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Executive Council Monthly Highlights

June 2025

Chief Councillor John Jack

- Joined Premier Eby's trade mission to Tokyo; met with Japanese partners of Western Forest Products (WFP) and Timber Tiles.
- Productive meeting with Ministry of Children and Family Development) MCFD —key turning point for collaboration.
- Attended Premier's Forum in Terrace; positive discussions with BC leadership.

Councillor Edward R. Johnson

- Exploring Greenfoot Energy partnership for free home energy upgrades.
- Cemetery improvements planned: outhouses and parking lot gravel.
- HOH 25th anniversary planning on schedule.
- Welcomed Marg from MCFD to negotiation table.

Deputy Chief Councillor

- Attended Premier's Forum and MC'd National Indigenous Peoples Day event.
- Productive Ministry of Health meeting on opioid crisis solutions.
- Participated in cedar bark harvesting for HOH celebration.

Ḥaẃiiḥ Councillor Theresa Nookemus

- Various maps of Huu-ay-aht ḥaẃiɬ ḥaḥuuɬi presented for ḥaẃiiḥ review.
- Re-elected as ḥaẃiiḥ Representative to Elected Council.
- Citizenship application process reminder.
- Planning underway for House of Huu-ay-aht (HOH) - Treaty 15-Year Celebration
- Reminder: Harvesting cards, paperwork, and flags required for all citizen fishers.

Councillor Evan Cook

- Met with Stackabl Homes to explore modular housing; team to visit China.
- Timber harvest financially successful despite high shipping costs.

Councillor Stella Peters

- Attended "Gathering Wisdom" with First Nations Health Authority (FNHA); raised urgent health and safety concerns.
- Celebrated Bamfield grads (3 Huu-ay-aht youth) at BCS Grad Ceremony.
- Culture team preparing for HOH celebration (cedar regalia, drumming, singing).
- MOU with BC Corrections to be signed next month.
- Emergency preparedness plans being finalized (wildfire, heat, drought readiness).

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Councillor Stephen Rayner

Law & Policy Review

- Spearheaded Phase 2 of the Law & Policy Review, focusing on strengthening critical legislation such as:
  - Community Safety Act and Offence and Law Enforcement Act
  - Financial Administration Act and related regulations
  - Governance and Economic Development Acts
- This work supports ongoing alignment with Treaty values, regulatory responsibilities, and responsive governance.

Green Energy & Clean Tech

- **Solar Upgrade Project:** Confirmed funding and design plans for the Anacla Government Office's solar system. Equipment has been procured and initial installation will commence shortly, with expected completion during the summer. This initiative will reduce reliance on diesel and strengthen energy resilience.
- **Community Energy Planning:** Supported Phase 1 of the Community Energy Plan by Barkley Project Group. With Low Carbon Economy Challenge funding secured, work is now transitioning to Phase 2—exploring feasibility of clean energy generation types suitable for HFN territories.

Strategic Clean Energy Vision

- Continued collaboration with economic development department team to explore potential funding partners to advance clean power generation (solar, wind, geothermal, micro hydro).
- Identified alignment opportunities with neighboring First Nations, exploring the future potential for a First Nations Power Authority to collaborate on energy development and distribution.

Councillor Brad Johnson

- Proposed pilot community fishery (ICEFP) targeting Chinook and halibut.
- "Me Too" video filming underway.
- Sockeye distributed to multiple HFN communities.
- Part of hiring committee for new Director of Lands & Resources.
- Campfire ban in effect.
- Toured Nisga'a territory during Premier's Forum.
- Addressed Parks Canada issues: vandalism, storm damage, lighthouse closures.
- Requested counters for Cape Beale trail traffic.
- Discussed Clutis Point framework plan.

For full details of this Executive Council report, visit: https://huuayaht.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/Executive-Council-Report-June-2025.pdf



Warrior Games, May 2025