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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

Executive Council Monthly Highlights

October 2025

Chief CouncillorrJohn Alan Jack

- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Annual General Meeting, Economic Development Committee meeting, Board of Governors for North Island College in Port Alberni, strategic planning process with SMT and representatives of the ḥaẃiiḥ and gave an economic development presentation to an international trade group involving Canada, Australia and New Zealand.
- Lobbying for Huu-ay-aht in Ottawa, meeting with Indigenous Services Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations, MP Gord John and Bloc Quebecois MP to thank for his support of Modern Treaty.
- Attended Foresty Products Association of Canada conference and indigenous round table event, Maa-nulth Board meeting, Vancouver Island Economic Alliance conference.
- Executive Council meeting with ACRD, Tseshaht and Ditidaht for a Bamfield Road round table.

Councillor Evan Cook

- Settlement Trust Funds recommended to be moved from TD Wealth and RBC Settlement Trust account to Barrantagh Investment Management, to reduce management costs and aim for higher returns.
- Economic development team working on pilot display homes to be made available for viewing on Vancouver Island and the lower mainland.
- An HFN Delegation will be returning to China to look at new prefab home technologies.
- Stackabl has sent a primary quote for the Microtel in Port Alberni.

Ḥaẃiiḥ Councillor Theresa Nookemus

- ḥaẃiiḥ is awaiting the announcement of who will take over the chair of the ʔApwinisatḥʔ (Peter's) house.
- ḥaẃiiḥ is in agreement with the Community Safety Act amendments and agreed with the Proposed Legislative Amendments on timelines and switching Ta'yii ḥaẃiiḥ to ḥaẃiiḥ Councillor or a member of ḥaẃiiḥ Council.
- A discussion on the People's Assembly safety about any citizens not abiding to the Huu-ay-aht First Nation 3 sacred principles and how to respond to abusive situations. A letter reminding citizens of their oaths was included in the people's Assembly packages.

Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations

- Submitted a grant application to promote education and awareness of modern treaties in Canada, and partnered with 50th Parallel to design and implement a communications plan.
- Prepared for First Nations Leaders' Gathering (FNLG) meetings in early November to strengthen relationships and secure political support for new initiatives, including requested collective meetings with the Premier and key Ministers.
- Assessed land pressures such as tourism, resource development, and other impacts on lands departments, with challenges identified in linking these pressures to staff workload.
- Engaged with the Ministry of Jobs and Economic Growth on a new provincial mandate to expand industrial zoned land in British Columbia.
- Advanced work with multiple BC ministries on priority files, including supportive housing, residential tenancy, justice and public safety legislation, liquor and heritage regulations, anti-racism legislation, and renewable energy regulations.
- Participated on the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport steering committee guiding the repatriation of artifacts from provincially funded repositories

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Councillor Brad Johnson

- Ongoing negotiations with DFO about the Me Too Fishery for short- and long-term goals and plans regarding licensing and access.
- Establishing plans for a chum fishery returning to Sugsaw Creek.
- Maa-nulth Nations preparing for upcoming shellfish harvest by finalizing catch reports.
- DFO met with Maa-nulth to discuss proposed management measures for Southern Resident Killer Whales. Maa-nulth will provide input on SARA (Canada Species at Risk Act) protocol engagements, including three Chinook designated units and proposed marine refuges.
- Working with ESSA on the Cumulative Effects of Marine Shipping (CEMS) to identify hot spots and incorporate Maa-nulth values to identify potential management measures.
- Working with Parks Canada on West Coast Trail management plan.
- Attending weekly Bamfield road meetings. A weather station has been installed and avalanche sized gates to close road when needed by Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Councillor Edward R. Johnson

- Working with Ozzy Deo about wastewater treatment education.
- Ministry of Transportation and Transit on track for road opening October 24, 2025.
- Definition of Maa'nulth family and child at the treaty amendments table with Canada BC and Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Deputy Chief Councillor

- Attended Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Annual General meeting, First Nations Leadership Gathering (FNLG) preparatory meeting, and Alliance of BC Modern Treaty Nations meeting.
- Learning about shared territory between Ditidaht and Huu-ay-aht in a book called Nisma-Land.
- Using the app called "The Circular Leader" designed for anyone who has people that report to them, delivering clear insights and actions for managers.

Councillor Stella Peters

- The Mental Health and Wellness team are busy with day-day work helping citizen.
- Reviewing the 5-year Cultural Plan, planning for cultural needs.
- Truth and Reconciliation event held October 24 at House of Huu-ay-aht.
- Reaching out for increased citizen participation in community engagement events, especially regarding community safety.

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Councillor Stephen Rayner

- Met with provincial ministers to discuss support for the Community Safety Act and Tribunal Review and Update project. The Economic Development Act is also progressing.
- Framework Planning Project; began developing a Term Sheet to capture commercial principles, roles, risk allocation, and preliminary timelines for the first series of projects ensuring alignment of values and long-term vision.
- Challenges with cost inflation while planning large scale projects make the funding fit and timing of project implementation time sensitive.
- Discussion on ongoing climate impacts with Minister of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship and Climate Readiness produced a list of potential funding sources and grant opportunities. In support of Stella Peters who leads this portfolio, coordinating follow-ups and ensuring applications are submission-ready.
- Huumiis Board met to review progress on the C'awak?qin Forestry Strategy and confirm a framework to guide next steps, identifying practical actions to take with Western to manage risk to ensure Huumiis continues to deliver value for Huu-ay-aht citizens.
- Preparing for First Nations Energy Summit in December 2025, with the main message being First Nations are developers and partners, not just stakeholders in BC's Clean Energy initiatives.





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