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Report of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL for the month of

For review and consideration at the

Regular Executive Council Meeting

___December 9th 2016 ___

Chief Councillor Robert Dennis:

October 2016 - Chief Councillor Report and Update

Responsibilities	Tasks
a) Representing government in relations with other governments.	• Kept in contact with provincial representatives regarding HFN issues. • Received regular ACRD update from John Jack. • Began discussion with Royal British Columbia Museum regarding repatriation of HFN artifacts and appointed AED and Kevin Neary to lead the repatriation project. • October 11, met with Mark Lofthouse regarding SLNG project and treaty related issues.
b) Representing government in relations with other indigenous organizations.	• October 24, 25 and 26, attended BC Assembly of First Nations annual general meeting in Victoria. • October 19, attended the Taaqwiiak press conference in Vancouver to ensure HFN support of the pending court case. • October 18, attended NTC Directors monthly meeting. • Worked with John Jack and Robert Botterell to plot external affairs strategy.
c) Ensuring HFN citizens are fully informed on HFN issues.	• Reviewed CES meeting notes and attended to them where possible. • Responded to all constituent issues brought to my attention. • Started regular Monday morning meetings to review or respond to any citizen issues.
d) Developing and maintaining effective systems of communication with Huuayaht citizens and other governments.	• Actively pursuing the development of an effective system of communication with HFN citizens and other governments. Plan to fully implemented by January 2017. This has been seriously lacking during the first two quarters. • Discuss with EC a policy decision to have a monthly Uuyqhmis paper. • Actively pursued reinstating our subscription with Hashilthsa. This issue has been raised numerous times at community engagement sessions.
e) Protecting and enhancing Huuayaht aboriginal and treaty rights.	• Actively pursuing full implementation of Maa-nulth treaty by utilizing the work plan developed by AED. • Ensuring the development of an HFN Family and

	Children Program.
f) Ensuring adherence to, and enforcement of, i. The constitution ii. Huuayaht legislation iii. Huuayaht policies	• Regular meetings with Acting Executive Director and Legal Counsel to ensure full compliance with all laws, regulations and policies. • Research and review laws when needed.
g) Promoting and maintaining a sound Huuayaht economy.	• Actively pursuing full implementation of June 23, 2016 mandate letter to HGB. • Ongoing review and discussion with Trevor. • Ongoing discussion with HGB senior management and directors to ensure EDP is fully implemented. • Pursuing the completion of Western Forest Products and Steelhead LNG negotiations based on HFN strategy to increase more revenue. • Contacted Ratcliff ad Company, Kate Bloomfield, to get regular update on the status of the Specific Claims.
h) Promoting Huuayaht values, culture, traditions, and language.	• Worked on repatriation project. • Reviewed proposed Language plan and informed AED of the draft plan. Will work with Trudy to develop timelines and action plans to incorporate into Action Plan to support the Strategic Plan. • Commit to meet with Hawiih Council to seek their input and support into the development of language program for all Huu-ay-aht.
i) Ensuring proper management and administration of government.	• Meet every Monday morning to ensure proper management and administration of government and to plot strategies to achieve Strategic Plan objectives. • Support the development of a Transition plan for AED. • Support the development of a Transition Plan for government. • Attended regular Executive Council meetings. • Where possible, attended LNG meetings.
j) Preparing for and participating in the Legislation, Executive Council and People's Assembly;	• Participated in the development of People's Assembly, Executive Council and committee agendas. • Ensure that I was fully prepared for any of the above meetings. • Attended all Executive Council meetings and regular follow up of action items arising from EC meetings.
k) Establishing the duties of a Councillor, including i. Establishing or dissolving portfolios, and ii. Assigning portfolios to r removing	• Continuous review of portfolio and daily monitoring of the duties of each councilor and conducting one on one meetings with each councilor when needed.

portfolios from Councilors;	
l) Acting as the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council, and People's Assembly.	• Actively pursued the development of a Communication Plan so that I can fulfill my responsibility to be the public spokesperson for the Legislature, Executive Council and People's Assembly.
m) Carrying out additional roles, responsibilities, powers, duties and functions set out in Huuayaht legislation and policy. 1. Community consultation; 2. LNG Project 3. Transition Plan 4. Committee Meetings	

Emerging Issues:

I. LNG negotiations – continued with community engagement sessions as HFN's commitment to participate in deep consultation with Huu-ay-aht citizens. Actively participated in LNG negotiations to complete a deal by November 15. 2016. We are nearing an Agreement in Principle and keeping Hawiih and Executive Council updated. Emerging issues are;
   a) LNG negotiating team will seek Executive Council approval of the LNG Agreement in Principle (AIP) when SLNG directors approve.
   b) LNG negotiating team will seek Executive council approval to set the Referendum date for the ratification of the AIP.

II. Western Forest Products (WFP)– Actively participated in WFP negotiations, we are nearing agreement in principle. Updated Hawiih and Executive Council on the negotiations. Will be seeking Executive Council support for the following.
   a) Set People's Assembly meeting date in February or March. (now February
   b) Review and consider the deal.
   c) Set the profit sharing or revenue sharing formula with HGB.
   d) Consult with Hawiih Council regarding the pending AIP.

III. Review and consider the Draft Language Proposal. Emerging issues are;
   a) Executive Council to review and consider Draft Language Proposal.
   b) Seek Executive Council approval to incorporate into Strategic Plan and 2017-18 Budget cycle.

IV. Review and consider External Affairs strategies to advance HFN issues. Executive Council to instruct John Jack, the Councilor with the External Affairs Portfolio to develop action plan for the following to ensure we achieve success on the five posts in the Strategic Plan.
   a) Ongoing Federal External Affairs strategy.
   b) Provincial External Affairs strategy.
   c) Regional External Affairs Strategy, including neighboring First Nations.
   d) NTC, MFN, AFN and BCAFN External Affairs Strategy.

Councillor Sheila Charles:

A. Emerging Issues

B. Progress on Key Initiatives

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CMB

- Next CMB planned will focus on Economic Development. Ditidaht just received funding to develop their Hobiton Trail. Pacheedaht has also received funding to build a Cultural Centre that Parks Canada will be renting one side of the building. I am not sure why Huu-ay-aht has not been informed of these funds when we've discussed the Kiixin and Cape Beale Headlands plans?
- Parks Canada Aboriginal Liaison position has been open since Matthew Payne left and we have not received our minutes from our last October 17th CMB meeting
- 2015 Annual Board Review Draft is complete. Last Draft has been reviewed by the board. It's a large document and we are trying to make it clear and easy read- Possibly ready to come back for approval and signing at next CMB
- *Next CMB meeting scheduled for September 14th in Port Alberni. At this meeting we plan to focus on reviewing the CMB why it was formed, if it's doing what was first intended, discuss if its vision needs to be adjusted. We hope for Robert and Derek to participate so the board can hear in their words their vision for creating the CMB pre-treaty* ***(This is still in the works as this group was formed pre treaty and possibly needs re-strategizing, most likely hold session at the first CMB meeting in 2017)***
- There is a funding source that could be applied for by First Nations. It's called the Aboriginal Species at Risk Funding. That is something that could be worked on but the HFN would have to apply for it. It is applicable to lands that are managed by First Nations. PC could potentially assist with the creation of an application. The dune where the planting is located on HFN Traditional Territory in the front there still is some evasive grasses growing

Citizen Development Social Services

- Council moving forward with the Social Services Project Motion
- The panel was very honored and impressed with Huu-ay-ahts warm welcome to our People's Assembly. They were all moved by the high level of interest and emotion that citizens expressed. The CDSSC may be quickly meeting soon to discuss plans for developing the citizen interviews. The panel wishes to inform citizens that these interviews will start in January 2017 but for now the panel is working on connecting with the citizens who want to participate and interview
- At the recent Gathering Wisdom VIII forum I heard Lori Wanamaker (DM MCFD) speak. She stated that MCFD is looking to work with FN's. I spoke in front of 400 chiefs and delegates. I briefly spoke of the panel work and that we are wanting to work together on developing a better model in regards to Children and Family on prevention, healing, and last but not least bringing our family and children home and back together. MCFD immediately approached me

and now they are in contact with the panel. USMA, unfortunately, did not, however MCFD may be able to help identify the USMA contact for the panel to work with. I was very pleased to network and connect with key people in regards to the Social Services Project

Other business:

- Ha'wiih/ Executive Council Update meeting Tue 11/1/2016 RIX Centre
- Maegen phone call Wed 11/2/2016
- Community Engagement Session- Port Alberni Thu 11/3/2016
- People's Assembly Working Group Meeting re: Open House Planning Wed 11/9/2016
- Team Game Plan for Peoples Assembly- PAGO Thu 11/10/2016
- Regular Executive Council Meeting PAGO Thu 11/10/2016
- NCN Health Caucus discussion with Kathy Mon 11/14/2016
- PA planning circle Tue 11/15/2016
- HFN people's assembly Fri 11/18/2016 - Sun 11/20/2016
- Fly to Ottawa for the week from Tue 11/22/2016 – Friday November 25/16
- Canoe Project Planning Mon 11/28/2016
- Regular Executive Council Meeting Skype conference (travel to Vancouver GW VIII) Tue 11/29/2016
- ACTION REQUIRED - Gathering Wisdom VIII- Vancouver- Wed 11/30/2016 - Fri 12/2/2016
- Maegen Giltrow phone call Wednesday November 30/16

Councillor Ben Clappis:

Portfolio:

- Citizen Development – Education, Employment and Trades.
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Overview:

- LNG and AFN Meeting
- Update on Ongoing or Upcoming Training
- Meridian Forestry
- Jobs and Employment (Entrepreneurial)
- Housing
- EC Meetings

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- **LNG** - proposed LNG project update with Rob Botterell Robert M ongoing negotiations
  Talk of having 25% of employees being Huu-ay-aht -shooting high (Comfort zone 15%)
  Robert's speech at AFN had a good response. There were outstanding issues between parties at AFN.
  With HFN having a seat on the board there is a significant upfront payment.
  Revenue sharing if project goes through.
  Purchase of Sarita dryland sort and poets nook.
  Project length is 25 years not 40.
- **Ongoing training, finished training and engagements sessions** - Through Nov, and in the past, our committees talked and had our people train for their driver's license and to get their ID status card and such. Training in First aid WHMIS and industrial 1st aid, also small vessels operators ticket (SVOP)

We had 5 of are citizens taken this course which they can use now for being a fish guide and also, run a crew boat and any boat up to 15 tonnes. If and when LNG goes through we have trained people and they run crew boats.
Another area is class 1 license we have 7 citizens with this license: NETP should be having some more training in this area soon.
We have about 6 citizens working in logging right now. There is more room in this kind of training but there's been a bit of a slowdown right now with some negotiations going on.

- **Meridian Forestry** - for mapping and marking areas that will be logged. We have 3 citizens working for this company and there is room for 3 more in this area
- **Upcoming jobs/Entrepreneurs** - Micro hydro; will need laborer's, subdivision, and the road side trail between Bamfield and Pachena. Road side trail will need flaggers which we had 2 citizens trained.
  The thinking outside the box loans through NEDC and HFN starting your own business or buying your own.
  Couple examples: Val Bellwood -Benjamin Moore paint store doing quite well. Cheryl MacDonald - cruisers grill restaurant. Todd Dennis - just new and starting in value added wood salvage for table tops. All the above I reported to citizens in our November community engagement sessions for the LNG update.
  (LNG) The good things I see if this project goes through are enhancement of the river and training our people in this area.
  In these rounds, I talked to one citizen; he talks of replanting our lands and maybe go into agriculture or maybe rock crushing our extra river rock and selling it.
- **Housing** -establish mortgages.
- **Ongoing E.C. meetings**
  Talk of transshipment hub
  E.C. going to Ottawa to meet and lobby with ministers
  I questioned about where we stand in the specific claims case
  Nov 29th EC Meeting - LNG update with Rob Botterell (We are in the 11th hour) HFN is on board Rob still working on.
- **Meeting with Heather Castledon** - Tells me of a project she doing right now and of an opening for a HFN citizen in university. This will have to do with all the studies she's done on Huu-ay-aht. They would be working along with her and her group for about 6 months. I directed her to Brent who has info on all our students in university.
- Had about a week of down time due to a flu bug.

Emerging Issues:

- Training
- Education
- Shortage of workers.
- Housing

<u>Councillor Trevor Cootes</u>:

Portfolio:

- Economic Development
- CMB co-chair

Overview:

- Grow and diversify new and existing businesses in Huu-ay-aht traditional territory
- Expand the economic potential of tourism within the Huu-ay-aht traditional territory (ḥahuuḥi)
- Support citizen entrepreneurship
- Develop business partnerships and joint venture agreements
- Promote employment of Huu-ay-aht citizens in secure, high paying jobs
- Explore economic potential in natural resource research and development

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- Ecnomic Development department – EDO Cynthia Rayner and support Ian Benoit. Our biggest progress over the past few months has been the work Cynthia and Ian have done, their skill set and work ethic have resulted in tasks being completed and allows me to focus on my role and tasks I need to complete
- Two key issues are being addressed at the EDC right now; 1st the need for staff housing, EDC has directed EDO to develop housing feasibility study and is coming back to EDC to go to council for approval, 2nd a motion is going to next HFNDC board meeting to approve the Huuayaht living wage of $17
- The EDC directed EDO to work with working group to develop sample itenary for a tourism package; "Huuayaht Expience" a four day package utilizing our tourism assets. This is the foundation of developing a tourism strategy that will give the best chance of our tourism assets being sustainable and profitable and will separate us from our competitors in Tofino and in Victoria
- Attended a number of conference for different purposes;
    - BC Cabinet & First Nations Leaders Gathering – help promote and support improving road conditions from Port Alberni to Bamfield
    - NSDC AGM – Annual Plans and Reporting needs to be more detailed, issues is Hesquiaht and Mowachat are pulling or want to pull out of NSDC, there is legal matters with Hesquiaht, there is a need to implement 2 motions sert out at EC; 1) remove Tom H with HFN Ec Dev Portfolio holder 2) DFO signatories needed to be changed
    - UBCM – was able to attend 2 of the 5 days, attended Forestry Policy, we are fathoms ahead of other Van Isl communities, made connections to CEO of ICET on our applications
    - Cando Conference – showcased Huuayaht presenting on our Bamfield Purchase and the Tourism Strategy, Huuayaht had a booth showcasing the benefits Huuayaht businesses and opportunities like LNG, showcasing the benefits of treaty, made two contacts in connection to our need to develop staff housing and airport. As a result of our progress as a nation in developing our economy Carol Anne Hilton invited me to participate in a round table discussion "the Growing First Nations Economy" hosted by the Advisory Council on Economic Growth. It was a great opportunity to provide insight to the benefits of treaty and that the benefits are not only for building our economy but also our language, culture, and citizens.
    - The 3rd week of October, VIEA Vancouver Island Economic Association hosted 2 day conference. I was there for one day to sit on a panel and to discuss our Bamfield Property Purchases. Huuayaht is definitely on the radar of the business world on Vancouver Island and within BC. I believe I had over 20 people come up to me after the panel discussion to congratulate Huuayaht on there success , drive and how progressive

we are. I made numerous contacts, one for help around or airport, one around our fisheries opportunities.

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- Sarita Run of the River project, Barclary Group, Stan and Cynthia have continued to bring the project along working very well together.
- EDC has directed Motel Feasibility study and Business plan has go through consultation process and to come back to EC on Aug 4, 2016
- HDC Board Chair and Op Board chair received letter from Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Dated june 23, 2016, Chair of Op Board has provided letter to Chief Councillor Robert Dennis
- Signed Batstar MOU, at House of Huuayaht with owner operator Blake Johnson, have seen immediate benefits from MOU, with Batstar guests going on fishing charter with Huuayaht citizen James Nookemus, also have HFN staff Ed Johnson contacting Blake for kayak rentals for youth, will work with Batstar over October 2016 to develop agreement for the 2017 season. Further we utilized the expertise of owner/operator of Batstar to help in the develop ent of sample itenary for the Huuayaht Experience.
- Ken Tourand been working HGB on templates on structure to improve how we go about doing business around compliance issues. HDC chair will be meeting with Ken to discuss his findings. Had phone meeting with Ken to discuss his work with HGB and get his view on the Op Board, CEO and Managers.
- Started process with EDO to compile documents and financial statements for the NSDC. Reports will be developed to be brought to the HDC board on quarterly basis also docs gathered will assist in opportunities for EDC. ***Documents are being gathered, this has been put on temporary hold until Canadian Benthic is solved***
- EDO developing Business Plan for Pawaats ongoing
- EDC directed EDO in March 2016 to develop Prospectus and Executive Summary to EDP, EDO is currently completing final draft will be brought to September EDC meeting, ***tabled in September to October***
- EDO is currently completing selection criteria for New Business Opportunity will be brought to September EDC meeting Finalized
- Citizen Entrepreneurship Grant complete
- PAPA – negotiations ongoing
- LNG – negotiations ongoing

WFP 1.2m3 – negotiations ongoing – internally initial talks on revenue sharing

Emerging Issues:

- Although our Ec Dev department is doing great I also recognize the amount of work needed to be done needs at least one more fte staff, Kimmie has been a great addition and support.
- A need to bring briefing note EDC to start the process of developing/approving a Tourism Strategy/Marketing Strategy, ongoing to be complete for Nov EDC meeting
- Housing for HGB staff is critical. HGB lost two citizens due to lack of housing for staff with families. Support the EC motion from Sept 26. Feasibility study has been complete to go to EDC for approval with recommendations for EC to consider.

Councillor John Jack:

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Progress Report

Attended ACRD Board meetings; participated in dialogue with Area A Director Keith Wyton and Chair Josie Osborne to come to agreement on a way forward for Bamfield involvement in discussions about the PATH project. We also discussed next steps on better communication and consultation with ACRD/Bamfield on forestry forestry matters, planning and the like.

Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District – Emerging Issues

I have communicated my intention to run for Chair of the ACRD to most of the Directors, with Robert and Derek's blessing I will present my case for election on December 9, 2016. I believe that I have the knowledge and ability to successfully lead discussions, organize the region's decision-making, and represent the ACRD with honour and respect. Hopefully, my colleagues agree with me. Wish me luck!

LNG Advisory Committee – Progress Report

The LNG Advisory Committee met before the People's Assembly and worked on expectations for the event. HFN administrative staff successfully worked with the citizen and Ha'wilth representative to create a non-partisan statement of our methodology being in-line with our stated core values. It was read aloud by myself during the People's Assembly.

I would like to publicly thank committee members Tliishin (Derek Peters), Tlamahuus (Norman Dennis), Becki Nookemis, R. Todd Dennis and Brian Lucas for their contributions to date. In addition, I would like to recognize R. Todd Dennis and Brian Lucas for filling in at our Open House Booth in my absence; as well as staff support Rebecca Henn for working effectively and respectfully with the committee on developing the non-partisan statement.

LNG Advisory Committee – Emerging Issues

There are some complications from the Chair regarding some travel and activity reimbursements. I would like to sit down with someone versed in the policy and hammer out a way forward.

External Relations – Progress Report

Federal Relations Strategy: The first trip to Ottawa this November was a success. We had great uptake from the BC Desks of the Prime Minister's Office and the Office of the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs; in addition, our meetings with Environment and Climate Change Parliamentary Secretary, Hon. Jonathan Wilkonson and the Minister of Natural Resources, Hon. Jim Carr, were very well-received. We have laid good introductory groundwork, which will hopefully improve our ability to forward our interests with the federal government.

External Relations – Emerging Issues

We will need to stay mutually-informed as a Council on our messaging going forward. We have had and will continue to have in-camera strategy discussions in order to have a free discussion on interests, concerns and the like. This is more for our Government-to-Government relationship, and I distinguish that from our Nation-to-Nation relationship, but I may be splitting hairs.

Law & Policy Development Committee – Progress Report and Emerging Issues

Nothing to report, though any work we wish to do to update legislation or regulations should be verified in December so the working committee and legal counsel can get our ducks in a row.

Hahouthlee Committee – Progress Report

The first Committee meeting has been set for 1.5 days in mid-December.

Hahouthlee Committee – Emergent Issues

There appears to be a big gap in our grasp and our reach when it comes to our lands and natural resources department. I intend to put forward the need for an increased budget to the operation and capital budgets of the department based on dire need to unlock the value of our lands.

Councillor Connie Waddell:

Portfolio:

- Finance
- Capital and Infrastructure
- Participate on the LNG Negotiating Team
- Treaty Implementation

Overview:

- Anacla to Bamfield Trail
- Wastewater Project
- Cemetery Upgrade
- Sub division
- Beginning stages of the six-month budget review
- Preparation for next year's budget
- Settlement Trust
- People's Assembly
- Additions to Treaty Settlement Lands
- Chip Sealing of the Bamfield Road
- Ottawa Trip
- Forestry Tenure Tour
- Maa Nulth Board of Directors

Progress on Key Initiatives:

- The new subdivision, the input from the People's Assembly Open House has been compiled and sent off to the engineers to incorporate into the final design stage.

- Anacla to Bamfield Trail is going through an alignment design review. A meeting is being scheduled for the ICET grant to finalize our final application. We are looking at adding an even more interpretive aspect with signs outlining the branch off trails and where they take you to within the TSL.
- Three options for the wastewater project have now been reached. They are a Moving Bed Biological Reactor, Activated Sludge and Rotating Biological Contractor. Site visits are complete and a final proposal will be coming forward to the Executive Council for review and consideration. The next step will be putting it out for a RFP.
- Cemetery upgrade is a bit delayed due to the weather. There is instability in the ground conditions therefore making it unsafe to fall trees. Once the cold weather sets in the project will get underway. There will also be a beautification component to the upgrade with hydro seeding, a plaque and possibly a memorial tree.
- A timeline of required meetings for the additions to TSL and road upgrade is now set for every third Wednesday of the month, alternating between Port Alberni and Victoria.
- No progress on the firewood matter with HGB.

Forestry Tenure Tour

- This tour was very beneficial for me to get an up close look at the cut blocks and the different aspects that are taken into consideration when preparing the block. It also gave me a better understanding of the TSL and the additions to the TSL that I will be entering into discussions the start of the New Year.

Huu-ay-aht Settlement Trust

- A meeting was held on November 28, 2016 of the Trustees. Bruce Scott of the TD presented a portfolio Overview of the Invested Wealth Fund and the Settlement Trust. This was received and signed by the attendees with the recommendation to present to the Executive Council.
- Gordon Larin of the Royal Trust Corporation of Canada gave a Corporate Trustee Services presentation in the form of a proposal. This is the process we are going through to hire an administrator for the Trust. The reason being it is a requirement of the Trust to have a separate administrator from the Nation. If required I can provide further details of the requirements of the Trust Account.
- Noelle Bellomi of RBC Wealth Management also gave a presentation of Investment Management and Advisory Services.

People's Assembly

A lot of time was spent in preparing for the three-day event in regards to my portfolios. The outcome for me was a success. There was a lot of good feedback regarding Capital and Infrastructure, with clear descriptions for our design stages. There is strong support for the projects as well as the assurance of a real-time line to give the comfort that the projects will be delivered on.

Ottawa Trip

This was a successful trip with excellent contacts made for Treaty Implementation (Allan MacDonald), Finance (Maximilien Roy-Special Assistant), and Brittney Kerr (Office of the Prime

Minister). Although there were a few more good connections they did not have business cards. The trip was an excellent networking opportunity with dates in hand for coming meetings in the New Year.

Maa Nulth Directors Meeting

Although this meeting was on December 2, 2016 I felt you should be aware that the letter of request to participate in the research project (Our Journey, Our Choice, Our Future) was denied by unanimous vote.

Emerging Issues:

- No movement on the firewood
- Briefing Notes will be coming for the Wastewater Project and the Trucks
- Properties for sale in the Bamfield Area
- Council Remuneration