HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS

Report of Executive Director to Legislature Re: Economic Development Plan

For consideration at the sessions of the Huu-ay-aht Legislature

Friday, September 12, 2014 &
Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Prepared By: Executive Director
Date: August 19, 2014

BACKGROUND:

The *Economic Development Act* required that the legislature approve an economic development plan by March 31, 2014 (s.5(2)(b)). The *Economic Development Act* also requires that before recommending an Economic Development Plan the Economic Development Committee must engage in a number of consultation activities (s. 21). The consultation required under s.21 of the *Economic Development Act* was not completed in time for the Economic Development Committee to recommend a plan to the Executive Council for approval for presentation to the Legislature on Monday, March 31, 2014.

At its March 27, 2014 Executive Council Meeting an Economic Development Plan was considered and approved for presentation to the Legislature notwithstanding the fact that consultation had not occurred. The Legislature approved the Economic Development Plan with the understanding that the Economic Development Committee will conduct the consultations required under s.21 of the *Economic Development Act* and if necessary will recommend changes to the approved Economic Development Plan pursuant to those consultation, following which a special session of the Legislature will be convened to approve a revised Economic Development Plan.

DISCUSSION:

Since the March 31, 2014 Session of Legislature the required consultation under s.21 of the *Economic Development Act* has begun. On August 27, 2014 there was a joint meeting of the Ha'wiih Council, Economic Development, Lands and Natural Resources and Finance Committees to review the Economic Development Plan.

There is a second joint meeting of the Ha'wiih Council, Economic Development, Lands and Natural Resources and Finance Committees on Monday, September 8, 2014 to review the changes made as a result of the August 27, 2014 joint meeting and further research.

Executive Council has called a special meeting for Monday, September 8, 2014 to review the Economic Development Plan and approve/amend as required for presentation to the Legislature on Friday, September 12, 2014.

The final version of the Economic Development Plan to be presented to the Legislature will be posted on the webpage and at both the Anacla and Port Alberni government offices.

MOTIONS:

<u>Friday, September 12, 2014 - 10:00 am</u>

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with section 5 (2) (a) the Economic Development Act the Legislature will consider the Economic Development Plan recommended by Executive Council.

Tuesday, September 30, 2014 - 10:00 am

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) in accordance with section 5 (2) (a) of the *Economic Development Act* the Legislature has considered the economic development plan recommended by Executive Council;
(2) in accordance with section 5 (2) (b) of the *Economic Development Act*, the Economic Development Plan is approved.