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ANCIENT SPIRIT, MODERN MIND

MINUTES OF First Sitting of LEGISLATURE

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Anacla Government Office

Speaker: Angela Wesley
Legislative Members in Attendance: Robert Dennis, John Jack, Connie Waddell, Trevor Cootes, Ben Clappis
Regrets: Derek Peters, Sheila Charles
Resources: Melinda Skeels, Paul Rokeby-Thomas, Trudy Warner, Coraleah Johnson, Heather Thomson

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

   The first sitting was called to order at 10:10 am

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

   MOTION PASSED re: Adoption of Agenda

   Adopted by Consensus
   Resolution #2017-001

3. **SUMMARY OF COMMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE COUCIL**

Executive Council recognizes that these last two years have been about working hard to come together as a Council, as well as meeting with and hearing the Citizens. This Budget aims to reflect that Executive Council has heard the Citizens and the budget will allow Council to move toward taking actions that are important to the Citizens. The most important relationship is that between the Government and the Citizens.

Huu-ay-aht is making its mark as it reaches six years of self-governance. The Nation reaches wide and deep to look at what we CAN do now, not what we cannot. We now have the option to unlock our lands to achieve our goals so that our people can utilize the land to create a life and a living to support them as they see fit.

Executive Council thanks all of those that are a part of building this strong economy, a healthy community and healthy leadership.

4. FIRST READING OF FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT/AMENDMENT ACT 2017

We are altering our Financial Administration Act to reflect the realities of how General Accountants and qualifications for our Accountants are stated within the Act. It has been modernized to a degree in the wider world and we are just changing our Financial Administration Act to fit better with that change. We are ensuring that our auditors are required to be:

a) Provincial or territorial institute or order of chartered accountants within Canada,
b) Member of the Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia

MOTION PASSED re: First Reading of Financial Administration Act/Amendment Act 2017

Whereas Executive Council consider the proposed Financial Administration Act/Amendment Act 2017 and approved it for introduction into the Legislature.

Be it resolved that the Legislature:

1) *Hereby gives the proposed Financial Administration Act/Amendment Act 2017 first reading,*
2) *Will proceed with discussion of the proposed Financial Administration Act/Amendment Act 2017 in accordance with the Government Act Section 93(1)(c),*
3) *Will give the proposed Financial Administration Act/Amendment Act 2017 Second Reading at the sitting of the Legislature scheduled for March 31, 2017.*

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2017-002

5. FIRST READING BUDGET ACT 2017

Finance Committee approved a Three-year Budget Forecast to be provided to Executive Council. The Finance Committee has further recommended that following the referendum vote on March 25, 2017, if the proposed Steelhead LNG project is not approved the Legislature amend the Draft Budget Act 2017 prior to enacting in order to comply with requirements for the Financial Administration/Amendment Act. The Chief Financial Officer has prepared two drafts with budget forecasts in the event the Steelhead LNG is not approved following the referendum. The Ha'wiih Council has reviewed the Draft Proposed Act and had no comments and Executive Council approved the proposed Act for introduction to the Legislature.

MOTION PASSED re: First Reading Budget Act 2017

Whereas Executive Council consider the proposed Budget Act 2017 and approved it for introduction to the Legislature.

Be it resolved that the Legislature:

1) *Hereby gives the proposed Budget Act 2017 first reading,*
2) *Will proceed with discussion of the proposed Budget Act 2017 in accordance with the Government Act Section 93(1)(c),*
3) *Will give the proposed Budget Act 2017 second reading at the sitting of the Legislature scheduled for March 31, 2017*

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2017-003

6. ADJOURN

The first sitting was adjourned at 11:04 am.