meeting – frustrating as it seemed to devolve into a waste of time by the end). On the Wednesday, I met with our partners in Moment Factory on a Tourism project and then continued to Chair the ACRD Board Meeting. On Friday the 29th,

I attended an external board meeting relating to energy projects and then had a Council-Member-check-in with Stella Peters.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Progress on Key Initiatives:

We held two Board Meetings on September 13th and 27th. In between, I attended the five-day convention of the Union of BC Municipalities. We had several meetings with BC Ministers and Senior Staff, and I also presented to a break-out session of the convention regarding the Legislative Reform Initiative, which incorporates the initiative to get non-treaty First Nations directly involved in Regional Districts. The week ended up going quite well, and I was able to meet with several Provincial, Business and Local leaders to network and potentially add value.

Emerging Issues:

I do plan on remaining Chair of the ACRD until the November Board Election in 2024 and I have taken steps to ensure that HFN has also appointed an alternate Director as well and by the time of this report, that has already been done – we have appointed Councillor Edward Johnson.

Huu-ay-aht will want to be more actively engaged at a staff level with the ACRD as we make progress on the property development and community planning we will be doing throughout the next year.

Major Projects

Progress on Key Initiatives:

HFN often participates in projects that are either quite large in scale/scope; or they have a degree of political importance that they are carried forward under the supervision of Council itself rather than being delegated to a committee or a department. These projects may include items identified as “special investment bodies” or they may be particularly important infrastructure or investment projects or potential partnerships or joint ventures. In any event, these items fall under Council’s decision making, but the Chief-Councillor will be the lead on these items. In this instance, the major projects I have identified are two-fold: the Bamfield Road, which I have assigned to Councillor Brad Johnson by the time of this report due to his good oversight of the project since the last term of office; and the forestry-related initiatives related to our special investment bodies: Huumiis Ventures LP and Huu-ay-aht Forestry Consulting Services LP.

Many of my meetings this month attended to items relating to this file, so please see above.

Emerging Issues:

The initiatives covered by this file will likely take up a significant portion of my Fall-Winter schedule. The Executive Director and I have instituted weekly check-ins to ensure that we minimize any negative impact to all the other tasks at hand.

External Relations

Progress on Key Initiatives:

I have spoken with the Executive Director on ensuring that we are more organized when it comes to meeting requests with the BC Government around UBCM and the First Nations Leadership Gathering. We will be holding conversations around planning around grant windows and sessions of the BC and Federal Legislatures. Connecting directly with the HFN SMT, Council and our Subject Matter Experts (GR firms) will be important in maximizing our effectiveness when we interact with Victoria or Ottawa.

Emerging Issues:

The next major interaction with the Province will be the Union of BC Municipalities Annual Conference in Vancouver in the last full week of September. Due to the election period and delays afterward, we missed the deadline for scheduling Minister Meetings. We do have the opportunity to schedule Ministry Staff meetings, however, and this will be a priority. We do need Council members to chime in here about what they'd like to achieve with these opportunities.

There are no particular emerging issues beyond what was identified in the previous month's report.

Councillor Brad Johnson – September 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:

The road project is almost complete.

- As of September 20th, there was 20 km of top lift to apply for the second layer of chip seal. This work is progressing well.
- As of September 26th, there was only 7 km of road left to chipseal. The work crews are starting to cut back on crew size as this work is wrapping up very soon.
- The sweepers are out daily sweeping excess aggregate off the road with pilot cars being used for safety measures.
- The project should be completed on time if the weather holds out in the final week of September.
- Next month we will hold a maintenance meeting to start that process on October 5th and the official road celebration will be held in Anacla on October 10th.

Emerging Issues:

- Rain is in the forecast and could potentially halt the project.
- There are a few potholes that have been identified and will need to be fixed.
- We have interest in the excess of sand that was created throughout the project but with the winter months ahead we will have to look to the spring to sell and barge the sand. We must wait for calmer weather to enable us to sell this product.

Lands and Natural Resources

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- West Coast Trail Guardians Review was done by a 3rd party to identify recommendations, the importance of the guardian program and sort out some lingering internal issues we had within the program dating back 3 years to when the problems started.
- I felt this was very well received by the guardians, staff, and management and that everything was laid out on the table. Everyone felt their concerns were heard and that we will now be able to move forward in a good way and work as a team.
- We explained that we would like to see the guardian program expand and not just be tied to the West Coast Trail.
- We also heard that it would be nice to get some student guardians back in the organization.

- I would like to acknowledge the work of our Executive Director who took the time to find a solution with this investigation so this program can finally move past the issues it had.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Treaty Implementation

Progress on Key Initiatives:

Maa-Nulth caucus call BC fiscal process

- I attended this meeting and I'm glad I did. It was stated that the Alliance was to endorse the Lands and Resources table and the work that was completed. All 5 nations were asked if we wanted to move forward with this process and we decided as a collective it was best if we moved forward as we would go from zero money to some money with this working group. It was noted that it's not a perfect deal but it's better than nothing with a possible change in government soon. We need to lock in on as many tables and buckets of money we can at this time. It was also stated that a positive letter will be sent to BC to thank them for the collaborative work that was done.

Maa-Nulth Fisheries Committee

- Was given a list of species at risk by DFO to see if we wanted to list them. These species at risk were outside of our MDFA. We were advised not to list them as even though these species are from streams outside of our MDFA they could possibly affect our fishing rights within our treaty.
- All nations were asked to hand in all our numbers for fishing and species to see if any allocation of fish has been left in the water this year. If so that number of species left will roll over into next year's harvest.
- All nations agreed to work together on bivalve testing and to sample butter clams.
- It was stated to the Nations that there are plenty of opportunities for divers through our Maa-nulth nations for work with DFO, science and research. They would like to see individuals from the Maa-nulth nations get their divers' tickets and take up this opportunity.

Maa-Nulth JFC

- It was brought to the Nations' attention that in the week of July 20th when the Tseshaht First Nation had their economic fisheries, DFO noticed when sampling that there was a huge spike in Henderson Sockeye. They sampled about 200 sockeye, 21% of the total fish were not caught in the economic benefit fishing zone. This is an enforcement issue, and it will be addressed at future JFC. We also just heard about this in September so there is a communication issue between DFO and the nations. We requested that if this was to happen again, Maa-nulth be informed right away.

Me Too Update

- On September 21st we had an internal meeting to catch everyone up to speed after the summer break. DFO was giving our terms of access sheet and asks in July before the

summer break. It was well received, and some feedback was given. We are going to focus on the in-scope of work as the main objective, as DFO already has the mandate to work with us. For the out-of-scope issues, DFO will have to go to Ottawa and get the mandate to work with us. The end game is that Maa-nulth have commercial fishing rights that are protected by section 35 of the constitution in the treaty. Work has seemed to pick up on this working group as we are gaining traction with DFO and are one step closer in negotiations each month.

Maa-Nulth Board of Directors

- On September 25th I attended the Board of Directors meeting. Some updates were:

→ HWWG - Indigenous Health Legislation, Canada needs to see Modern Treaty Nations as a distinct group. MCFD bill c 92 a fiscal model is being created and need to co-develop a funding model that works for everyone.

→ MSPWG - A Coastal Marine strategy is being developed with green shore program where they will look at shoreline development through a first nations' lens with values and perspective as the number one goal. Jeff Nielson was appointed "Interim" Chair of this working group.

→ Ground Water Negotiations - Maa-Nulth have been doing assessments on ways to access groundwater in our territories. BC said that with the proposal Maa-nulth presented, that we were asking for too much for water allocation and the uncertainty of the model for allocation did not work for them - sec 39 of the water sustainability act says different. This topic will be brought up at the G2G in October to try to get the ministers to give a mandate to the department to work with Maa-nulth on finding ways to solve the issues we are having.

→ RBT2 - Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure have issued an Environmental Assessment Certificate for the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project (RBT2) which has been proposed by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority (VFPA). RBT2 is a new three-berth container terminal at Roberts Bank in Delta, British Columbia. Having now received a provincial Environmental Assessment Certificate, VFPA will need to obtain required provincial and federal permits and approvals before RBT2 can proceed.

→ Sec 7 Agreement - The FNLC did not engage with Modern Treaty Nations - they did not address the issues we had with the policy or the new policy. It was decided by the MTS Board that we would disengage with BC at this time as they are not addressing our concerns and taking us seriously. Legal was going to provide a letter to Minister Rankin and Premier Eby about this situation. We were advised that this was low risk in stepping away from this table until we are heard.

→ Fiscal Update:
- BC Land and Resources table almost complete.
- Property tax table is slow but moving with BC.
- Federal SGIG LRTM is moving along with KWL leading the table.
- CLH slow moving - waiting for Canada's next steps with a dollar amount they feel is appropriate for this table.
- BC new fiscal framework underway with policy initiative framework. Starting to develop principles at this table.

<u>Emerging Issues:</u>

- None at this time.

Parks Canada

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- We are currently working on the West Coast Trail Management plan.
- We approved the State of the Park report on September 12th.
- We discussed marine management and visitor use management and how to be proactive. This management plan will eventually tie in with the Long Beach Unit and the Broken Group once it's all complete.
- With the new chip seal surfaced road, we discussed the influx in tourisn that the Bamfield region will see.
- We will be discussing the possibility of increasing hikers on the west coast trail at the next CMB on Oct 6th 2023.
- We will meet in November in Malachan in Ditidaht Territory for an in-person meeting to discuss the WCT management plan.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Maa-Nulth Wildlife Council

- We me on Sept 20th with representatives from all nations present. Bear hunting near wildlife guided tours was discussed. There were thoughts of implementing new laws around our TSL for hunting, but nothing came to fruition. I voiced our concerns of not implementing limitations for anyone to hunt near TSL as it could affect our own citizens and we don't want that. Nuisance bears, hunters and guided outfitters were topics of discussion.
- 3 of the 5 nations did the Deer spotlight surveys to get a sense of ideal numbers of animals in each nation's territory. HFN completed all surveys and relayed all information to BC. KCFN is working on a new technology using drones and geothermal technology. They are just completing a draft summary and new methodology that might be of better use for surveys of deer for nations to use.
- We indicated HFN is in favor of the new technology but also does not mind the spotlight surveys as it gets eyes on the ground in our territory at nighttime. Elk was a big topic at this meeting. YG/UFN and Toquaht Nation are looking for elk to be transported into their territories. They are asking for leadership to possibly reach out to Cowichan Tribes as they have a large elk population. It was mentioned that Cowichan and Nanaimo are always in dire need of food fish so possibly a trade could be made to help fill the need for translocation of elk.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

HR & Workplace and Wellness Committee

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- On September 7th we held our first workplace and wellness committee meeting. Here we discussed the new relationship trust and gaps analysis and did session planning on

how we can recruit for the future and seeking citizens to work for the nation. HR policy was reviewed - we identified we have a strong policy but there are some areas that need to be addressed where some gaps were identified.

- We also identified and discussed that we do not have the same policy as HGB. We talked about direct hire options and the pros and cons of that option. We talked about the oath that our staff take and the verbal abuse they have received from citizens, who also take the same oath. It was a good discussion with a well-rounded committee. At the end of the meeting, we did sign off on the terms of reference.

Emerging Issues:

- None at this time.

Other Duties

- I attended a tour with Minister Josie Osborne and fellow Councillor Edward Johnson. We took her on a tour of our Huu-ay-aht Treaty settlement lands, our current housing, new development, future plans in community and wrapped up with a tour of our Bamfield properties and business.
- Attended the 2nd and 3rd Legislation reading of the repeal of the GST act on September 11th. I was very happy to see this passed legislation as this work had started in Treaty Implementation and this was the final step to Sec 87.
- DCR Project Discussion - Here we discussed the funding that is available for the Trans-Canada trail and potentially connecting the Cape Beal headlands with Parks Canada involvement. We discussed what Indigenous Tourism looks like from a HFN prospective and agreed that it needs to be what our vision looks like, not anyone else's.
- Governance Training - On September 18th we had more governance training, comparing the Federal Government to the Huu-ay-aht Government. Here I learned that the speech from the throne is compared to our strategic plan and that 50-60% of our budget comes from the Federal Government still. We learned when the Treasury Board makes their decisions on what their priorities are for the year, we need to align with their schedule to better achieve funding goals for the nation. We also talked about a potential new Federal Government and what that will look like. The Federal Government has a 15% cutback in their budget and that will affect us. Overall, it was a time well spent and I'm grateful for the training.
- Met with Forum on September 21-22 to better understand each other and what goals we would like to achieve with a master plan. Before any of this work is to take place, a resolution will need to be passed at council on September 29th before a contract can be signed with this firm.
- MLA Josie Osborne meeting - On September 12th I attended a secondary road meeting with Chief John Jack. Here it was discussed the importance of a secondary route out of the Alberni Valley. With the wildfire that started on June 6th the Bamfield main was deemed the alternate route. It was stated at times they counted 2000-2500 cars per day when the main highway was closed. Weather stations and work on the Cameron Bluffs fire were completed over the summer, but with winter fast approaching and the heavy rains we normally get, we could see closure of highway 4 again. It was stated by MOTI that the Bamfield main will not be stated as the alternative route or detour route throughout the winter months due to safety concerns. It was brought to their attention by Sharie Minions, the mayor of Port Alberni, that the Loon Lake/Hore Lake would be an easy alternative, but that route was quickly shut down due to it being only 1 lane traffic.

I'm sure more traction will happen on this topic in future months when highway 4 shuts down again.

- Alliance Leadership Meeting - September 24th - I attended the Alliance leadership meeting to discuss the hiring of an Executive Director. 7/8 nations were present for the Alliance. We concluded and picked a successful candidate. The candidate still must get a reference check but I'm confident the person selected will do well in their new role as Executive Director.
- Maa-Nulth Tripartite Tour: I attended a tour to YG/UFN and Toquaht on September 27th. Here we met with the 5 Maa-nulth Nations, BC, and the Federal representatives. The tours were very informative, and it was great to see our neighboring nations develop their homelands. I was very impressed with the new housing that the Toquaht nation is constructing. I will pass the info on to our infrastructure department for new ideas.

This was another busy month for me, I feel I was very productive in all my tasks. I am honored to represent our nation as a member of the Executive Council.

Councillor ƛicitaṯ Edward R. Johnson – September 2023

Area of Responsibility:
Community Planning Committee

Children and Family Wellness Committee
Deputy-Chief Councillor
Infrastructure

Community Planning Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Met with Mike Irg - ACRD General Manager of Planning & Development
- Reviewed our living doc Community Comprehensive - Plan Our Community, Our Circle, Our Voice, independent Housing Panel, Infrastructure Policy and Community Development Act. https://huuayaht.org/independent-housing-panel/ https://huuayaht.org/comprehensive-community-plan-2/

Emerging Issues

- None at this time

Children and Family Wellness Committee

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Healing Our Spiritual Worldwide Conference in Vancouver - Made some key connections with First Nations that are going into talks with Bill c-92 that will be very helpful in the long run. Going to set up a meeting with the key FN. Made connections with a lady that is working with AFN and KL on the healing center.
- Attended UBCM and met with Ministry of Children and Family Development - Deputy Minister's Office and Executive Operations, Strategic Services Branch - regarding the Oomiiqsu Mother Centre model and the Yaaʔakʔap Child and Family Wellness Act https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/UBCMMeetingRequest/2023%20UBCM%20Provincial%20Appointment%20Book.pdf and talked about contract funds from BC for bridge funding - $100K funding that was promised back in the beginning of the year. I've been reassured that it is on its way.
- Set a date for Committee meetings for the year – committee meetings will be held bi-monthly on the 3rd Monday of the month.
- Attended UBCM and connected with the Director and Referrent Relations Manager at Edgewood Treatment Centre in Nanaimo.
- I've been asked to join the D&I Standing Committee Meeting as a Knowledge Keeper in an advisory capacity. This committee is external.
- USMA Celebration of New Curriculum – I was invited to attend a celebration of a new curriculum that will be implemented this September at Eighth Avenue Learning Centre. It is called the Canoe Curriculum and has a focus on hawilth patak and the Nuu-chah-nulth way of life. Students will be learning about their roots, identity, history, as well as about

science, safety, mathematics and more! The curriculum is a collaboration between the USMA program and Eighth Avenue Learning Centre. The celebration was held on August 29th, starting at 11:00 am, at Eighth Avenue Learning Cantre

- Attended monthly Meetings with Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation to discuss how to advance the operational funding for our Oomiiqsu Mother Centre.
- I've attached the Kw'umut Lelum summer newsletter article of celebration of signing protocol agreement with KL in which our citizens have been able to receive programs and services - file:///C:/Users/edward.r.j/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CX3YDG2W/Summer%202023%20KL%20Newsletter%20WEB.pdf
- Attended Social Work Oversight Engagement Validation Session - this was a Validation Session for Indigenous Partners. There were 200 engagement participants, 14 written submissions were received, along with 1,676 survey responses from social workers and the public.
- Looking to connect with First Nations that are negotiating (or have negotiated) a coordination agreement https://sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1608565826510/1608565862367#wb-auto-5. So far I have made connections with two FN in BC.

Emerging Issues

- Three-year lease for Oommiiqsu Mother Centre
- Delays with Canada at the negotiating tables for their coordination agreement
- Social work oversight presentation by MCFD
- Operational funding for CFW

Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended UBCM and met up with Ministry of Education and Child Care where we talked about new funding for Child Care Capital that we can apply for. It was a good meeting and I will be setting up another meeting with SMT to discuss further.
- Attended INF Call with Canada - KWL Workshop 2/3.
- Working on living document - CCP Our Community, Our Circle, Our Voice file:///C:/Users/edward.r.j/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/CX3YDG2W/3a.%20HUUAYAHT-CCP_v6%20(002).pdf . On pages 46,47 and 48 there are tools for measuring progress.
- Looking for dates for Anacla Community Rounds.

Emerging Issues

- Cultural Center.
- Upgrade to water system.
- Potential funding for childcare center upper Anacla from BC.

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Volunteered at the Fall Fair booth Thursday, Friday and Saturday - connected with our HFN and networked.
- Exciting to know that committees were developed this month - next are terms of reference.
- Looking forward to chairing committees and moving over.
- Attended the HR & Workplace Wellness Committee meeting.
- Attended First, Second and Third Reading of Legislature.
- Attended a workshop on “How Ottawa Works”.
- Attended Finance 101 workshop with Finance Committee.
- Drafted a support letter for a young citizen to apply for Jordan's principal funding.
- I am still the Chair of Bamfield Community School Board. These meetings are held monthly - every second Monday in the evening. Being a part of this board has been a pleasure and an honor. I will be stepping down from this position this coming November at the BCSA AGM.
- Looking forward to meeting with new Ditidaht Councillors - working on dates. We have always had a good working relationship with all our NCN relatives. Attached is a declaration that was signed in 2021 Between Pacheedaht, Ditidaht and Huuayaht - https://huuayaht.org/2021/06/huu-ay-aht-pacheedaht-ditidaht-first-nations-take-back-decision-making-responsibilities-over-%e1%b8%a5ahahuuli/. This just goes to show what we can do as Nuuchahnulth.
- Met with BC Corrections to introduce new portfolio holder and executive council member Stella Peters. Stella will be taking over the memorandum of understanding talks with BC corrections.
- Was asked to join a National Committee as a Knowledge Keeper to decolonizing and Indigenizing. This is an academic professional organization - The Canadian Association of Geographers https://www.cag-acg.ca/

Emerging Issues

- None at this time.

Councillor Evan Cook – September 2023

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Law and Policy

Finance

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- The Finance Committee met on September 21 and approved July and August Financials.
- 2022/2023 audit update.
- The Finance Committee met at PAGO for Financial Administration Legal Requirements training.

Emerging Issues:

- CRA withholding GST rebate for the nation which exceeds one million plus. The issue is the Bamfield Main Road Surfacing Project. The Government is under the impression that the Nation are Sub-contractors on the Project.
- BDO and CFO - Audit weekly meetings are going well. Deloitte Accounting Firm from Vancouver will be hired to assist the CFO in completing the Audit. The CFO for the firm is Matthew who has worked for the Nation in previous years and is familiar with the financial structure of the Nation. He expects to complete the ARO Project within 6 months.

Law and Policy Development

- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Legislative Readings of the Repeal of the HFN GST Tax Act have been completed and approved. CRA expected to reply to us by the end of September.
- B.C. notified MTN of pending Provincial Legislation of Tax to discourage short Term Speculation of the housing market. Not intended to apply to Treaty lands or Self-governing Nations. The Government would like our perspective on the Tax. MTN can choose not to have any Real Property Tax on its lands or exercise a Real Tax Authority.

Emerging Issues:

None at this time.

Other Duties:

- **Norway Trip** – I attended prep meetings for the upcoming trip being held with Cermaq. There is a large delegation of representatives from Ahousaht First Nation, Wei Wai Kum, We Wai Kai First Nation and Huu-ay-aht, along with two representatives from Cermaq, going on the trip. I look forward to the trip to learn new fish farm technologies and more about the Norwegian Indigenous Nation - the Sami people and the return of the Sami Cultural Heritage as well as their progress on self-government.

Councillor Stephen Rayner - September 2023

Area of Responsibility:

Economic Development
Green Energy and Climate Sustainability

Economic Development

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Economic Development Act and Governance (EDA) and Fiscal Agreement Regulation (GFAR) review:

- We are continuing to work on reviewing how our EDA and GFAR have functioned for HFN and how they've been implemented in the past.
- Continuing to work on identifying areas for potential improvement and update, which could provide more comprehensive and streamlined processes.

Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses:

- HGB has provided a high-level update of their ongoing operations.
- HFN is only a shareholder in the group of businesses and has no ability to provide guidance or input on their operations or employment.
- Achievements and issues are discussed at our meetings.

Economic Development Committee:

- The economic development committee members have been selected.
- The HFNDC board and Economic Development Committee were delayed due to a technical issue and the implementation will be delayed until the October Executive Council meeting.
- The first couple of 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.

Economic Development Plan:

- Reviewing and developing potential updates for the Economic Development Plan.
- Reviewing HGB's tourism planning and preparing to run through HFN's Economic Development Act, to potentially amalgamate and integrate feasible opportunities recommended by the Economic Development 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. We have had our first meeting.

Economic Development Officer:

- We have hired an Economic Development Officer. He starts October 16th. He has good applicable experience and education and seems like he will fit well into the role and organization.

Artist Symposium:

- The event went really well. The artists were happy with the event and were happy to provide input for the report which is an outcome of the event.
- The report provided to the Canadian Art Council will support the preservation of first nations artwork. The vendors did well, and we had a fair amount of traffic through the event.
- We could potentially have another symposium next year and we will use this event to determine how the event can be better organized for next year.

Aquaculture Farming:

- The Economic Development department is creating a feasibility study to provide citizens with information to understand the risk and benefits of fin farming as a viable opportunity.

Emerging Issues:

- Employment issues with our group of businesses. We are shareholders in the organization and do not have the ability to provide direction or input on how HGB is operated. Looking for ways to support.

Green Energy and Climate Sustainability

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Community Energy Plan

- Barkley Project group continues to forge ahead with the Community Energy Plan. The community energy plan will identify all green energy power generating options that are feasible within the HFN territory. Due to lack of capacity, portions of the community energy plan may not be completed.

Sarita Micro Hydro

- Project continues to advance. Met with DFO and Barkley Project Group to discuss next steps with DFO application.

Biofoam

- Met with consultant to receive update and discuss direction of project. This project will be prioritized along with other opportunities that we could potentially explore.

Carbon Footprint and Green House Gas Emissions

- Exploring options for carbon offset and greenhouse gas reduction within our territory**.**

Green power generation

- Exploring all power generating options, this will be a part of the community energy plan. Continue to meet with local nations to discuss partnerships and support for developing green power generating options.

Trans-Shipment Hub

- Continuing conversations with the Port Alberni Port Authority. Continue to explore the opportunity to develop and discuss next steps.

Emerging Issues:

- There are issues with the call for power by BC Hydro. Working with Clean Energy BC to advance our ability to be an independent power producer.