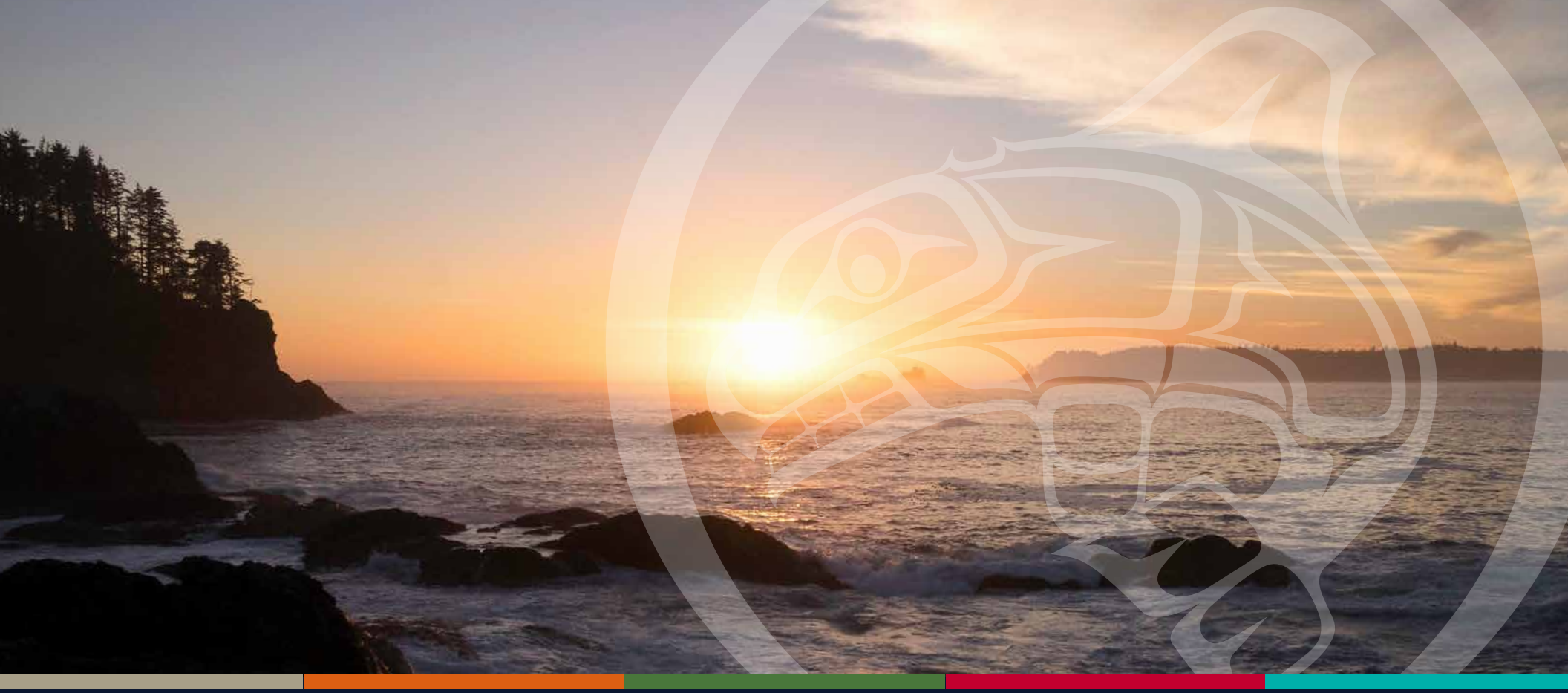


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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

2016/17

Annual Report



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



This year, the Huu-ay-aht First Nations government focused on achieving several main objectives.

First and foremost, Executive Council worked to ensure that the relationship between the Huu-ay-aht and Steelhead LNG was negotiated and concluded according to the expectations of its people and Ḥaw̓iiḥ. In addition, important work was started and concluded regarding the state of our children and families in the form of an independent panel report entitled "*Safe, Healthy and Connected: Bringing Huu-ay-aht Children Home.*" To do this, we must focus on taking advantage of economic development opportunities.

Although those were the three main focuses, it was a busy year for Huu-ay-aht First Nations. As councillors, we worked hard to represent our citizens on a local, provincial, national, and international stage. Through these efforts, people are starting to notice that Huu-ay-aht is truly a leader among First Nations.

Executive Council is committed to ensuring prosperity for all Huu-ay-aht now and in the future. It is not enough to make sure our citizens are taken care of, we need to build an economy that will protect future generations. This means being fiscally responsible in all of our decisions, as well as exploring options that will help diversify our economy and sources of government revenue.

On behalf of the citizens, Huu-ay-aht's legal team successfully won a Specific Claims Tribunal settlement of $13.8 million based on Canada's unfair logging practices on our lands. This is only one way we work to ensure a bright future for our citizens. We also continue to negotiate the *Me Too Clause* that will eventually even the playing field when it comes to our fishing rights. We are also actively negotiating the acquisition of more private and Crown lands for our TSL. We saw one major gain on this front when citizens approved a deal with Western Forest Products at the People's Assembly in February. This included additional timber sales as well as the purchase of

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- Executive Council



the Sarita log sort. We are committed as a council to continue to pursue forestry opportunities as they arise.

We are also focused on bringing our citizens home, and therefore we will continue to invest in infrastructure projects, such as the new subdivision in Upper Anacla, better sewer, water, and solid waste systems, and Tayii House. In order to carry out these projects, we have to create a strong, reliable economy, and a big part of that is forestry. This means managing our woodlot, TSL forest, and community forest in a sustainable way through strict forestry practices.

With our relationship starting in 2014, there is now a set of final and binding agreements between Huu-ay-aht and Steelhead LNG. This was pursued, negotiated, and concluded in a good way. It directly and indirectly involved all members of Executive Council, members of the senior management team, as well as ensuring we uphold the values and teachings of our Ḥawiiḥ by ensuring that they were consulted at every major development. This all culminated in the signing of the Project Development Agreement, the Lease, which received threefold support from the elected Council, the Ḥawiiḥ, and the People in a referendum.

Huu-ay-aht must also diversify, and that is why the Nation purchased a number of businesses last year. These properties present opportunities for an integrated and complementary approach to a tourism-based economic approach in the Anacla-Bamfield area. Executive Council has approved moneys to create a plan for the improvement of our tourism initiative on our lands.

Cultural tourism is gaining popularity, and the Nation began to explore offering tours of our national historic site and ancient capital, *Kiixin*. Executive Council began this process by approving funding for the preservation and development of the Kiixin for cultural tourism. Supported by the Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses, our goal is that Kiixin will serve as a central draw and main cultural experience for anyone visiting our territory.

We have been working with the Maa-nulth member nations and other self-governing indigenous nations in Canada as part of the Land Claims Agreement Coalition. This group is working with the federal government on developing new fiscal relationships between the Crown and self-governing indigenous nations. Later this year, a forum will be held between self-governing indigenous nations and the Prime Minister. Huu-ay-aht representatives will attend and contribute to functional, constructive, and responsible nation-to-nation relationship building between the Crown and modern-day treaty First Nations.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Huu-ay-aht First Nations had a very busy 2016/17 fiscal year, with many exciting accomplishments. One of the first steps to building a strong, self-sustaining nation is to ensure we are all focused on the same priorities, while welcoming everyone's new ideas.

To build a strong future for all citizens, Ḥaw̓iiḥ and Executive Council developed the Ancient Spirit Modern Mind commitments. This outlined five key areas of focus for 2017 to 2019. These are:

1. **Infrastructure creation and renewal,**
2. **Revival of language and culture,**
3. **Conservation of natural resources in our hahuuł̓i,**
4. **Citizen development through empowerment and support, and**
5. **Building a strong economy.**

During this last year, together, we celebrated the reclamation of our cultural treasures from the Royal BC Museum – commitments to our community in our treaty facilitated this effort. The return of the treasures touched many hearts, and now citizens can visit these pieces of history in the treasures room at the Anacla Government Office.

In February 2017, our citizens approved the Nation to purchase the Sarita log sort from Western Forest Products, and in March 2017 our citizens approved to proceed with Steelhead LNG on the LNG export project. Early watershed restoration activities have begun with training and employment opportunities for citizens wanting to be part of this important work.

With the focus of bringing our children home, Huu-ay-aht established an independent, four-member panel to examine and explore potential improvements to child and family services for Huu-ay-aht. The final report includes 30 recommendations designed with a made-in-Huu-ay-aht approach to improve services and lives for our people.

I look forward to more important work for the remainder of this fiscal year. I encourage and foster a strength-based, solution-oriented mindset. We will achieve our vision of a strong, self-governing, and self-reliant Nation. We will continue to uphold our principles of *Hišuk ma ćawak, ʔuuʔałuk,* and *ʔiisaak* in what and how we do things for the betterment of this great Nation.

Trudy Warner
Executive Director

GUIDING OUR NATION



Hereditary Chiefs

The Ḥaẃiiḥ Council is represented by the Hereditary Chiefs of seven houses. They provide the Huu-ay-aht government with advice and take care of cultural protocol in Huu-ay-aht events.

Working closely with the elected government and Huu-ay-aht Citizens, Ḥaẃiiḥ Council is focused on building the Nation and building capacity by respecting the cultures and traditions of its Ancient Spirit. Every step of the way the Ḥaẃiiḥ Council remembers ancestral teachings and looks for opportunities where our language, culture, and history can work in harmony with our Modern Mind.



"In the position I hold with my Nation one of my biggest responsibilities is looking after citizens. Part of that is generating wealth in a positive way so that we have the funds to properly care for all citizens. That means we must use our values to create opportunities for our Nation. It is awesome to be part of this kind of growth in our Nation that allows us to ensure our traditions, such as caring for our people, is carried forward."

- Tayii Ḥaẃiɬ ƛiišin

OUR VISION

The Huu-ay-aht envision a strong, self-governing and self-reliant Nation. *ʔiisaak* will guide us as we work together to foster a safe, healthy and sustainable community, where our culture, language, spirituality, and economy flourish for all.

Naacamaʔał Huuʔeeʔatḥ ḥaaʔak ʔuukʷaqḥwitas ʔuuʔaałuk quuʔas minḥ ʔiisaakstał ʔuusaḥqƛin Casimir Hupukʷanim, ciqyak, łimaqsti, tanaqił minḥukqin

OUR MISSION

As a leader among First Nations, the Huu-ay-aht will create certainty for its people and generate wealth for financial independence by providing economic opportunities, social, cultural and recreational programs for all Huu-ay-aht.



BY 2033

Our PEOPLE will be free from the negative effects of colonization

Our CHILDREN will grow up safe, healthy and connected to our home and culture/values

Our HOME will be safe, healthy, appealing place where half of our people choose to live

Our LAND will provide sustainable wealth that respects Huu-ay-aht values of conservation

Our ECONOMY will operate sustainably, is the major employer in the region and the major source of revenue for the Nation

STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2016/17



INFRASTRUCTURE CREATION AND RENEWAL



CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN OUR HAHUUŁI



REVIVAL OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORT



BUILDING A STRONG ECONOMY

INFRASTRUCTURE CREATION AND RENEWAL







Infrastructure includes roads, running water, government buildings, and community facilities. Together, these make up the building blocks of a livable ḥahuuƚi. Ensuring these structures are in place and well maintained will help our local economy to grow and our community to thrive.

Infrastructure Project Accomplishments

Affordable Housing

- Dedicate resources for a planning an 11-lot subdivision infrastructure
- Dedicate resources to continue to negotiate and plan a sewer treatment plant to support upper Anacla and some of Bamfield
- Successful in finding outside funding to construct a trail between the two communities

Chip Seal

- Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government began lobbying all levels of governments to upgrade Bamfield main
- The goals include working with industry and other local stakeholders in converting the road to a main transportation corridor
- Other goals include getting the road chip sealed to allow for a safer and enjoyable road effecting our community on so many levels

Community Emergency Services for Anacla

- First Responder Program Team indemnified, formed and put into action
- Participated in Regional Emergency Preparedness Exercise (ECR)
- House of Huu-ay-aht Emergency Reception Centre stocked

Decrease and Manage Solid Waste

- Implemented office recycling program
- Initiated collaborative Solid Waste Management Plan between HFN, Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, and Alberni Clayoquot Regional District

Other Successes

- Sarita Cemetery expansion and road
- Anacla septic assessments
- Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses Office merge
- Port Alberni Government Office new roof
- Addition to the Port Alberni Paawats

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN OUR ḤAHUUŁI







Demonstrating ʔiisaak (respect for) our ḥahuuɬi means making careful decisions with regard to the sustainable use of our resources in a way that meets the needs of our people and families. Our lands and waters have fed, clothed, and sustained our people since time immemorial and our conservation of these resources will ensure that this continues for generations to come.

Lands and Resources Accomplishments

Practice Good Environmental Stewardship

- Shoreline Cleanup of HFN Coastal Territory
- Wildlife Surveys: Deer
- Sugsaw Hatchery: reared coho and chum and released 2000 fry into Pachena and Sugsaw
- Sarita River Snorkel surveys and chinook broodstock with DFO staff
- Staff trained in herring assessment techniques
- Continued survey of Culturally Modified Trees in all HFN forestry blocks
- Obtained top spot in the DFO Standing Offer program, which allows HFN to lead Sarita salmon counting swims

Promote and Regulate Harvesting of Aquatic and Terrestrial Resources

- Hosted an HFN Fishers Gathering to plan for the 2016 fishery and ensure all harvesters are on the same page regarding regulations
- Developed a comprehensive Fisheries Treaty Implementation Plan to guide efforts to catch more of our domestic allocations, create citizen self-sufficiency and maintain cultural practices around fishing

Implement Maa-nulth Final Agreement and Side Agreements

- Successfully negotiated and end to the dispute with Federal government about Fraser Sockeye access outside of Maa-nulth Domestic Fishing Area
- Worked with Reasonable Opportunity Agreement Technical Advisory Group to develop an innovative annual reporting tool for provincial resource data

Kiixin Sustainable Tourism Development

- Conservation work to remove vegetation from posts and beams and enhance on-site pathways

Other Successes

- Second year of the Anacla Community garden



2016 Food Fish Program Accomplishments

Budget

- $92,768
- Does not include staff time for program administration or distribution

Contracts

- Six fishers contracted, three from Huu-ay-aht First Nations
- Six Huu-ay-aht volunteer fishers started initiative for sockeye food fish
- Sockeye: tried a new strategy to obtain a much greater number of sockeye for a better price by fishing with seine; seiner failed to fulfill contract
- Halibut: one fisher unable to catch full contract

Fish Distributions

- Sockeye served to Port Alberni, Anacla, Parksville, Nanaimo
- Halibut served to citizen in all locations except Port Alberni; enough halibut was only available to serve Elders and citizens on Social Assistance
- Chinook/Coho served to all citizens in all locations
- Chum was procured via barter and trade with Snuneymuxw FN, smoked by Anacla citizens, and distributed to those who didn't receive sockeye
- Obtained a small amount of herring roe on hemlock branches

Planned Improvements for 2017

- Get approval to send out requests for proposals from fishers in advance of final budget
- Award contracts earlier in the season
- Increase number of administrative staff and strive for more clear communication with citizens

	Total Species Caught
Sockeye Served	374
Halibut Served	262
Chinook/Coho Served	396
Chum Served	258
Total Food Fish Portions Served	**1290**

Catch Report

	Anacla	Port Alberni	Parksville	Nanaimo	Duncan	Victoria	Vancouver
Citizen Total Per Location	82	202	22	79	17	87	122
Sockeye Served	70	120	16	40	24	37	67
Halibut Served	29	24	21	55	15	48	70
Chinook/Coho Served	66	144	21	41	11	50	63
Chum Served	45	40	15	42	14	33	69
Total Food Fish Portions Served	**210**	**328**	**73**	**178**	**64**	**168**	**269**

2011 - 2016 Domestic Fish Allocation - Catch Summary

Amount and percentage of HFN Annual Allocation caught each year since effective date.

Species	Stock	Unit	2011			2012			2013			2014			2015			2016		
			HFN	Catch		HFN	Catch		HFN	Catch		HFN	Catch		HFN	Catch		HFN	Catch	
			Allocation	Total	%	Allocation	Total	%	Allocation	Total	%	Allocation	Total	%	Allocation	Total	%	Allocation	Total	%
Sockeye	Fraser	Pcs	172	17	10%	293	30	10%	124	7	6%	4252	40	1%	157	0	0%	42	0	0%
Sockeye	Henderson	Pcs	1239	388	31%	583	216	37%	177	174	98%	2689	597	22%	728	13	2%	2510	6604	72%
Sockeye	Somass*	Pcs	6706	4301	64%	6706	5508	82%	3333	3301	99%	6706	4508	67%	6706	8100	121%	6706		
Chinook	Ocean	Pcs	1614	511	32%	1245	1187	95%	1151	1067	93%	1621	102	6%	1213	1038	86%	1245	262	21%
Chinook	Terminal	Pcs	440	166	38%	440	178	41%	59	29	49%	440	32	7%	440	143	33%	586	513	88%
Coho	Ocean	Pcs	2051	274	13%	2051	2033	99%	2051	636	31%	2051	21	1%	2051	201	10%	2051	248	12%
Coho	Terminal	Pcs	894	62	7%	894	85	10%	1064	260	24%	1064	77	7%	894	118	13%	542	337	62%
Chum		Pcs	1905	26	1%	2930	363	12%	2930	1	0%	1905	72	4%	1905	38	2%	2930	197	7%
Pink		Pcs	2124	15	1%	2124	1	0%	1062	53	5%	2124	1	0%	2124	22	1%	2124	0	0%
Halibut		Lbs.	15988	15298	96%	16123	11530	72%	16123	14017	87%	15908	4101	26%	16123	5362	33%	16423	10412	63%
Groundfish		Lbs.	3809	3870	102%	3809	988	26%	3809	620	16%	3809	625	16%	3809	1136	30%	3809	278	7%
Rockfish		Lbs.	5407	2515	47%	5407	849	16%	5407	510	9%	5407	85	2%	5407	1514	28%	4977	433	9%
Sablefish (Black Cod)		Lbs.	1099	281	26%	1202	0	0%	1055	0	0%	1084	0	0%	1013	0	0%	1012	0	0%
Herring		Lbs.	52740	0	0%	52740	0	0%	52740	0	0%	52740	400	1%	52740	800	2%	52740	6675	13%

Updated August 8, 2017

NOTES

Green = high percentage of allocation caught Yellow = medium Red = low percentage caught

All allocations are based on 29.3% of total Maa-nulth allocation, as reported in the Maa-nulth Electronic Reporting Program

Does not contain details for Power Lake Sockeye, as we do not typically have an allocation

*As of 2016/17 Season, Henderson and Somass Sockeye Allocations will be managed as one

REVIVAL OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

Huu-ay-aht culture is and has always been strong. It is woven into all we do. Our songs and dances bring us together, our language breathes life to our values and teachings, and our history and traditions remind us of where we come from. While the impacts of residential schools sought to weaken our strong foundation, we are working hard under the guidance of our Ḥaw̓iiḥ to revive our language and culture for the benefit of present and future generations.

Community Services Accomplishments

Cultural

- Harvested an eagle for cultural purposes
- Held monthly women's and men's groups, HFN History Nights
- Secured funding to facilitate a digital storytelling project that will produce short videos about Huu-ay-aht values and principles
- Huu-ay-aht 101 materials created
- External funding proposal for creation of beginners language curriculum successful, work begins Fall 2017
- External funding proposal for digital stories project to create 4 vignettes of sacred teachings successful, work begins March 2017



CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT

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Community Services Accomplishments

Community Health

- Implemented Alternative and Traditional Wellness program funding to support citizens with alternative support options
- Implemented Elder's home care program to ensure Elder independence in the home
- Presentations from RCMP regarding Fentanyl

Social Development

- Number of social income assistance program consistent with 2-8 people receiving assistance (seasonal)
- Preparations to make improvements to policy are underway

Education and Trades

- Facilitated a Cultural Ambassador training program
- Participated in Fisheries Apprenticeship training
- Provided Emergency Response Training in Anacla
- Provided support to over 160 citizens towards educational and training goals since 2011

Paawats

- Expanded Port Alberni program to include drumming and language programming
- Certified Anacla community member for Early Childhood Ed.
- Anacla and Port Alberni children brought together (youth) for singing and drumming session

Youth

- Tae-kwon-do camp held during spring break
- Summer culture camp facilitated for 12 youth
- Ski trip to Mt. Washington for 25 youth and chaperones
- Bamfield Community School children attended potlatch hosted by EJ Dunn School

Children and Families

- Provided support to 84 children and their families
- Hosted 10 culture nights for children in care
- Hosted monthly family nights in Port Alberni
- Participated in the Social Services Project research

Communications

- Published Uyaqhmis three times
- Revamped website to be more user friendly
- Hosted many community engagement sessions in five communities



BUILDING A STRONG ECONOMY







Building a strong economy within the Huu-ay-aht ḥahuuḥi will drive business growth and tax revenue for our Nation, generating income for Huu-ay-aht programs and services. A thriving local economy will also fuel job creation, entrepreneurship, and opportunity for our people, enhancing the livability of our home.

Economic Development Accomplishments

Establishing the Hospitality LP

- Concurrent with the Huu-ay-aht's acquisition of The Motel, The Pub, and the Kingfisher, the Economic Development Department established the Hospitality LP
- This enterprise is mandated to manage the delivery of food, entertainment and accommodations services essential to the accomplishment of the tourism goals

Delivering the Kiixin Tourism Plan

- The Kiixin Tourism Plan is under development, but some vital components are already being delivered
- The Department is presently offering tours of the Kiixin village site to the public free of charge
- We have worked in conjunction with the Government Services Department to install a boardwalk along the Kiixin trail, and a Guardian Cabin at the site
- The tours are delivered by guides with substantial knowledge of Huu-ay-aht history and culture. At present, this is a pilot program limited to the summer of 2017.

Anacla-Bamfield Trail

- The Department has secured the necessary funds to begin construction of a walking trail between the Communities of Bamfield and Anacla. In addition to providing a safe route for pedestrian traffic, the trail is expected to be utilized by tourists for recreational purposes.

Run of the River Project

- The Run of River project is a hydroelectric installation along the Sarita River that will generate electricity to be sold to BC Hydro.
- In addition, the project is expected to have 'islanding capabilities,' which means that the energy generated will supplement the existing grid in Bamfield and Anacla thereby reducing the occurrence and duration of power outages.

Elders Gala

- After the success of the 2016 Elders Gala, the Department will be repeating this event in November 2017
- The Gala brings our elders together, promotes Huu-ay-aht culture and raises money for social development projects

Finance Department Accomplishments

Team

- The Finance Department consists of three positions in the Port Alberni Government Office, one position in the Anacla Government Office and includes daily procedures relating to accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and general journal entries.

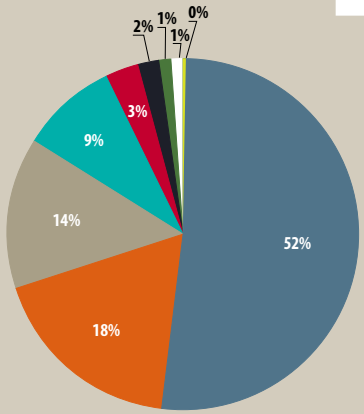
Completed Tasks

- Provided up-to-date budget information and analysis to each department head and Executive Council
- Provided all information to funding agencies as required
- Prepared Elder's Benefits, Social Assistance and Patient Travel
- Paid in excess of 700 citizen dividend cheques
- Ensured compliance with all legislative requirements including ensuring the Invested Wealth Fund was fully funded per FFA requirements
- Prepared the 2017-2018 budget to ensure compliance with the Government Act and posted the Budget Act, 2017
- Reviewed and began applying suggestions received from Assessment of Financial Position Report including the hiring of a new Chief Financial Officer

Assets	
Financial Assets	$30,676,532
Non-Financial Assets	$17,676,714
Liabilities and Surplus	
Accumulated Surplus	$42,392,307
Liabilities	$5,957,939

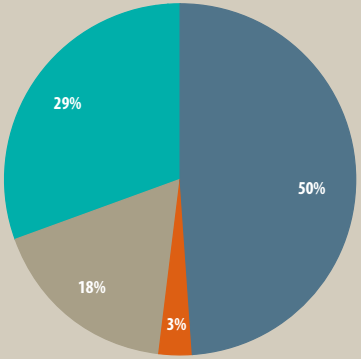
Revenue

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	$6,124,517
Industry Funds	$2,110,780
Earnings from Business Investments	$1,632,203
Investment Income	$1,085,993
Cost Recoveries	$420,335
Province of BC	$201,967
Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council	$164,106
Other Revenue	$85,327
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	$26,152
Total Revenue	**$11,851,380**



Expenses

Government Services	$4,793,983
Economic Development	$256,053
Community Services	$1,711,197
Special Programs	$2,729,584
Total Expenses	**$9,490,817**



COMMITTEE: CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT
(Social Services SSC and Employment & Training ETE)

Committee Members (SSC) Sheila Charles (Chair), Sherri Cook, Rose Charles, Carole Nookemus, Theresa Peter

Committee Members (ETE) Ben Clappis (Chair), Robert Todd Dennis, Pat Nookemus, Shawn Mack

Technical Support Kathy Waddell, Coral Johnson, Brent Ronning, Marleen Nookemus, Christy Black

Link to Five Posts

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KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016/17

Motions/Projects - SSC

- Social Services Research Project
- Youth Engagement of Social Services Project
- Alternative Health Care and Traditional Healing Policy
- Elder's Home Care Policy
- Municipal Alcohol Policy
- Social Development Policy rewrite
- Anacla Playground installation

Motions/Projects - ETE

- Employment and training strategy and discussion document
- Research driving instruction classes in Anacla
- Small Vessel Operators Program in Anacla
- Research housing options for HGB employees

COMMITTEE: CITIZENSHIP

Committee Members Derek Peters (Chair/ Tayii Ḥaẃiɬ/ Councillor), Rose Charles, Judy Johnson, Irene Peters, Robert Dennis Jr. (Wišqii)

Technical Support Kimmie MacDonald

Link to Five Posts

As a self-reliant, treaty Nation it is essential that Huu-ay-aht First Nations Citizens grow up strong and connected to their Nation. The first step in this process is gaining citizenship. The citizenship committee will ensure all requirements are met for citizens so that they can be a positive addition to the Nation.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016/17

Number of Meetings
- Met nine times between April 2016 and March 2017

New Citizens
- The committee accepted 28 new citizens

Regular Reviews
- Continues to review and apply citizenship criteria to all applicants
- Will continue reviewing the *Citizenship Act* to pull out potential changes and/ or highlight any areas of concern

Looking Forward
- The focus for the next season (2017/18) is that, after housing is done, the Ḥaẃiiḥ Council will engage with the new citizens and educate them on their House, hereditary chief, and where they are from



COMMITTEE: ḤAẃIIḤ COUNCIL

Committee Members

Tayii Ḥawiłʔ ƛiišin/Chair/Councillor (Derek Peters), Ḥawiłʔ Yał luu a (Jeff Cook), Ḥawiłʔ Ciičaačištuł (Andy Clappis), Ḥawiłʔ Hapinyuk (Tom Happynook), Ḥawiłʔ ƛaamiik (Bill Frank), Hakeem ʔemptiss (Darlene Nookemus), Ḥawiłʔ Wiiḥiʔakčik (Christopher Williams)

Technical Support

Wišqii (Robert Dennis Jr.) also sits with Ḥawiiḥ Council as speaker to the Tayii Ḥawiłʔ ƛiišin. Wišqii is very knowledgeable in Huu-ay-aht culture, song and traditions. Kimmie MacDonald offers administration support

Link to Five Posts

Focusing on ensuring Huu-ay-aht's Ancient Spirit is considered in decision making, Ḥawiiḥ Council is an essential link between the Nations' citizens and its elected government. Guarding Huu-ay-aht traditions, culture, and language helps to support all five posts and build a community that is strong and free from the negative effects of colonization. It will ensure citizens are connected to their home and culture and values.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016/17

Number of Meetings

- Meets monthly and attend Huu-ay-aht cultural functions

Houses

- The council has housed 28 new Huu-ay-aht First Nations members

Language and Culture

- ƛiišin holds the Language and Culture portfolio on Council. The plan for Ḥawiiḥ Council aims to develop initiative to restoring and cultivating cultural practices of our Huu-ay-aht identity and recollection of history in accordance with Huu-ay-aht Law.
- Revival of language and culture will remain the key focus of the Ha'wiih Council. We have been working towards ensuring that we apply our traditions into government meetings and events.



Kiixin Project

- July 2017 the Kiix in Tour Pilot Project was launched, Ḥawiiḥ has been consulted and involved with this from the beginning process and have a close relationship with Economic Development on this project to ensure it follows our guidelines.
- Wišqii, Stella Peters, Ayanna Clappis and Kimmie MacDonald are the Tour Guides and Tour Guide Assistants, the tours have been a success so far and there is a ton of positive feedback.
- Wišqii includes drumming and song on his tours. Stories of our Tayii, hereditary chief, War, 3 Stars and many more Huu-ay-aht history are shared with our guests.

Other Topics Discussed

- Appointing a Speaker
- Travel Expense Regulation
- HR Policy Amendments
- Ambassador Program
- Canoe Project
- Motel Feasibility/Business Plan
- Reparation of Cultural Treasures
- Steelhead LNG Agreements
- WFP Agreements
- Huu-ay-aht Maht Mahs
- Appointing a new person for Ḥawiiḥ Council to replace a Ḥawiiḥ
- Sarita Run of the River Micro-Hydro Project

COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Committee Members Trevor Cootes (Chair), Angela Wesley, Myles Danielsen, Marina Rayner, Cynthia Rayner, Marty Eakins

Technical Support Cynthia Rayner, Ian Benoit

Link to Five Posts

As a self-governing Nation, building a strong economy is essential to the success of Huu-ay-aht.This committee focuses on creating an economy that is sustainable and is a major employer in the region and a source of revenue for the Nation. This will make achieving the other four posts possible by 2033.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016/17

Developing a Tourist Economy

- The efforts of the Department have been focused on establishing the Anacla-Bamfield region as a tourist destination
- We are making efforts to draw visitors to the area, and provide goods and services to that expanded customer base
- The intention is that the region will take advantage of growing demand for authentic aboriginal tourism products by utilizing relevant Huu-ay-aht themes

Building Community Infrastructure

- The Department works with Government Services to finance and plan the development of systems and utilities essential to the local economy and development of the community
- This includes Sarita Run of the River and the Anacla-Bamfield Trail



COMMITTEE: FINANCE

Committee Members Connie Waddell (Chair), Jack Cook, Molly Clappis, Margorie White, Trudy Warner

Technical Support Paul Rokeby-Thomas (Donna Tourand)

Link to Five Posts

Ensuring Huu-ay-aht has a strong financial standing will make the five posts achievable. Managing finances in a responsible way will help the Nation achieve its commitments to citizens while honouring its values and the three sacred principles.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016/17

Current Initiatives

- Updating the three-year Financial Plan that is consistent with the Strategic Plan
- Ensuring the committee is fully represented
- Begin working on the next budget cycle
- Continue working to ensure the Invested Wealth Fund is on target
- Preparing a Cash Management Plan for the upcoming fiscal year
- Continuing to make sound recommendations to the Executive Council on all financial requests
- Implement recommendations of Financial Review

COMMITTEE: TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

Committee Members John Jack (Chair), Trudy Warner, Jack Cook, Tayii Ḥawiłʔ Ƛiišin (Derek Peters)

Technical Support Kim Chretien (law clerk)

Link to Five Posts

As a member of a modern-day treaty, Huu-ay-aht First Nations will make every effort to capitalize on every opportunity the Maa-nulth Agreement offers the Nation. By doing so, the five posts will be achievable.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016/17

Number of Meetings

- The Treaty Implementation Committee met five times

Motions

- Maa-nulth-aht – Legal Services Proposals
- Maa-nulth-aht – Legal Services/Refer to Committees
- Provincial Groundwater
- Land Claims Agreement Coalition Policy Working Group on Federal Financial Approach
- Parks Canada Adhesion Agreement – Letter of Expectation
- Real Property Tax Act







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