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# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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July 15, 2021

<b>Attendance</b>	
Elected Chief & Council	Ken Watts (Chair). Bella Fred, Deb Foxcroft, Ed Ross, Eunice Joe, Jennifer Gallic, Les Sam, Natasha Marshall
Administration Staff	Victoria White, Executive Director Chris Anderson, Director of Finance Virginia Shrimpton, Executive Assistant
Guests	Chumus Wagon <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Douglas Aaron Watts</li></ul>

In consideration of recent relaxed public health measures, Tseshaht Elected Council held their first in-person meeting following the Safe Operating Plan. The Council meeting had a guest presentation from Douglas Aaron Watts on his new Chumus Wagon business venture. He provided an overview of his work to date, the vision for his mobile business, infrastructure and current certifications.

Council reviewed and adopted meeting minutes from June 17, 2021. Key discussion on business arising included community engagement regarding the draft Strategic Plan.

## **Education Jurisdiction**

Chris Anderson provided an overview of previous and current year budget for Haahuupayak School. Council reviewed a letter from Haahuupayak Board regarding Education Jurisdiction. Key discussion noted a need for a presentation on the risks of Education Jurisdiction. Tseshaht Council will work to coordinate a meeting with Haahuupayak Board, and a subsequent meeting with Tseshaht Council, Haahuupayak Board and the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC).

## **Membership**

Council reviewed the June 23, 2021, Membership Committee Report. Council accepted, by motion, the report on newborns and children, two transfer requests of members entitled to registration, and two

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requests for transfer out. Council opposed the committee report for denial of two membership requests. Interpretation of the current membership code poses risk of human rights infringement. Legal opinion will be sought and presented back to community.

### **Connect the Quays Pathway**

In follow up to a previous presentation from Port Alberni City Council, Tseshah First Nation received a formal request to appoint two representatives to the Connect the Quays Pathway Advisory Group. Council appointed Ed Ross with Jennifer Gallic as a Council alternate, and Vicky White will work with Administration staff to appoint a second representative.

### **Funding Applications**

Tseshah received confirmation of Federal Funding related to removal/replacement of former residential school buildings. An additional funding request has been submitted. Priority for the funding will be to establish a gathering facility. Council and Administration are committed to community engagement to guide the work as funding is confirmed.

### **International Fidelity & Surety (IFS) Collaborative**

In follow up to previous Council and community presentations, and approval of a project charter, Tseshah Council supported signing a non-legally binding Letter of Intent to continue partnership work exploring commercial development opportunities with IFS.

### **Tseshah Market Board**

Tseshah Council received a request from Tseshah Market Manager requesting extension of the term for the current Market Board of Directors. The current term is set to expire prior to completion of negotiation for a new fuel supplier/gas company. The agreement with FasGas is set to expire March 31, 2022. The Manager would like to current board to continue negotiation of the new gas company and remain in place until finalization of the Tseshah Economic Development Corporation. Tseshah Council supported extension of the current Board term conditional on ensuring a fair, equitable, and transparent Request for Proposals (RFP) selection process with Tseshah First Nation input into the evaluation and adjudication process.

### **SAN Group**

SAN Group has approached Tseshah First Nation with a proposed non-legally binding Memorandum of Understanding. Council was supportive of signing pending legal review with proposed amendments:

- Add stronger “without prejudice” wording
- Strengthen careers section to reflect long-term sustainable employment opportunities
- add evaluation to the reporting section
- addition of language to reflect educational opportunities related to Tseshah culture, history and protocols
- recommendation for inclusion of hereditary leadership as signatory

### **Housing**

Tseshah Council discussed matters related to housing and environmental public health. Administration is working with the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) Environmental Health Officers to address concerns related to housing and health hazards.

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Council reviewed a request for transfer of ownership. Due to matrimonial property laws, the request was deferred to the estate. The transfer of ownership can proceed pending confirmation from the estate holder.

### **Fisheries**

Council portfolio holders provided an update on the recent meetings of the Roundtable, noting down grade of run and challenges of heat related impacts on escapement numbers. The dam will be opened to purge the river and cool the temperature to allow more fish to move up the river.

### **Children and Families**

Kwumut Le Lum Child and Family Services has expressed an interest in taking over administration of Child & Family Services for Tseshaht Members living in the Nanaimo area. USMA is also exploring options for remote office locations. Council Children & Families portfolio holder will meet with Kwumut Le Lum.

### **Other Business**

- Council supported a request from Haahuupayak school to cost share the expense of installing an air conditioner at the school.
- City of Port Alberni has confirmed commitment to cover the cost of installation of signage and a fence into the water at Polly's Point. If needed they will also explore installing barbed wire and a locked gate.
- Administration has completed and implemented the Safe Operating Plan and work is under way to end the Local State of Emergency. Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) staff are completing final reports. EOC leadership and administration have expressed intent to step away from EOC. Transition planning is under way to coordinate EOC training opportunities, update the Emergency Response Plan, and review the current EOC structure to ensure alignment with Administration and Council.
- Gaming Revenue was discussed briefly noting a decrease in funding for the current fiscal year, and interest to review the community engagement and prioritization work completed to date.
- Council reviewed a request to host a pro-wrestling event. Council felt that this was not aligned with current priorities and denied the request.
- Council supported general discussion on Orange Shirt Day (now the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation) and opportunities to partner/host events.
- Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS) Funding outline submitted to Federal and Provincial governments with positive response. Elected Chief Councilor and Executive Director are working with FNHA to discuss options for bringing in a full time Counsellor. There was also discussion on opportunities to put together a documentary on the AIRS experience. A Coordinator position was posted to support AIRS work, but only received one applicant. Due to significance of the work recommendation was made to amend that to a Project Manager position.

### **Band Council Resolutions (BCRs):**

Council Considered and supported 3 BCRs that included the following:

1. Approval of the annual Child Care Contribution Agreement with NTC/Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training (NETP).
2. Mortgage Guarantee for individual housing – M. Cranmer.
3. Establish an account for Alberni Indian Residential School related research/infrastructure funding.

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