

**Regular Council Meeting Executive Summary  
August 19, 2021**

<b>Attendance</b>	
Elected Chief & Council	Les Sam (Chair), Ken Watts, Bella Fred, Deb Foxcroft, Eunice Joe, Jennifer Gallic, Natasha Marshall
Administration Staff	Virginia Shrimpton, Executive Assistant
Guests	Pacific Rim National Park Reserve/Wild About Wolves Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caran Olive</li> <li>• Todd Windle</li> </ul> Cedar School Business/SAN Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annie Laurie Watts</li> <li>• Mike Rattan</li> </ul>

Tseshaht Elected Council held the August 19, 2021, Regular Council Meeting in the Great Room. The Council meeting had a guest presentation from Caran Olive and Todd Windle regarding the Pacific Rim National Park Wild About Wolves Project; and a business plan presentation from Annie Laurie Watts in collaboration with Mike Ruttan on behalf of the SAN Group.

Wild About Wolves Project

The project is three years in to a 6-year project. The project has been delayed due to pandemic. The overall intent of the project is to reduce conflict with wolves and promote co-existence. The project is multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional with a human management vs wolf management approach that is grounded in traditional Indigenous knowledge. The research phase of the project is scheduled to go until March 2022. This will be followed by lessons learned and movement to action in Spring 2022. Pacific Rim National Park Reserve has been working with seven (7) First Nations. There is additional capacity of a University of Saskatchewan student partnering on an MA Project to collect Human Dimensions Data. Outreach and education have been key components of the work to date including increased communication efforts (signs, webpage, presentations, media interviews) and development of five (5) short videos. Looking ahead with Tseshaht, the project will continue with communication, data collection, analysis, and knowledge mobilization with elders. They will confirm participation and research methodologies. Council discussed the letter of support previous provided and recommended follow up confirmation on how the project upholds principles of Ownership, Access, Control & Possession (OCAP).

Cedar business School

Annie Laurie Watts (Tseshaht member) in collaboration with Mike Ruttan on behalf of the SAN Group offered an educational service business plan presentation. The vision to establish traditional cedar carving training with the support of 4 Master Carvers. SAN Group can provide the venue and access to cedar. The goal is to have 16 apprentice carvers per day – participants would pay a per-day fee and receive a certificate of completion after participating in 15 sessions. Target timeline would be January 1 – July 31, 2022. Council shared reflections on the presentation and felt strongly that the business plan needs further development to address key areas of concern related to target audience, financial resourcing, and cultural appropriation.

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Council reviewed and adopted meeting minutes from July 15, July 29, and August 2, 2021. Key discussion on business arising included scheduling for September 2021 Community Meeting.

### **Economic Development**

Discussion focused primarily on work with the Tseshaht Market Board and the need to review policy. Working toward scheduling a meeting between Tseshaht Council and the Market Board the third week of September.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Transition work is underway with the dissolution of the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and winding down emergency response efforts. Work under way to formalize capacity within Administration to oversee emergency preparedness. Council has engaged with Casey Larochelle, NTC (insert title) for interim supports as we formalize our emergency response structure.

### **Fisheries**

Food, Social & Ceremonial (FSC) and Economic Opportunity (EO) openings are scheduled this week. Need to assess program capacity to bring in additional support for program staff.

### **Forestry**

Tseshaht signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SAN Group as week as a revenue sharing agreement with Roga Contracting.

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

Follow-up discussion affirming Tseshaht Council approval to sign a non-legally binding Letter of Intent to continue partnership work exploring commercial development opportunities with IFS.

### **Housing**

Housing committee has requested an EOC update related to housing evictions.

### **Haa Huu Payak Board**

Haa Huu Payak Board inquired about plans for ground penetrating radar in response to recent confirmation of children's graves on sites of former Residential Schools; acknowledging the site placed in our community and talk of potential sites within the current school grounds.

### **Membership**

In follow-up to community meeting motion, Tseshaht Council passed motion for additions to the Membership List:

1. Richard Douglas Lucas
2. John Charles Ross

### **Other Business**

- Opportunity to explore, with the City of Port Alberni, returning Canal Beach to industrial designation.
- Tour planned for Sproat School & Catalyst lands with potential developer.

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- Ongoing work to develop the member business licensing policy. Note this is due by December 2021.
- recommendations to paint the “Orange Bridge” orange again. Discussion on opportunities to shift the energy of the area and establish visual and meaningful commemoration. Further work would need to be done with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.
- Uptown District Revitalization discussion around economic development, poverty reduction and crime prevention.
- Outreach from Topaz respecting Tseshaht Hahoulthee, provision of compensation through a multi-year funding agreement and contribution to Tseshaht memorial fund.
- Clarification on Haa Huu Payak outdoor land use approval with direction to halt further development.

### **Band Council Resolutions (BCR’s):**

Council Considered and supported seven (7) BCR’s that included the following:

1. Community Opportunity Readiness Program funding application (\$180,000) to cover next phase of highest and best use study work.
2. Support of Douglas Aaron Watts, Chumus Wagon business venture.
3. Approval to sign a government-to-government accord with the Alberni Clayquot Regional District (ACRD).
4. Support new house construction at 6994 Pacific Rim Highway.
5. Support new house construction at 7400 Pacific Rim Highway.
6. Mortgage guarantee 7400 Pacific Rim Highway.
7. Support Haa Huu Payak Board position on school expansion.