Treaty Implementation Update #4 - Looking ahead to 2020

Looking forward to the next year

Fall is the time of year the Nation starts strategic planning and looking forward to the next year. Strategic planning is an important exercise between Executive Council and the senior managers to set the vision and tone for the future. Next, each department uses that strategic plan as a foundation for their operational plan, which includes the projects and major activities for the following year. The outcomes of high-level strategic planning and department-level operational planning then support the budget season in the Spring.

These are some of the areas Treaty Implementation will be working on in 2020

- Feasibility and assessments of Treaty opportunities such as commercial recreation tenures and additions to Treaty Settlement Lands (TSL)
- Development of a three- to five-year Enforcement Framework Plan (currently in progress) with community consultations planned from the first half of 2020 (an enforcement framework outlines the considerations, consultations, communications, budgets, timelines, legislation necessary to develop the roles, responsibilities, and relationships a Huu-ay-aht peace officer will have on TSL).
- Review of law-making authorities not yet implemented by Huu-ay-aht
- Tracking Treaty successes and areas for improvements and/or amendments in preparation of the internal 10-year Treaty Review and Tripartite 15-year review
- Participation in collective Maa-nulth activities, such as “Me Too” fisheries strategy, bi-lateral enforcement agreements, consultation on major projects, pursuing funding opportunities, political lobbying.

Transaction Tax, Treaty Settlement Lands, and Status Cards

On May 1, 2019, the transaction tax exemption for purchases on an “Indian Band Reserve” ended for Treaty enrolled citizens as part of the transition to Huu-ay-aht’s taxation powers as a self-governing Nation.

This applies for Huu-ay-aht citizens making purchases of goods and services on “Indian Band Reserves." It also applies to any “status Indian” making purchases on Treaty Settlement Lands as TSL are not Indian Band Reserves (which means the exemption doesn’t apply for non-Huu-ay-aht Status Indians on Huu-ay-aht Treaty Lands).

Treaty enrollment does not affect your "Indian Status" as defined in the Indian Act and by the Government of Canada

Your status card is still useful and necessary to access many health services, and it continues to be a valid form of Government picture ID.

*Indian Band and Status are defined in the "Indian Act"

If you have any questions or comments regarding the Implementation activities for 2020 or transaction taxes, status cards, or TSL, please email or call Director of Implementation, Crystal Jack at crystal.j@huuayaht.org or 250-723-0100.

