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Executive Council Report
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Council Report for John Alan Jack

May/June 2023

Note: With a general election in May and June of 2023, I have overlap in duties and new duties to report on in this report. There was little to report on in June, due to the election and a subsequent Tribunal challenge to the election. July's report will be much more detailed.

Finance – Progress Report

There was a special meeting of the Finance Committee on June 28th, 2023. This was to update the HFN Financial Plan to allow for receiving funds from the Province regarding the second phase of the Bamfield Road Reconciliation Project.

Finance – Emerging Issues

We foregone a meeting of the Committee in May due to the Election, so the meeting in which this report is posted will have several months of reports for review.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report

I stepped away from the ACRD during the Election Period. I am grateful that Vice-Chair Deb Haggard was able to act in my stead.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Emerging Issues

We will need to connect with the ACRD staff on the possibility of a presentation and overview of their Community Planning operations as I believe this will be helpful as we go through our own processes there. We don't need to adopt local government practices, as we have an order of government more powers than they, but understanding how it's done elsewhere will help inform our own choices.

Huumiis Ventures LP and HFN Forestry Consulting Services LP – Progress Report

Reporting materials for RBC and EDC are complete. Audit requirements are complete as well, though they will become more complicated in the next audit period.

We continue to make progress on ensuring that future reporting and documentation will be in good order.

Huumiis Ventures LP and HFN Forestry Consulting Services LP – Emerging Issues

There are several planned meetings to move forward confidential but potentially lucrative business ventures. There won't be any reports until we are able to go public, potentially in July or August.

Capital/Development Raise – Progress Report

These items have been renamed “Major Projects” and many of them may move permanently under the aegis of Economic Development.

Capital/Development Raise – Emerging Issues

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Deputy-Chief Councillor – Progress Report

From May 8th to 11th, I attended the Prime Minister’s Forum in Ottawa - one of the last major duties I performed in the previous term of office. We delivered a message from the collective of treaty First Nations and self-governing indigenous nations regarding the on-going relationship with the Federal Government. We believe the message was received.

Deputy-Chief Councillor – Emerging Issues

More on an external relations angle, it will become necessary to develop a strategy regarding the federal approach. With an always-imminent election on the horizon, I believe it’s necessary to complete and lock-in as much as we can complete with the Federal Government before it inevitably falls due to opportunism. This will require a coordinated effort between staff, advisors and Council.

General Duties for Chief Councillor – Progress Report and Emerging Issues

The Road Project required some special activities very quickly after the Election that continued past the Swearing-In of the new government with me as Chief Councillor. We were able to avoid having to change the Budget Act to receive money from the Province, which saved some time. There has been some required work to ensure that the Road Project continues and I’d like to recognize the efforts of Councillor Brad Johnson; our new Executive Director, Karen Haugen; and our SMEs, Kevin Gordon and his team, for all the work that has been done so far.

Council Report for Theresa Nookemus

June/July 2023

Note: With being newly elected, and going through Governance Training these past few weeks, the month of June's report will be thin.

July started for me with our Swearing in Ceremony in Anacla! It was a first-time ceremonial day for me. I was overwhelmed with excitement to see the new council honor ceremony and tradition. It was a great way to start!

We were in PAGO for the remaining couple of days for orientation with previous EC and Haw'iih Council for a handover and discussion. This is where we received the Executive Council 4 -Year-Term Report 2019-2023, which I found to be a very useful summary of each Council Member's business-related information to date. This summary included their accomplishments, identified gaps, and forecasted for future/next steps. Thank you all for the time and work that went into them, I truly appreciated it!

Our next few weeks were filled with Presentations from numerous teams.

- Human Resources & Finance Treaty Implementation and Strategy
- SMT Community Services & Child & Family Teams
- SMT Presentations – Lands/Resources & Infrastructure
- Economic Development & HGB
- HFN HIRMP Presentation
- HFN Circles of Treaty Implementation
- Capitol Infrastructure
- Law Clerk & Legal
- Citizen Development Review Report
- Angela and Team Governance Training

Within this time frame, I had one Ha'wiih meeting to attend before I rejoined the presentations.

This was a very extensive few weeks of training, which I completely appreciated. I now have a better sense and respect for everything that goes on behind the scenes. I have learned that this job, as well as many others, cannot be done without TEAM effort. Yes, we get assigned portfolios, assigned to committees and such, but we have a FANTASTIC support system within PAGO, ANACLA, as well as our portfolio holders, and committee members of whom I truly appreciate, love and respect.

Councillor Report for Stephen Rayner

June/July 2023

Area of Responsibility: Council meetings

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Executive council governance training meetings:

Over the last 3 weeks we took part in training to provide insight on where the administration and HGB are as well as what they are working on.

The training included:

- Knowledge transfer with outgoing council
- SMT presentations:
    - Human resource and finance
    - Community services and child and family wellness
    - Lands and infrastructure
    - Economic development and HGB
- Maa-nulth Treaty Implementation
- Law & Policy Department
- Strategic Planning
- Governance training – roles and responsibilities, governance structures, etc.
- Building a united team

Attended Special EC Meetings:

Road project continues to advance, funding is promised through the government.

Emerging Issues

N/A

Area of Responsibility: Economic Development

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives

Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses.

- Relationship discussion, and proposed actions to review legislation and determine if the Economic development Act and Governance and Fiscal Agreement Regulation are functioning as needed to adequately serve HFN.

Sarita Micro Hydro:

- Meeting to discuss next steps with DFO application.

- Project needs to be reviewed for continuity with HFN's growth strategy.

Emerging Issues

Need to advance review of act and regulation as soon as possible to determine roles and responsibilities of HFN government and HGB.

Review of Sarita Micro Hydro Project for continuity with growth strategy.

Review of Economic development plan and how its functioning for providing guidance for future investments.

Review of existing initiatives, Nano tech, Biofoam.

Council Report for Brad Johnson

May - June 2023

Due to our pens down period for the election and then a Tribunal after the election, there is not a lot to report on. However, I was approved to do work by resolution of council on the Bamfield Road Project and at the Maa-Nulth Board of directors meeting.

Most of my time the past few months has consisted of trying to source the money for the remainder of the Bamfield Road Project. A lot of time and hours has gone into several meetings with our lawyers and the province, and writing letters to Ministers and Deputy Ministers. I would like to acknowledge our former Chief Councilor Robert Dennis Sr for his continued efforts right until his last day in office. Also, the work our Executive Director Karen Haugen has done to pull the road team together and push this project forward. The project will continue into the fall for completion of the chipseal. This continued partnership between the province and Huu-ay-aht has made this project possible. This project has been filled with a lot of ups and downs at times and has almost been cancelled several times. I'm excited to see an end date of this project as it has had its challenges.

Emerging issues

We have not yet received the funds from the province officially and we have not signed the permission agreements with both forest companies who own the road. I'm confident both these emerging issue items will be taken care of in weeks to come. Another issue is the influx in traffic from the detour that was put in place by MOTI from 0-36KM with the highway 4 Cameron Bluffs fire. We will be working with MOTI to get them to take responsibility for the road work that will need to be done to bring the road back up to chip seal specs. Moving forward we will have to start thinking about the maintenance component to the road and set future meetings up with WFP/MOSAIC/MOTI.

I am grateful to be re-elected and serve our nation as a member of Executive Council. I look forward to the new challenges that will come in this term of office. A more detailed report will come in months to follow once we get back into our regular day-to-day portfolio work.

Councillor ƛicitatḥ Edward R. Johnson

May/June 2023

Area of Responsibility:
Citizen Development Committee
Citizenship Committee
Culture and Language

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

- Chaired board of directors Bamfield Community School Association meeting.
- Attended Huu-ay-aht Bi-weekly Main Table Meeting and Enabling Agreement.
- Attended Graduation at the BCS.
- Attended Monthly Maa-nulth Health and Wellness Working Group Meeting.
- Attended Operational Funding for Oomiiqsu meeting with BC.
- The Oomiiqsu (Mother Centre) project is underway!
  To date, gridlines have been set and the bulk excavation of the building has been completed. Upcoming work will include forming footings, installation of the site fence and signage. Highway 4 closures due to the Cameron Bluffs forest fire have impacted construction timelines. The anticipated occupancy date has been moved from August 2024 to December 2024.

Progress on Achieving Key Initiatives **Citizenship Committee**

- No Committee meeting this month due to Pens Down and portfolio shuffle.

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

- Attended Canada Day float parade - led the parade in our traditional toggle canoe that was gifted to us by the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation in 2000 at the opening of our HOH.
- Attended the “Swearing-In” Ceremony discussion at the side beach in Pachena Bay. where we submerged ourselves in the Pachena River.
- Attended National Indigenous Peoples Day at Pachena Beach.