

# REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

June 17, 2021

| Attendance              |   |
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| 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                                |
|                         | Virginia Shrimpton, Executive Assistant                           |
|                         | Melissa Bigmore, Communications & Welcome Centre Coordinator      |
|                         | Vicky Snowden, (insert title)                                     |
| Guests                  | City of Port Alberni  |
|                         | Shari Minions, Mayor  |
|                         | Tim Pley, Chief Administrative Officer                            |
|                         | Meyers Norris & Penny (MNP)                                       |
|                         | • Cam (insert last name, title)                                   |
|                         | • Trevor (insert last name, title)                                |
|                         | Orange Bridge Cannabis  |
|                         | • Ron (insert last name, title)                                   |

In consideration of ongoing Public Health orders and extraordinary safety measures, Tseshaht First Nation elected Chief & Council Regular Meeting for June 17, 2021 was held via zoom.

The Council meeting had guest presentations on Administration Welcome Centre, City of Port Alberni Quay to Quay pathway, and MNP (Cisaa LLP, Omoah LLP and Orange Bridge Cannabis). Communications and Welcome Centre Coordinator brought forward proposed reorganization/renovation options to improve the Welcome Centre security and establish space for artifact/art displays. The City of Port Alberni provided an update on work related to the Quay-to-Quay Pathway and engagement plans. MNP presented 2020 financial statements for Cisaa LLP, Omoah LLP and Orange Bridge Cannabis. There were no significant changes from

\*\*Tseshaht Council Meeting Summary is intended to provide key updates on Council business and will not include financial/legal information or anything that may infringe on personal information & privacy\*\* prior year and all included grant funding received for Indigenous Business COVID-19 support grants. Council accepted financial statements as prepared by MNP and presented.

Council reviewed and adopted meeting minutes from May 20, 2021 and June 4, 2021. Key discussion on business arising included:

- Interest to coordinate meetings with Conservation Officers, and Thunderbirds Fire Crew.
- Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS) demolition & funding options.
- Community engagement regarding the draft Strategic Plan.

## **Grant Application**

Council supported a request from G. Dick for a grant application to the Canadian Council Arts to create an art piece celebrating salmon in Tseshaht territory. Discussion noted options to include mentorship opportunities in the funding request as well as working with Forestry Companies for free use wood permits.

## **Dog By-Law**

Council reviewed request for decision around implementation of a dog by law enforcement. 2008 Council motion noted approval of a dog by-law; however, this was never registered with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). Considerations for implementation of a by-law included financial and human resources as well as legal liability. Separate from this request, and update was provided that Tseshaht governance and administration have also re-engaged Port Alberni SPCA in discussions around entering in to a service agreement related to animal removal enforcement. As there is overlap in the scope of work, and to mitigate duplication of work, the agreed upon direction was to continue with work to enter into a service agreement with Port Alberni SPCA.

### Fisheries

A community fisheries meeting was set for Tuesday, June 22, 2021 6:00 pm). Chief and Council Fisheries portfolio provided an update on discussions with Hupacasath. Council discussed ways to improve the relationship and management of the shared fishery that will be brought forward for community discussion.

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

Council Considered and supported 8 BCR's that included the following:

- 1. Acceptance of Cisaa Forestry LLP financial statements as prepared by MNP and presented on June 17, 2021.
- 2. Acceptance of Omoah Forestry LLP financial statements as prepared by MNP and presented on June 17, 2021.
- 3. Acceptance of Orange Bridge Cannabis financial statements as prepared by MNP and presented on June 17, 2021.
- 4. Membership Transfer request as approved by community motion for Lauren George.
- 5. Membership Transfer request as approved by community motion for Wayne Peters.
- 6. Membership Transfer request as approved by community motion for Sandra Ambrose.
- 7. Approval of individual housing mortgage.
- 8. Community Safety matter.

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