

Regular Council Meeting Executive Summary
April 1, 2021

Attendance	
Elected Chief & Council	Ken Watts (Chair). Bella Fred, Deb Foxcroft, Ed Ross, Eunice Joe, Jennifer Gallic, Leisa Hassel, Les Sam, Natasha Marshall
Administration Staff	Lisa Gallic, Planning & Public Works Administrator
Guests	First Nations Housing & Infrastructure Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dan George, (insert title)• Lory Oberst, Director of Engagement Operations• Marilyn Johnny, Regional Engagement Coordinator DGW Law: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Melodi Alopaeus

In consideration of ongoing Public Health orders and extraordinary safety measures, Tseshaht First Nation elected Chief & Council Regular Meeting for April 1, 2021 was held via zoom. The meeting included two specific timed items where guests from First Nations Housing & Infrastructure Council, and DGW Law joined the meeting.

First Nations Housing & Infrastructure Council (FNHIC): Dan George, Lory Oberst, and Marilynn Johnny offered a presentation on efforts to create a BC First Nations Housing Authority. They provided an overview of their mandate, organizational structure (including an Expert Advisory Group), engagement strategy, and funding structure. Questions posed to FNHIC were related to engagement focus groups to inquire whether they have or would consider engagement with underhoused or homeless populations. They confirmed that they have had discussions with Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness. Further recommendation was provided to encourage FNHIC to also engage with single populations as this demographic is often underrepresented in housing initiatives. There are housing programs for families and elders, but not often for single populations.

DGW Law: Melodi Alopaeus attended to provide an overview on Canadian Human Rights Tribunal (CHRT) processes and answer Council questions related to CHRT complaint process and mediation.

Other Business

Council reviewed and adopted the March 4, 2021 meeting summary. There was discussion on business arising and updates on action item progress. These included:

- Wills & Estates information available at the Welcome Centre.
- Discussion on Tseshaht First Nation Logo Use policy development.
- Recognition of previous Council and working to standardize this in to planning & budget processes every election cycle in an effort to ensure consistency and equity in the approach.
- COVID restrictions and Tseshaht Park access considering upcoming fishery opening.
- Health Agreement, with NTC, Office Space and Wellness Centre.
- Direction on not signing the 2021 Forestry Consultation & Revenue Sharing Agreement.

Council discussed current housing issues and the need for policy amendments.

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There was discussion regarding Parks Canada and their interest in reopening access to the Broken Group Islands. Council has requested a review and recommendations from staff who work in the area to help inform direction moving forward.

Council supported the Tseshaht Market in two funding applications to NEDC for summer student employment opportunities. Council also supported engagement in a letter of Cooperation with the First Nations Financial Management Board to move forward in strengthening finance policies and procedures and longer-term establishment of Financial Administration Law for Tseshaht.

There was extensive discussion on the City of Port Alberni Sewage Lagoon project. Council finalized the discussion with a desire to work with Tseshaht staff, the City of Port Alberni and the Province of BC to seek interim solutions while long term concerns are addressed.

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Ken Watts
Elected Chief Councillor