SPRING SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

Monday, March 31, 2014
10:00 am Administration Office, Anacla

Attendance: Jeff Cook, Jack Cook, John Jack, Tom Happynook, Sheila Charles, Charlie Clappis
Acting Speaker: Angela Wesley
Absent: Derek Peters
Deputy Law Clerk: Deborah Smith
Resource: James Edwards, Executive Director, Melinda Skeels, Ratcliff & Company

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MINUTES OF THE SPRING SESSION OF LEGISLATURE

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Speaker, Angela Wesley officially called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Tom Happynook performed an opening prayer. Ms. Wesley thanked the guest in attendance, Mr. John Mass.

2. AGENDA

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agenda was adopted as presented.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2014-081

3. SECOND READING OF *THE BUDGET ACT, 2014*

Tom Happynook reviewed the Briefing Note detailing the proposed amendments to the Budget Act, 2014 as a result of an error in the formula used to tabulate columns.

MOTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) The Legislature considers that in light of the special circumstances set out above a delay in consideration of the matter is not in the best interests of the Huu-ay-aht and hereby waives the requirements that the report regarding the Further Proposed Amendments be delivered in writing four working days in advance of consideration;

(2) The Proposed Further Amendments to the *Budget Act, 2014* are hereby introduced for discussion.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2014-082

There was detailed discussion regarding the amendments outlined in the briefing note; two further amendments were proposed and passed.

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) The new amount budgeted for "PA Pawaats" as set out in the Briefing Note regarding Budget Revisions prepared by the Executive Director be increased to $45,000 and the new amount budgeted for "Meeting Costs" be reduced to $15,000.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2014-083

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) The new amount budgeted for "Newsletters Consultant Support-Coms" as set out in the Briefing Note regarding Budget Revisions prepared by the Executive Director be increased to $15,000 and the new amount budgeted for "Website Redesign" be reduced to $10,000.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2014-084

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT**:**

(1) The Proposed Further Amendments are hereby incorporated into the *Budget Act*, 2014;

(2) The Legislature will proceed to a vote on the *Budget Act, 2014* as amended at the session scheduled to commence at 1:00 pm, today March 31, 2014.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2014-085

Jeff Cook expressed his disappointment about the discrepancy and advised that as a Government we are all responsible. Next year, we will need to have more checks and balances to make sure this type of error does not occur again.

Jeff Cook read the Vision and Mission Statement and then highlighted the following:

- This year marks a new beginning for HFN, a new organizational structure built to deliver results, and a new year focused on the future
- We have listened to the Citizens, through many conversations, community rounds and the HFN values survey
- Communications has been clearly identified as our number one priority and improving communications is our major focus next year,
- We will demonstrate this commitment to communication through activities like increased community rounds, bringing back the newsletter, reaching out citizens in ways that matter to them, and moving to a two day people's assembly
- Over the last 6 months we have undergone a major strategic planning process throughout our organization.
- The Treaty frees us from the Indian Act, now we have to decide how to build the future
- The strategic planning process was based on the feedback we have received from Citizens and Haw'iih.
- As a results of the strategic planning process we have set 5 transformational goals.
- One of these goals is that in 20 years our people will be free from the negative effects of colonization
- We will work towards this goal by bringing people together to learn and celebrate Huu ay aht culture, and undertake healing activities to move forward while valuing the past
- We know that Children are our key to the future and that families form the strength of the Nation
- One transformational goal is that our children grow up safe, healthy and connected to Huu ay aht values
- We have listened to our citizens, through community forums, community rounds and many conversations
- By supporting, protecting and nurturing our families and children we will be able to heal and grow beyond the legacy of the Indian act.
- We will work towards this goal by engaging families on a weekly basis, supporting education from early years and lifelong, and providing assistance to families where and how they need it most.
- The treaty creates opportunity for the Nation to build and grow, to create communities and infrastructure that support our goals.
- One strategic goal is in 20 years, our home will be safe healthy and appealing place where half our people choose to live
- We have heard from Citizens that not only is housing an issue, but that community services, recreation opportunities and infrastructure are major barriers to living at home
- By designing, building and operating enabling infrastructure we can create communities where people choose to live, work and raise families.

- We will work towards this goal by designing and building a safe and effective sewage treatment plan, design and layout of a subdivision in upper Anacla, and a continued focus on water and roads.
- As our Nation grows and develops it is important the values that have guided us here
- A strategic goal, is that in 20 years our land will continue to provide sustainable wealth that respects the Huu ay aht values of conversations
- Over the next year we will begin the work on an integrated resource management plan to see how we can unlock the wealth of the land
- We have heard that citizens want growth and jobs, especially in tourism and hospitality, and they want economic growth balanced - 'that we put back what we take out'
- We will work towards this this goal by developing, promoting and conserving natural resources for the benefit of the Nation
- We know that our goals, our services, and our Nation's development will require significant funds.
- We have heard our people's concern regarding services, parity with the general population, and the need for opportunities for Huu ay ahy entrepreneurs.
- One strategic goal is that our economy will be operated sustainably and will be the major employer in the region and the major source of revenue for the Nation.
- We have implemented an economic development act that provides strong governance and stewardship of Huu ay aht business assets free from political intervention
- Over the next year we will work towards this goal by providing certainty in business and lands and promoting stable long term own source revenues.
- The last year has been big year for the Nation, with many changes in our organization
- We have spent time talking to each other, with our people and our partners about the changes that are needed.
- Increasing our citizens satisfaction is strategic priority for 2014/15
- We need to hold up our Elders and our Haw'iih, and we have partnered with UBC and the Harvard Research Project to see how we can accomplish this
- This coming year will focus on Culture, with an emphasis on our language, on creating opportunities for sharing culture, and for strengthening the ties that keep all Huu ay aht together regardless of where we live.
- Hopefully we can achieve these goals and now we need to put things in place.

4. SECOND READING OF THE *FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT, AMENDMENT ACT, 2014*

Tom Happynook reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Financial Administration Act, Amendment Act, 2014*.

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LEGISLATURE:

(1) hereby gives the *Financial Administration Act Amendment Act, 2014* second reading; and

(2) will, in accordance with *Government Act* section 93(1)(f), proceed to vote on the *Financial Administration Act Amendment Act, 2014* at a meeting of the Legislature to be convened today, March 31, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2014-086

5. SECOND READING OF THE *GOVERNMENT ACT, AMENDMENT ACT, 2014*

Tom Happynook reviewed the proposed amendments to the *Government Act, Amendment Act, 2014.*

MOTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LEGISLATURE:

(1) hereby gives the *Government Act Amendment Act, 2014* second reading; and
(2) will, in accordance with *Government Act* section 93(1)(f), proceed to vote on the *Government Act Amendment Act, 2014* at a meeting of the Legislature to be convened today, March 31, 2014 at 1:00 pm.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2014-087

6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

John Jack introduced the Economic Development Plan. John highlighted the following:

- The consultation required under s.21 of the Economic Development Act was not completed however will be done in the next few months. The consultation process is very necessary and extremely important.
- There were a lot of contributors to the development of the Economic Development Plan ie: Economic Development Committee, Management Board of HDC, Acting Economic Development Office.
- The Economic Development Plan is based on triple sustainability; economic, environmental and social.

The following items were noted:

- The map in the Economic Development Plan doesn't reflect the Treaty boundary which extends out 67 nautical miles. It was suggested that the boundary redline going southeast be removed as it could be misleading.
- Kiixan is marked Execution Rock; it should be consistent with our national historic site.

MOTION:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(1) The Legislature considers that in light of the special circumstances set out above a delay in consideration of the matter is not in the best interests of the Huu-ay-aht and hereby waives the requirement(s) that the report regarding the Economic Development Plan be delivered in writing four working days in advance of consideration;

(2) In accordance with section 5 (2) (a) the *Economic Development Act* the Legislature will consider the Economic Development Plan recommended by Executive Council.

Adopted by Consensus
Resolution #2014-08

There being no further business, this session of the Spring Legislature adjourned at 11:16 am.