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Executive Council Report
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Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Report

Responsibilities	
1) Representing government in relations with other governments.	• Continued to carry out strategies to advance Project Green. We have briefed 5 Provincial Ministers and senior minister staff on Project Green. Awaiting confirmation to get meeting with the premier regarding Project Green. • November 9, met with Ministers Rankin, Conroy and Rahlon to brief them on Project Green and continue seeking a meeting with the Premier. • Unfortunately, with the Premier's recent announcement regarding his health, HFN team anticipates the meeting with the Premier regarding Project Green will be much later. • I'm very pleased to see all Executive Council members working hard and showing good progress to advance their individual portfolio issues. • November 10, met with Ministers Rankin, Conroy, Heyman, and Osborne regarding the Maa-nulth and BC Government to Government meeting. Very successful meeting and pleased to report that Councilor Duane Nookemus was exceptional at this meeting. • Federal external relations strategy is to push hard on Social Service Project Renewal, Fiscal Financing, and Me Too Fishery Strategy. • Provincial External Relations Strategy is to push hard on Social Service funding agreement, Project Green, and Stumpage Issue.
2) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	• We are successful in securing the support of 15 First Nations to submit a meeting request to the Premier regarding Project Green. This was huge. • I continue to attend NTC and MFN meetings to represent HFN government to maintain good relations with NTC and MFN, especially when there is a need to advance HFN issues. • November 1, I attended a virtual meeting with Cowichan Tribe and received their support regarding Project Green.

	• November 8, I attended an in-person meeting with Snuneymuxw and received their support regarding Project Green. • November 29, I attended NTC Directors Meeting.
3) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	• To ensure HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues I've instructed Connie that we hold regular meetings with our communications team to identify the key communication issues we need to inform HFN citizens. • Participated in numerous media interviews regarding Old Growth issue. I was able to get HFN narrative through these medial interviews. HFN narrative, Our culture, our trees, our decision.
4) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	• Uyaqhmis, social media and media releases have proven to be very effective systems of communication with Huu-ay-aht citizens and other governments. • Will hold regular meetings to determine what needs to be reported and how. Will continue to hold regular meetings depending on the urgency and priority of the issues. This month it was Old Growth Summit, HIRMP, People's Assembly, treaty implementation, me too strategy. • I will continue to meet with our communication team to identify key communication issues
5) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	• The biggest threat to Huu-ay-aht aboriginal and treaty rights is BC halting all Old Growth logging in BC. Personally, I hope it never happens. However, BC is implementing this incrementally. First, they implemented the Fairy Creek deferrals and now they released an additional 6,000 hectares of deferrals. These deferrals are all under review and we will respond to these deferrals by January 15, 2022. Halting all Old Growth logging in BC is highly likely by the current provincial government. If that happens, it will be a devastating blow to the Huu-ay-aht economy. We will lose millions of dollars annually. • Continue to meet with Duane regarding treaty rights and treaty implementation.
6) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, The constitution, Huuayaht legislation, Huuayaht policies.	• Meet with Executive Director on regular basis to ensure full compliance and adherence to laws, policies and regulations.

7) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	• November 1, Executive Council received a forestry update from Robert Botterell. • November 5, I attended Tsa`wak`qin Forestry Board meeting. • In regard, to meeting with BC government and other First Nations, our team has made huge progress. We are now ready to meet the Premier. • November 19, Trevor, Nathan and I attended a BC Hydro meeting to advance the fishery and current action plan to get EPA finalized. • Continue to push Project Green as viable longterm investment to ensure future financial growth. • Continue to work with HGB to get BC to reconsider its current stumpage policy. • Continue with the Bamfield Road Project as valuable Infrastructure Investment.
8) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	• November 8, I met with Tayii, Yalthluua, RHB and Executive Director to discuss Tseshaht and Huu-ay-aht protocol issues. • Reviewed cultural and language priorities with Council Ed Johnson. Ed developing 2022 plans.
9) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	• I continue to have daily discussion with Connie to ensure proper management and administration of Huu-ay-aht government. • For some Executive Council members there still appears to be a misunderstanding about council responsibilities and administrative responsibilities. The idea of workshop came up and I agreed to holding a governance workshop.
10) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	• November 1 attended and chaired a Special EC meeting to review and consider name change of TFL 44 LP to Tsawak-qin Forestry LP. • November 4 attended and chaired Executive Council meeting. • November 19 attended and chaired a Special EC meeting to review and consider distribution decision. • November 26 attended and chaired Executive Council meeting. • November 30 attended the Law and Policy meeting and attended the Waste Water Treatment Plan update meeting.
11) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including	• November 22, attended and chaired EC team meeting to review and consider EC priorities for January to March.

i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing portfolios from Councilors;	
12) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	• Public spokesperson issues for the month, Old Growth Summit, Old Growth Deferral,

Emerging Issues:

1. **Get HFN 2022-25 Strategic Plan approved by November 30, 2021.**
2. **EC to appoint Election commissioner at Nov 26 meeting.**
3. **Begin Financial Plan work to be ready by March 31, 2022.**
4. **Reschedule Old Growth Summit.**
5. **Firm up budget for IRMP.**

Councillor ƛicitatḥ Edward R. Johnson November 2021 Progress Report:

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

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Community Health**

- Attended 3 day Vancouver Island Caucus
- Attended Vancouver Island Partnership Accord Steering Committee
- Attended All Leaders Virtual Townhall re COVID-19
- VI Regional Caucus Special Meeting
- FN Health Governance Committee Meeting
- Chaired Monthly Covid Update Meeting
- Monthly ACHN Table of Partners Meeting
- Attended Atmospheric River meeting
- Looking into bringing the workshop "Restoring Wellness in Our Community: Addressing the Root Causes of Addiction" in the new year for EC and SMT. Setting up meeting with the facilitator for proposed dates for April.

Emerging Issues

- Not being able to reach quorum at the VI caucus meeting
- Covid-19

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Citizenship Committee**

- Chaired our Monthly HFN Citizenship Committee meeting. We meet every 2nd Thursday of the Month. It is HFN Law to have a Citizenship Committee meeting every month if there are applications to review.

Emerging Issues

- Citizenship Treaty Enrolment Regulation work in the new year.

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

- Meeting to discuss Repatriation Project Edward/Jim/Kevin
- Meeting with Tliishin to talk about cultural plan
- Cultural Treasures pre RBCM meeting discussion
- Meeting with Executive Director to talk about portfolios, SP and K-12
- CBC Interview re: Repatriation of Treasures
- Cultural Center design review meetings
- Culture Language and Heritage CLH Caucus Call
- BCSA 2021 AGM at Bamfield Community School
- High School in Anacla & Bamfield meeting with HFN ED and BMSC Director.
- Attended cultural event in Anacla at the HOH

Emerging Issues

- Start a working group for K-12 in Anacla
- Still in need for Language worker
- Cultural treasures discussions on repatriation with RBCM

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

- HFN Coordination Agreement Oversight Committee bi-weekly Meeting
- Huu-ay-aht Coordination Agreement Table meeting with BC and Canada.
- Chaired Community Consultative Group (referred to as "CCG") meeting in lower Anacla at the Soaring Eagle. On the agenda was The Community Safety Team (CST). We are looking for volunteers to join the CST
- Lining up meeting with Josie Osborne, MLA Mid Island-Pacific Rim for Dec 10th, 2021

Emerging Issues

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

Other

- Attended BMSC Climate Action Series pre meeting on Salmon Episode - Nov 17th
- Attended the Dean's Distinguished Lecture: Reconciling History.
  Description: The Faculty of Education is pleased to partner with the Janusz Korczak Association (JKA) of Canada in presenting the Dean's Distinguished Lecture. The purpose of this annual distinguished lecture is to highlight the ongoing work of those who seek to advance children's rights in Canada. The JKA partners with the Faculty of Education as a way of continuing the legacy of Janusz Korczak, a Polish-Jewish doctor and educator, who in 1942 perished in Treblinka along with nearly 200 orphans in his care. This year's lecture features Dr. Cindy Blackstock, who led a successful human rights challenge to Canada's inequitable provision of child and family services and failure to implement Jordan's Principle. Dr. Blackstock, a member of the Gitxsan First Nation, serves as Executive Director of the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society.
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-RhsKpQpBM
- Uyaqhmis Communications Bi-Monthly Meeting
- Drinking Water Settlement Meeting
- Old Growth summit pre meeting
- Strategic plan
- Bi-Weekly EC Team Meeting

Huu-ay-aht First Nations

Council Report for John Alan Jack

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Note to Reader:

Finance – Progress Report

Finance committee met on November 18th and 19th, including personal meetings with staff and the auditor on the 16th and 18th to finalize the Annual Audit. The process to complete the audit took a very long time, and while it was mostly due to the pandemic creating huge delays in every First Nation throughout NTC and beyond, we must understand that our own staffing shortages at the CFO and Accountant level were also contributing to that delay. The audit was passed with enough time to be presentable to the People's Assembly, but we need to ensure it's complete with a much bigger window between completion and the People's Assembly next year.

Finance – Emerging Issues

The only emerging issue to come out of November is the need to have the Budget Forecast done in time for our budgeting cycle to remain unaffected by delays.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report

The new CAO has started with the ACRD and he is now conducting interviews with each Director. The plan will be to meet in early to mid December and coordinate our interests with Bamfield, especially regarding parking, waste water, and fresh water.

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.]

The meeting with Citizen Development Committee was postponed to December. Some further meetings with staff and several contractors have been scheduled for December as well. We continue to get good support on this file from staff and contractors.

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 November 30th, where we finalized the Residential Housing Regulation to a point where it will be presented to the Ha'wiih Council and ultimately to Executive Council by the last meeting in December. The same should hold true for the Animal Care and Control Regulation as well.

Law and Policy Development – Emerging Issues

I would like to start the process of developing a regulation for business licensing, which falls under HFN's jurisdictions under the treaty. We can use this regulation to not only control what types of business is conducted on our lands, but also how we might provide incentives for

citizens to start their own businesses. The regulation can also provide rules by which partnerships or joint ventures may also access the same incentives, as long as HFN citizens own at least some predetermined percentage.

Whereas

A) Huu-ay-aht has the jurisdiction to create a law and or regulation to control business activities through the licensing of businesses, and
B) HFN Executive Council wishes to provide means by which citizens may access further incentives to create jobs and income opportunities through entrepreneurship, and
C) HFN Executive Council wishes to provide clear rules for partnerships or joint ventures where businesses may only be partially owned by Huu-ay-aht citizens,
D) <section 56 waiver>

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. <section 56 waiver>, and
2. Directs that the Law Clerk, with the assistance of legal counsel, provide for the creation of a regulation for the provision of business licenses, and
3. That the work will fall under the Law and Policy Development Committee but must seek input from the Finance Committee, Economic Development Committee and the Ha'wiih Council before being referred to Executive Council.

Huumiis Ventures LP and HFN Forestry Consulting Services LP

Some work was done to ensure that appropriate information was sent to the auditors for completion of the HFN audit. As a result of this work, it has been determined that there needs to be more discussion between HFN and Huumiis to ensure that auditing practices are adhered to. This will mean that Huumiis will have to interface directly with Tsawakqin (TFL 44) LP's Board of Directors to ensure that their financial practices jive with our PSAP requirements. This might get complicated.

HFN Personnel Committee

An RFP/advertisement for an evaluation process for the Executive Director went out, but nothing was received in regards to responses. As a result, I will be asking the committee to sole source a subject matter expert for conducting the evaluation in the new year.

