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Executive Council Report
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Councillor ƛicitaṯ Edward R. Johnson October 2021 Progress Report:

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

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Citizenship Committee**

- Citizenship Committee meeting is every 2nd Friday of the month. This committee is now meeting every 2nd Thursday of the month. It is HFN Law to have a Citizenship Committee meeting every month if there are applications to review.
- Citizenship committee met with Ha'wiih Council and Legal Council.

Emerging Issues

- No emerging issues.

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

- Met with the Indigenous Social Sector Collaboration Executive Directors Group. This meeting was an opportunity to have a more focused discussion on how Oomiiqsu aligns with social sector mandates and to explore potential avenues for moving forward including programs, initiatives or other avenues to pursue.
- Chaired our bi-monthly Citizen Development Committee meeting this month.
- We released our evaluation of Social Services Project three years after launch.
- CBC Phone Interview - Social Services Project Update on our evaluation after three years.
- Attended HFN Internal check in re-coordination table.
- Prep meeting with CFW Director Presentation.
- Oomiiqsu - Operational Budget with BC housing. The CFW director was invited to this meeting. It came to my attention during this meeting that the funding contribution is not enough to get started.
- Currently lining up a meeting with Andrea McDonald | Constituency Assistant office of Josie Osborne, MLA Mid Island-Pacific Rim to talk about Oomiiqsu funding.

Emerging Issues

- Oomiiqsu funding - lining up meeting with Andrea McDonald | Constituency Assistant office of Josie Osborne, MLA Mid Island-Pacific Rim.

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

- Bamfield school K-12 Discussion Meeting Greg Smyth
- Attended annual monthly BCSA Board meeting.
- Did a virtual welcome for the Search and Rescue course that's held at the Bamfield Coast Guard.
- Attended Ha'wiih Council to talk about Cultural Plan.
- Met with Executive Director regarding the Cultural Concept Plan.
- On the agenda for next Ha'wiih for K-12 discussion then will start forming a working group.

Emerging Issues

- Start a working group with the following - HFN, Bamfield Community Affairs, BCSA, SD70/Community School, ACRD. Once group is established, we will do a prerelease on what we are doing.
- Still in need of language worker.
- Dinner for celebration life.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Community Health**

- FNHA Virtual Townhall Event.
- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Health Caucus.
  As part of a phased booster implementation approach, First Nations communities who have the shortest interval between dose 1 and dose 2 will be scheduled first for booster dose clinics. This will include most rural and remote communities with the balance of community clinics scheduled approximately six months following the administration of dose two. Communities with active outbreaks will also be prioritized.
- Nuu-chah-nulth Emergency Management Coordination Call.
- Attended our first Nations Health Governance Restructuring committee that I was appointed to last month to go over terms of reference.
- Attended Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey XI.
- Monthly Covid Update Meeting.
- Friendship bench for upper Anacla.
- Attended Monthly ACHN Table of Partners meeting.

Emerging Issues

- Friendship bench for upper Anacla.

Other

- Draft Strategic Plan meeting - Trevor/Edward.
- Attended Grand Opening of "The Dock and Port Alberni Food Hub".
- Attended HFN Strategy meeting on Fishing Rights.
- Attended community engagement sessions virtually for Vancouver, Victoria and attended in person in Nanaimo.
- Attended Road Groundbreaking Ceremony.
- Made phone calls to our Nananiiqsu regarding naming for our CCP.
- NTC AGM - attended until they reached quarum.

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Council Report for John Alan Jack

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Note to Reader: Due to the untimely deaths of too many HFN citizens this month, we were closed for the entire week of October 25th and several days prior as well. As a result, the activity in this report is a little disjointed, but it was seen as necessary to ensure that our community and its leaders had some time to come together and heal.

Finance – Progress Report

Finance committee met on October 21st and we reviewed financial statements prepared for us by MNP which filled in on CFO-functions on an interim basis. Coupled with the progress being made on the audit, we should be able to be ready for both strategic planning and the People's Assembly. On October 22nd, the Royal Bank of Canada hosted us on an online meeting with one of their senior economists who presented and discussed the near-future trends in the economy and how that might affect our decision-making in the future.

Finance – Emerging Issues

[We have conducted a review of our investment policies and have paid particular attention in how we might evaluate and track our performance within the "black box" of our TFL investment. Any updates to the policy itself have now come to Council.]

The individual identified to take over as CFO did not end up working out, so we're relying on MNP and a familiar face taking on some of the role at the moment. It will become vitally necessary to find a suitable replacement for the CFO as it has been affecting our total capacity in the Finance Department.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report

Interviews for the position of Chief Administrative Officer were conducted with shortlisted candidates on October 7th. One candidate was a clear choice, and so work was done on engaging with that individual. At the time of this report, a new CAO for the ACRD has been engaged and will start in late November.

Climate Change – Progress Report

Meetings with staff have continued regarding this file, though meetings with members of Council have been postponed due to the untimely deaths that happened in the community. Work continues on identifying funding opportunities with staff.

Law and Policy Development – Progress Report

We have reviewed and continued to make progress on the animal control regulation and the housing work. A meeting was conducted on October 14th, we focused a lot of our work on the new mechanics for the Residential Housing Regulation (RHR) as well as finalizing work on the Animal Control and Care Regulation. Both of these should be coming to Executive Council soon.

Huumiis Ventures LP and HFN Forestry Consulting Services LP

I have been asked to participate or present to various panels and groups regarding our forestry initiatives and practices when our Chief Councillor or Economic Development file-holding Councillor cannot make it. In addition, we have been working to ensure that our administrative capacity at Huumiis and HFN Forestry Consulting Services are keeping up with the demand for responsiveness. So far, we have been successful, and we have also conducted some conversations with TFL 44 LP (which is now renamed) Board to ensure that our cashflow projects are suitable.

HFN Personnel Committee

Executive Council created a committee of councillors to head up the administrative work on an evaluation of the Executive Director. We met on October 13th to go over initial thoughts on process and next steps. We expect to engage with a third party and start a review process in late November or early December.

