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Ha'Wiih Representative Theresa Nookemus – June/July 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Ha'wiih Council
Citizenship Committee
Nananiiqsu

Ha'wiih Council

- Ha'wiih Council continues to work on the Huu-ay-aht naming project. The goal is to discover who has a traditional name as well as identifying who does not, so that preparations can be made to give names in the future to those without one.
- Ha'wiih continues to work with the Youth Gathering group for the upcoming day camps for July 13, 2024 in Anacla, Victoria for Sept 21,2024, and Port Alberni for Oct 26,2024.
- Ha'wiih has brought in our predecessors as well as our future Ha'wiih in for a review and welcomed the future Ha'wiih. We discussed what being a Ha'wiih means as well as going over protocols in ceremony, business, and as well as the importance of participating in being leaders within our Huu-ay-aht Nation.
- We discussed the importance of communication and responding through emails and phone calls. All Huu-ay-aht Ha'wiih rededicated themselves again by reading the Huu-ay-aht oath at the end of this meeting, including our upcoming Ha'wiih.
- We will begin to have our predecessors and our upcoming Ha'wiih in every other month, so that we can learn more from them and to better prepare the Ha'wiih that will come after us.
- The Ha'wiih Representative joined the Executive Council in Citizen Engagements such as breakfast with council in both Anacla and Port Alberni this past month. Vancouver will have an engagement coming up in August.
- The Ha'wiih Council continues to meet with Forum in discussions to help guide the change for Huu-ay-aht First Nations Hahoulthlee's foreseeable growth in the next 20-30+ years. A recap of emerging ideas was discussed along with the the Mission Statement of Principles, and the master plan.
- Ha'wiih had a discussion on appointing a new member of the Tribunal and has reached out to the candidate.
- Ha'wiih had a discussion on reviewing Exclusion orders. Ha'wiih will bring in Law and Policy as well as the Executive Director for review on these to identify any gaps and issues.
- Ha'wiih Council is working with the Law and Policy committee, the executive director and the governance project facilitator to work out gaps in exclusion orders. The Ha'wiih Council will also go over the community Safety Act with Law and Policy.

Citizenship Committee

- The committee has reviewed up to 4 new applications. They are currently going through the Citizenship process.

Nanaaniqsu

- Nanaaniqsu has adjourned for the summer.

Other

- Executive Council attended a Governance Workshop in July for three days. This workshop was very beneficial for Executive Council in bringing us all together to work more effectively and efficiently as a team for the nation.

Councillor ƛicitaṯ Edward R. Johnson - June 2024

https://huuayaht.org/councillor-edward-r-johnson/

Area of Responsibility:

Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure
Children and Family Wellness Committee
Deputy-Chief Councillor

Anacla Community Planning Committee and Infrastructure

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Director of Infrastructure and Capital Projects Interview
- Attended Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations - Premier's Forum in Tla'amin FN - Info on the Alliance https://alliancebcmtn.ca/
- Framework Plan - Bi-Weekly Meetings
- Attended all day HFN Framework Plan Design Workshop
- Attended the Open House #2 on our HFN Framework Plan where we talked about where we are at in the Plan, the **Visioning** part we attended in April, and the Listening and Learning Stage just before that in Dec to March. Next up is the **Exporting Options** from Jun to Aug then after that is the **Developing Plan** and **Design Guidelines**. We have come a long way in a short time and this Framework Plan is going to help shape the next 20-30 years - https://huuayaht.org/huu-ay-aht-framework-plan/.
- Urban, Rural and Northern Indigenous Housing Strategy https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/indigenous/urban-rural-northern-indigenous-housing-strategy and the What We Heard Report https://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/project-funding-and-mortgage-financing/funding-programs/indigenous/-/media/d7b30979288647279c78d889186609b0.ashx

Emerging Issues

- CHRT-41
- WWTP
- Lack of commitment for this committee

Children and Family Wellness Committee

https://huuayaht.org/child-and-family-wellness-2/

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended Jurisdiction Funding Model: Draft Model for Discussion
- Chaired the Child and Family Wellness and Mental Health Committee meeting
- Met with Tla'amin FN regarding their agreement that they just signed. This was a great information sharing session in regards to children and families. For more info on TFN agreement with MCFD see attached link - https://www.tlaaminnation.com/tlaamin-nation-reaches-interim-agreement-with-ministry-of-children-and-family-development/

- HFN Biweekly with MNP Re CHRT 41 capital needs assessment applications.
- Attended the Maa-nulth Health and Wellness Working Group Retreat where we as Huuayaht shared information on Child and Family Services under jurisdiction. It was a great discussion and a pleasure to be given the opportunity to speak about how we are doing and the barriers that we are facing in regards to jurisdiction.
- TOR should be going to EC next month.
- Attended Huu-ay-aht First Nations - British Columbia - Canada: Trilateral Coordination Agreement Discussion Main Table Meeting. In the not too distant, future we will be giving another update to executive council.
- Attended the HFN Youth Gathering Planning Group meeting https://huuayaht.org/huu-ay-aht-first-nation-youth-gathering-2024/
- Attended Coordination Agreement negotiations with other FN's that are doing a 92.1 agreement with
  MCFD.

Emerging Issues

- With the elections coming up and pens down from the province starting September 21st, this gives us three or four more meetings in regard to coordination table and bilateral table with the province and co-development meetings. Hopefully, we will be given the opportunity to speak at the UBCM.
- Oomiisqsu policies should be coming to this committee soon.
- MCFD and 92.1 agreement

Deputy-Chief Councillor

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

- Attended one day of the UVIC Indigenous Law workshop
- Chaired the Committee of the Whole
- Biweekly Meeting - Stephen/ Edward
- BVFD Community Dinner/Blanket Ceremony https://huuayaht.org/whats-happening/our-latest-news/
- Governance Project meeting with Maryantonett
- Was Invite to help welcome Māori at the Hupacasath House of Gathering where we sang and put on a good welcome.
- Introduction to Indigenous Laws: Story Analysis and Building Indigenous Legal Frameworks Workshop
- Call for Justice 1.7 of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Final Report https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1717103903695/1717103981609
- Had the honor and privilege of being the MC for this wonderful day National Indigenous Peoples Day https://hashilthsa.com/news/2024-06-21/huu-ay-aht-celebrates-national-indigenous-peoples-day was a great fun filled day great turnout HFN strong.
- **Other key info**
- A link to past EC progress reports https://huuayaht.org/government/executive-council/
- HFN Strategic Plan 2024-2029 https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Strategic-Plan-2024-2029_Final.pdf
- https://huuayaht.org/sustainability-fee-program/

Councillor Brad Johnson Report – June 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

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

Bamfield Road Project

- Monthly Inspections are still being done by Meridian Forest Services. Once again, the road surface in general is holding up extremely well.
- This month we noticed missing signage along the road with damaged signs. This has been reported to the RCMP and there is an open file with the vandalism that is happening on the Bamfield mainline.
- We have also noticed that some spots, particularly on the bridges, have tire burn out marks.
- We have noticed a huge increase in traffic, speed remains to be an issue.
- We encourage anyone to report the damage to the road if you know who is responsible for these wrongdoings.

Lands and Resources

- A lot of what the Lands and Natural Resources Department has been doing is working on the HIRMP. For the most part the majority of this work is complete, what is left is just tweaking the document. Most of this work is now at the technical level, so I took a step back and have left it to the experts to finalize. Once complete it will be shared with Executive Council, then our citizens and then the general public.
- The Lands Department, along with HFN Forestry, met with the Ministry of Forests to discuss the disposition of unused volume in TFL44. There is an opportunity for HFN to apply for up to 106,000 m3. Future meetings will be held internally along with a meeting with C'awak?qin to create a plan to capitalize on this opportunity.

Parks Canada

- On June 5th 2024, we held a CMB meeting with Parks Canada. We had an update from the Guardian coordinator - West Coast Trail Guardians were 80% done brushing the trail and that all blowdowns and trees were cleared. It was great to hear that all these tasks were done in a timely matter. These are the advantages of starting our Guardians a bit sooner rather than later each year, so they do not have to rush when working (I have advocated for this since joining office).
- It was noted that the trail was very soft, so the Guardians were doing their part in creating pathways or small walkways around muddy areas.
- This year we will be having our youth back out on the trail starting in July. Parks Canada will be helping with a success story of Huu-ay-aht having 2 youth for 3 weeks at a time with hopes of having female guardians back on the team. It is important for our Guardians to interact with the public and share Huu-ay-aht knowledge and history with visitors to the area. This year HFN plans on having cultural interpretation with the HFN culture team out at the Gaurdian cabin.

- Overall, the trail was in fairly good shape, as noted from reports to Parks Canada. There are a few ladders that our crews flagged as they need some work or possibly replaced, Parks Canada has made this a priority. We are still waiting for Parks Canada to send the final document for the National Marine Conservation Area (NMCAR). We have hopes this MOU will be sent to all nations by the end of next month's report.

Treaty Implementation

- On June 24th I attended the Maa-Nulth Board of Directors meeting. The day started with a special Board meeting to approve the budget. This was supposed to happen months ago, however; with not all 5 nations present we deferred to a later date. On this day we did have all 5 nations and had consensus of the budget. Here is an update from working groups.

1) Maa-Nulth Fisheries committee (MFC)

- Each of the Nations have started or will soon start fishing for salmon and halibut.
- A successful prawn harvest was noted by a few of the Nations.
- To advance Maa-Nulth concerns regarding insufficient toxicity testing of bivalves and interest in harvesting butter clams, MTS worked in collaboration with the Pacific Shellfish Desk to determine which beaches of interest have water testing and bivalve testing in place and the next steps to get the beaches open for harvest. Huu-ay-aht had already submitted our beaches of interest in the past, so all beaches we submitted are open for harvest.

2) Pacific Salmon Strategy Initiative (PSSI):

- Maa-Nulth and DFO are working on a mark selective and terminal fishery development and Maa-Nulth treaty matters related to Coho and Chinook under the PSSI contribution agreement. Significant progress has been made, including work to develop a draft terminal fishing arrangement for the Sarita Chinook. Huu-ay-aht will also be exploring other opportunities for terminal harvest in the MDFA.
- Emerging matter from the MFC was the Port Alberni Port Authority has removed one of the cranes at the off-loading docks. This will become a major issue once our high-capacity boats start to offload food fish for our nations. MTS will be sending a letter to hopefully have the matter resolved.

3) Real Property Tax Agreement:

- HFN has taken the necessary steps to move forward with property tax. We had to terminate our old agreement under this new regime with BC. This puts us one step closer in the right direction, if we ever choose to tax on our lands we will have the ability to do so. At this time, we do not plan on doing so.

4) Alliance of Modern Treaty Nations (MTN):

- On June 4th, along with other members of council, I attended the Premier's forum. Unfortunately, on this day the weather played a factor for most people not being able to meet in person, so the meeting took place via zoom.
- A big win that was talked about was the co-development of the fiscal model for the treaty property tax reform that did receive Royal Assent. Premier Eby and his

cabinet recognize treaty is the highest form of reconciliation as it was mentioned several times throughout the meeting.

- Other topics that were addressed were the children and family funding service model and that it needs more time to co-develop and that we as MTNs feel we should not have to compete with the FNLC for funding opportunities, and experience budget cut outs. The water shed security funding of 100M was used as an example - BC was not aware that nations must compete with one another for this grant funding.
- Overall, it was a successful meeting. Not a lot of promise came out of the meeting as it is an election year and that plays a big factor.

HR Workplace and Wellness Committee

- I have identified an issue in our hiring policy that needs to be reviewed. The main issue is the timeline it takes to hire someone to work as the process is too slow. We have missed out on great opportunities in hiring certain individuals as the process was slow and they moved on by the time we sent them an interview request. The HR team will be working on amending the policy.
- Overall, since this committee has been created and with our current Executive Director. I have seen change in the workplace environment to be more positive for the most part and morale is up. We have adapted to some new changes with Citizens who have passed in the past year as we no longer shut down the offices the day of the passing. In respect to everyone we now give the option for staff to attend the funeral or make alternate arrangements if they need the day off.

Other Meetings I attended this month:

- Alliance Premier Form
- CMTI meeting with CIRNAC
- Framework Plan meetings
- JFCT meetings
- Maa-Nulth Fisheries Committee
- Executive council meetings
- Committee of the whole
- HIRMP
- Bamfield Road meetings
- Met with Karen Mack from DFN to accept a plaque from the Pacific Forestry Council
- RBC meeting regarding Housing
- LRTM with Canada
- Interview for Treaty Advisor
- Minister Rankin meeting with the Alliance
- Meeting with Executive Director
- MTS meetings with CAO
- MTS Board/ Budge meetings
- Maa-Nulth FFA
- WCT management planning
- Project Green

- Earnscliffe Introduction meeting
- Meeting Regarding Council with Maryantonett
- ECCC sea star threats in the MDFA

Overall, I was productive with all my tasks I took on this month. I am honored to represent our nation as a member of Executive Council.

Councillor Evan Cook Report – June 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Finance
Economic Development

Finance

- The Finance committee met on June 25th 2024.
- Audit Report was presented by our CFO who confirmed to the committee that the audit is on schedule and the Draft to be completed by mid-July.
- Legal counsel presented the Oomiiqsu Mother Centre Lease and Operation Agreement.
- EDC met with Royal Bank regarding Mortgage funds that are available to community citizens that qualify for the purpose of Purchases and Renovations on our homelands. The presentation is similar to the BMO's "On-Homelands Loan Program".
- I'm pleased we can keep the majority of our settlement funds in our savings account as these funds are collecting $200,000 in interest monthly.

Self-Government Indigenous Government's (SGIG)

Some of the highlights included:

- Land Resources and Treaty Management, develop full expenditure needs for land management, heritage Resources Wildlife and Fisheries. Infrastructure gaps between SGIG regions and comparable non-indigenous communities need to be addressed.
- Federal funding for core lands for the most part has been a success. We didn't get everything we wanted but we got a lot.
- Off-Core Lands will continue to be a battle - everyone must continue to negotiate and get that commitment.

Economic Development

- **APD site** - Met with Tseshant First Nation to discuss the mill site and potential sale of the mill by WFP. The value of the site is approx. $14 M with environmental liabilities estimated between $7 M to $10 M. Retooling the mill for second growth transition is not an option as a $50 M to $100 M investment will be required.
- **Dicifoam** - Met with YVR and new partner- Plantee Bioplastics Wood (wood based thermal insulation board). The meeting also included Paper Excellence to introduce all parties involved in the product and technologies.
- **Salish Elements - Green Hydrogen** - The EDO and myself met with the Salish Element representatives to discuss a partnership. The goals would include - Hydrogen production facility, Truck Development fuel cells, Fueling Stations and Remote Community Power.
- **HGB** - The HFNDC board has asked the CEO of HGB to prepare a plan for all LPs and how all the businesses plan to achieve profitability. We will also be requesting a 5-year business plan.

Councillor Stephen Rayner – June 2024

Areas of Responsibility:

Law and Policy
Green Energy and Climate Sustainability

Law and Policy

- The Law and Policy committee reviews and provides recommendations for all legislative alterations or development.
- At June's law and policy meeting, we reviewed the governance project and outlined the next steps. Initially, our focus will be on examining legislation related to community safety, ensuring that our laws are effective and align with the community's needs. This project is dedicated to a thorough review of our legislative framework, aiming to enhance its alignment with our values and objectives. We are pleased to report that the project continues to make progress, reflecting our commitment to improving governance and legislative processes.
- During the meeting, we also reviewed and provided recommendations for two government policies. The first policy pertains to the distribution of services to citizens, ensuring equitable access and efficient delivery of services across the community. This review will help support the development and implementation of legislation which better serves HFN citizens.
- The second policy focuses on the operation of assets within the government. Effective management and operation of government assets are vital for maintaining infrastructure, optimizing resource use, and ensuring long-term sustainability. This review will help support the development and implementation of legislation which better serves HFN citizens.
- These discussions and reviews are part of our ongoing effort to refine and strengthen our legislative and policy framework, ensuring it serves the best interests of the Huu-ay-aht community. By systematically addressing each area, we aim to build a robust and responsive governance system that supports our long-term goals and values.
- Last fall, the People's Assembly approved a proposal from the Council to initiate a comprehensive law and policy review. The goal of this review is to assess what Huu-ay-aht has achieved in the 13 years since the Treaty and to evaluate if the current laws and policies reflect and incorporate traditional values and practices. By examining our learned experiences, we can determine if modifications are necessary to better align with our cultural heritage and goals.
- The project has identified and prioritized areas where inefficiencies or concerns may impact the intended outcomes of the original legislation. To ensure a thorough and inclusive review process, we will engage with the community and staff to discuss potential changes and gather feedback.
- The initial focus of our review will be on the Community Safety Act, the Offence and Law Enforcement Act, the Lands Act, and its regulations, as well as the Maa-nulth Enforcement Workplan. Following this, we will examine the Financial Administration Act, Financial Administration Regulations, Budget Act, and other legislation related to financial administration. The final phase of the review will cover the Government Act, the Economic Development Act, and relevant economic development instruments and regulations. This structured approach will allow us to systematically improve our legal framework to better serve the Huu-ay-aht community.

Emerging Issues:

Advancing work in a way that meets the intended deadlines. Trying to accommodate priority legislation and accommodate emerging priorities.

<u>Green Energy and Climate Sustainability</u>

Solar upgrades for Anacla Government Office:

- Huu-ay-aht First Nations have been approved for a clean energy pilot project I was able to develop. This will include the installation of solar panels, battery storage, and electric vehicle chargers as well as upgrading the electrical system to accommodate the innovative technology. It also includes training and maintenance of the system. This will significantly reduce our dependency on the grid and diesel generator. The consultant has procured the required equipment and has coordinated the initial work needed to support the overall installation. Work should be implemented in the next month. This work is aiming to be completed this summer.

Community Energy Plan:

- I am not directly involved with this initial project; the infrastructure department is managing it. Barkley Project Group has completed the first phase of the Community Energy Plan, which aims to identify all feasible green energy power generation options within the HFN territory. The final report from this plan will be instrumental in developing future opportunities for green power development.
- HFN has received funding from the Low Carbon Economy Challenge Fund (LGCAP), and a portion of this will be allocated to a second phase of energy planning focused on one or two forms of clean power generation. We will also apply for additional funding through the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Initiative (BCICEI) once it opens for intake. The goal is to identify a power source that will meet existing and future power requirements with clean energy development opportunities. This second phase feasibility study will provide a more in-depth analysis of the potential for developing green energy on an industrial scale, with a focus on wind and solar energy. A combination of these sources may be necessary to provide the required power for our nation.
- We are working with the Infrastructure and Economic Development departments to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure a consultant who will lead the work on behalf of HFN.
- Additionally, I have met with the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation to lobby for their support in HFN’s clean energy development efforts.

Carbon Footprint and Green House Gas Emissions:

- Unfortunately, we did not meet the requirements for the last round of funding but will be working to apply for upcoming funding in September. This funding will allow for a feasibility study identifying areas where we can reduce our carbon footprint and provide next steps for planning and implementation. HFN is already exploring a project for carbon offset.

Multi Nation Energy Development:

- Several nations around British Columbia are expressing a strong interest in developing green energy initiatives. During our meetings, we explore potential opportunities to support

each other in advancing our individual power development projects. A First Nations Power Authority is gaining considerable interest among these nations. This initiative would provide an opportunity for multi-nation involvement in owning, managing, and operating the production and distribution of power to citizens throughout Vancouver Island. Such a collaborative effort would not only be a lucrative endeavor but would also set these nations up for long-term financial success.

- In my discussions with the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation, they have shown strong support for First Nations taking a leading role in clean energy development both within their territories and beyond. Similarly, in my conversations with Clean Energy BC, they have emphasized the need for a First Nations Power Authority and are actively supporting efforts to advance this initiative.

Clean Energy BC Board of Directors:

- The first official board meeting occurred in June. I'm a board member for CEBC. This board and clean energy BC are dedicated to promoting and advancing clean, renewable energy in British Columbia. The organization advocates for supportive policies, educates the public and stakeholders on the benefits of clean energy, and facilitates networking and collaboration within the industry. CEBC also supports research and development, aids in the successful development of clean energy projects, and works to expand the renewable energy market in the province. Through these efforts, CEBC aims to accelerate the transition to a sustainable energy future.
- This will help advance Huu-ay-aht's interest as well as first nations interest in developing power infrastructure and interconnectivity for our communities. It is beneficial for First Nations to have representation on the board to make sure they are receiving equal support in their endeavors to develop clean energy.
- I continue to lobby at events to push the provincial government to support the advancement of First Nations energy infrastructure development.

Climate resiliency:

- This month Councilor Stella Peters and I attended a climate leadership gathering. The event was great with nations around the island attending providing input on climate challenges we're all facing and steps to move forward together to start to mitigate them. We continue to meet and discuss planning and development of climate mitigation measures in our territory. The Disaster Risk Reduction-Climate Adaption intake deadline is October 4th. A portion of the planning will come from LGCAP, which we have already received. We will be working with administration to determine the scope of work, priority and where the work will land in the administration. I have met with the funders to advance their support. The planning will be focused on territory wide climate resiliency planning. This plan will cover wildfires, hydrology/ flood resiliency, extreme heat, shore erosion, as well as some seismic mitigation. This will incorporate all the existing data Huu-ay-aht has developed on the effects of climate change within our territory.

Emerging Issues:

- With climate change having such an extreme effect on our territory, it is important to complete this work to mitigate future climate related disasters.

HFN Planning/Capital Raise

- The planning project continues to advance and is making great progress. The planners have collected information required to continue their work and meet the proposed timelines for deliverables. This project will provide opportunities that are well thought out and informed.
- Continue to work to develop opportunities for development of capital raise projects like industrial scale wind which will be included in our second phase feasibility for clean power development in our territory. The wind project as well as others could offer the power that HFN needs for generations to come. Continue to explore other opportunities like multi nation investment in electrical; infrastructure to connect communities as well as individual nation power production. This would offer financial benefit for all investing nations as well as solidifying the power needed in each of our communities.

Meetings/Events: (a few of the meetings I attended this month)

- Provided a presentation at the 2024 Government Finance Officers Association in Kamloops, on behalf of Chief Councilor John Jack. The topic for discussion was Infrastructure. I discussed relationships and relationship-building with first nations, the challenges Nations face when it comes to infrastructure and how to move forward. I also discussed best practices regarding relationship building and partnerships for developing infrastructure.
- Clean Energy BC Board of directors meeting,
- Met with funders, EMBC, NRT, Fraser Basin Council, ISC.
- Met with Ministry of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation
- Met with clean energy developers to discuss the development of clean energy opportunities within our territory.
- Continue to meet with leadership of nations around BC to discuss the development of clean energy and a first nations power authority.
- Internal meetings - committee of the whole, executive council meetings, meetings with other councilors, planning meeting, meetings with administration.

Councillor Stella Peters – June 2024

Areas of Responsibility

Citizen Development
Public Safety
Emergency Planning and Preparedness

Citizen Development:

Mental Health and Wellness:

- I work with staff to help identify the needs of our community and citizens. We look at this with a wholistic approach to help address the needs of our community and citizens away from home and to look at mental health to ensure the wellbeing and safety of our citizens - especially our most vulnerable - ensuring they are all being cared for and not falling through the cracks.
- Attended meetings for Mental Health and Wellness - looking at addictions and trauma especially with the toxic drug crisis. We are losing too many people because of it – a lot of young people, not only in Huu-ay-out but throughout Nuu-chah-nulth. We need to look at this collectively to try to come up with solutions to help them. They also need to want to help themselves and we need to be there to support them when they do.
- Meeting with all levels of Provincial and Federal representatives and Communities and First Responders as we have citizens spread out in different areas. I just started attending the Maa-Nulth meetings for mental health and wellness.
- We had a Beach Day with some of the Mental Health Workers - Quu-asa, FNHA and Island Health.
- Huu-ay-aht hosted an Appreciation Dinner for the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department and First Responders followed by a ceremonial brushing. We recognized and honored them for coming and putting out fires in our community earlier this spring.

Education and Training:

- I work with staff in this department to help identify needs and opportunities. Summer is here and school is out. We had a good year for our Huu-ay-aht students, getting recognized and earning scholarships for their good work and commitments to their education.
- We had sixteen high school graduates and nine post-secondary graduates giving us a total of twenty-five. We need to honor and celebrate their successes and showcase their accomplishments. We did that with a celebratory lunch and gifts for them all. I think we should do some sort of display at the People's Assembly for others to see – to showcase them.
- We are planning on doing a Career fair, hopefully next spring, for Education and Training and Mental Health and Wellness to try to encourage our young people to come work for the nation. The idea is to list the Departments and Positions within Huu-ay-aht and to provide information on what is needed/required to fill these types of positions.

Culture and Events:

- I have just been given Culture and Events as part of my Citizen Development portfolio. Our cultural team is very active and quite busy with cultural nights, drum making, gathering

resources such as cedar bark and devil's club, and with practicing our culture in general. Our Events Coordinator is busy planning events and meetings/gatherings.

Public Safety

Community Safety:

- We look at this in our CCG and CDC meetings – looking at what we can do to address safety concerns and issues – and plan accordingly.

Emergency Planning and Preparedness:

- This is a high priority and is something we need to look at. With the changes in weather due to climate change, we need to be more alert and aware of the possibilities of any type of emergency, not just tsunamis. We need to think about forest fires, drought, extreme heat in the summer, even extended heat throughout the fall or heavier rainfall. In winter we have freezing rain, ice and snowfall - even into early spring. We don't know whether it will be cold, raining or hot in the later months of spring – the weather has become very unpredictable. We need to look after our community and citizens during these times and help all to be prepared.

Climate Change and Climate Resilience

- I attend meetings on many levels in regard to emergency planning and climate change as they are both connected and very important for the safety and wellbeing of our community and citizens.

Committees I belong to are:

- Co-Operative Management Board (HFN/PC) with Brad Johnson – This is a very active committee with Parks Canada and our Board members.
- Citizen Development Committee (CDC) Chair – We meet bi-monthly addressing all within my citizen development portfolio.
- Community Consultative Group (CCG) Chair – We have a good working relationship with the RCMP. We meet bi-monthly and are very active in looking at public and community safety.
- Anacla Community Planning Committee (Member)
- Human Resource and Wellness Committee (Member)