

Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly June 28, 2013

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Lawn Bowling Hall

Port Alberni, BC

Attendance:

Christopher (Kit Spence)	Scott Coulson	Monty Horton
Charlotte Rampanen	Geraldine Tom	Dorothy Cootes
Carla Halvorsen	Sabrina Crowley	Chase Crowley
Steve Rush	Sharon Styan Sr.	Martha Titian
Donny Cartilage	Thomas Rush	Ella Mercadel
Laura Mercadel	Deanna Mercadel	Martin Sam
Joseph Ginger	Randall Ginger	James Cootes
Jenny Ginger	Darryl Watts	Mike Watts
Warren Robinson	Clifford Charles	

Call to Order:

Prayer:

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion #01: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to accept the agenda of the day as presented.

Moved: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

Seconded: Steve Rush

Motion Carried. (All in Favour-15) **Agenda Approved.**

Uchucklesaht Tribe Constitutional Amendments: (Kit Spence)

Proposed Amendment No. 1	Deleting " <i>a Uchucklesaht citizen</i> " and replacing with " <i>an individual of Uchucklesaht descent</i> " in paragraphs 1.1(c)
	Deleting " <i>is a descendent of a Uchucklesaht citizen</i> " and replacing with " <i>is of Uchucklesaht descent</i> " in paragraphs 1.1(d)

Explanatory Note: The purpose of Proposed Amendment No. 1 is to amend the citizenship eligibility criteria so that a child is only entitled to citizenship through a parent of Uchucklesaht descent. Under the current Constitution, a person who is not of Uchucklesaht descent may be a

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Uchucklesaht citizen through marriage or adoption. Without an amendment, a child of that person would be entitled to citizenship even if the child is not of Uchucklesaht descent or adopted by a person of Uchucklesaht descent.

Proposed Amendment No. 2 Deleting *“on a staggered basis as defined in the Uchucklesaht election law”* in paragraph 2.5

Explanatory Note: The purpose of Proposed Amendment No. 2 is to remove the requirement that members of Council be elected on a staggered basis. This would mean that rather than holding an election every two years for half of Council elections will be held every four years for all members of council.

Proposed Amendment No. 3 Deleting paragraph 2.22 and replacing with *“2.22 Members of the Executive shall have the power and duty to oversee the enforcement of Uchucklesaht laws, the management of Uchucklesaht affairs, Uchucklesaht financial administration and the operations of the Uchucklesaht government within the areas of their respective portfolios and in accordance with Uchucklesaht laws.”*

Explanatory Note: The purpose of Proposed Amendment No. 3 is to make clear that the role of the Executive is to oversee, rather than carry out, the day-to-day administration of the Uchucklesaht Tribe.

Proposed Amendment No. 4 Deleting *“Subject to instructions given by the Uchucklesaht Council”* and replacing with *“Upon and subject to the direction of the chief councillor”* in paragraph 2.23

Explanatory Note: The purpose of Proposed Amendment No. 4 is to clarify the role of the Chief Councillor in respect of relations with other governments. The Proposed Amendment would give ultimate responsibility for such relations to the Chief Councillor and permit the Chief Councillor to delegate to other members of the Executive within their respective portfolios.

Proposed Amendment No. 5 Deleting *“90 days”* and replacing with *“150 days”* in paragraph 5.3

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Explanatory Note: The purpose of Proposed Amendment No. 5 is to extend the timeline for presenting the audited annual financial statements of the Uchucklesaht Tribe to Uchucklesaht citizens from June 30th to August 31st of every year. Without an amendment, it would be impossible to comply with the Constitution because, practically speaking, it takes longer than 90 days to prepare financial statements and have them audited.

Proposed Amendment No. 6 Deleting "50%" and replacing with "30%" in paragraph 9.4

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: In the past years we were subjected to the chief and council decisions impacting our people. They made decisions without the consultation with the people.

Reply: That is not what Amendment #4 is saying. (Explains it in more detail)

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: Why not hire on even more people in order to meet the deadlines?

Reply: Adding more people to work on the financial statements for amendment #5 will not solve that problem.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: There are some of our people that do not understand the constitution; they don't know what it is all about. My grandson also does not understand it. Our young people do not understand it.

Reply: A lot of people are not interested in government; UT held various information sessions for the UT people to help them better understand the constitution and the proposed amendments. They need to make an effort to understand the constitution. Laws and Constitutions are complicated and you need to be careful how you word things. Administration and Council have made themselves available to answer any questions regarding the constitution.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: \$45 honorarium is not enough. We need to entice people to come to the meetings. We need more funding to hold more workshops so our people understand all of the legal language. We need our youth to understand.

Motion #02: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to accept the Constitutional Amendments Update as presented.

Moved: Steve Rush

Seconded: Randall Ginger

Motion Carried. (All in Favour-15) Approved.

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Director of Lands and Resources (Monty Horton):

Emergency Preparedness

- Pending updates to UT Community Emergency Plan
- Successful in funding for Community Wildfire Protection Plan, scheduled for completion in July 2013

Environmental Management

- Attended environmental management training session in February 2012
- Proposed Environmental Protection Committee not yet formed.

Fisheries

- Managed the commercial and domestic fishery in 2012 and 2013. 2012 commercial fishery included a mosquito fleet in July and August, where a number of Uchucklesaht members took part. Buyers were parked at Snug Sort. Set logs and landing slips were used to track fish received. UT staff suspected that not all fish was brought to the buyer.
- Technical representation at Joint Fisheries Technical Committee and Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee
- Technical representation at inter-governmental joint discussions concerning an enforcement agreement
- Contract fisherman to catch a portion of FSC allocation. Majority of UT members chose to pick up their fish during distributions. Fish distribution for 2012 included approximately 60% of allocation
- Enforcement action taken against a couple of people, temporary suspension of harvest card. One UT Enrollee/Citizen was also involved in another incident with the UT contract fisherman. UT gill net was stolen.
- Fish fence and Didson. Erected in June 2012 and dismantled in September 2012. All MFNs contribute \$\$ to this project. Work plan put in place in January 2013, and included on-going discussions specific to the pending June 2013 installation.
- On-going consultations with outside agency enforcement staff to streamline process, understand roles of different jurisdictions, with the goal of education and eventual self-regulation.
- UT representation at the Barkley Salmon Working Group meetings, hosted by West Coast Aquatic
- Dockside monitoring contract with DFO, fishermen information collected by UT staff and forwarded to DFO.

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- Sold 2012 commercial halibut quota to SM Products
- Released tenure on unused aquaculture sites, with the intent of reviving them at a possible future date

Forestry

- Elbow log dump possible effects on fish habitat. A submersible camera recorded the substrate in early 2013 near the log dump and showed significant debris. WFP removed all debris from site.
- Wrecked vehicles at Snug Sort remain on site, scheduled for removal summer of 2013
- Monumental Cedar allocation not harvested in 2012, forecast to identify possible locations of harvest in 2013.
- Road safety information distributed to UT members following Rob Cootes accident on Henderson Main in September
- 2 UT members took part in Archaeological Impact Assessments, as part of Interfor and Island Timberlands harvesting requirements
- A total of 15,600 cubic meters of wood was harvested on TSL in 2012

Henderson Lodge

- No work done to lodge in 2012. Falling in to a state of dis-repair, including mold, roof leak, stove leak, and rodents. There have also been a number of items stolen. Some items removed by UT staff, including 2 canoes, and other items, all stored.

Kildonan

- Increased UT staff presence in village to address needs of community members
- New gator and sea can for village maintenance. Gator use guidelines developed, use limited to UT staff

Lands

- Silverside cleanup identified in November 2012, by BC. WFP ordered to clean up site pursuant to BC legislation, prior to incorporation into UT TSL
- UT cabin land transfer, on-going. Administrative exercise including a survey and land transfer of lands to TSL.

Official Community Plan (OCP)

- OCP process kicked off with presentation to UT Executive Committee, included assembly of a planning committee, informing community members of process, and review of background information.

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- Attended 3-day Comprehensive Community Planning conference at the Musqueam Nation in October 2012
- Recruited assistance from UBC to prepare OCP, as part of student's internship and practicum. Students to be spending time discussing issues with local residents, as well as preparing items such as land use surveys, mail-outs, and ensuring compliance with UT legislation.
- Potential Housing Authority, to be discussed in the context of the OCP

Parks

- On-going work towards wildlife harvest agreement with Parks Canada.
- Tiitskin Paawats protected area established and co-managed with BC Parks. Regular meetings with BC Parks, including 2 field trips during the summer of 2012.

Float Homes

- DLR joined planning process in January 2012, with the aim of initializing agreements and strategies with BC for future management of float homes in Uchucklesaht Inlet and Useless Inlet. Partners include BC, Tseshaht First Nation, Maa-nulth First Nations, Port Alberni Port Authority, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, West Coast Aquatic, and Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

Wildlife

- Maa-nulth Wildlife Council, quarterly conference calls and quarterly meetings
- UT allocated one elk, but was not harvested in 2012
- MERP expanded to include terrestrial harvest

Other

- Took Small Vessel Operators Proficiency (SVOP) course, and am certified to operate a commercial boat.
- Information training with BC, promoting data sharing with BC, pursuant to ROA. Regular training suggested for MFNs to ensure each nation has most recent information to work with.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: Can we use the Henderson Hatchery to build on our stock? We didn't get any help from the government in the past but we can build on those ourselves.

Reply: The Henderson Hatchery Fishing Equipment is no longer there. DFO is monitoring out Henderson and there is an ongoing habitat assessment.

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Citizen/Enrollee Comment: There are medicines in the Tiitskin Paawats. Are we allowed to go in there to harvest some?

Reply: Yes, you can harvest your medicines.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: How does the tribe manage the forestry harvesting? Does the revenue go to UT members as a bonus and if not, where do those funds go?

Reply: No, revenue has not been going directly to individuals. The money is put into reserves for future UT services.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: I don't want float homes in Henderson Lake, how can we protect that?

Reply: We will deal with that in our Official Community Planning. The OCP will give a solid direction.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: In the 70's our nation planned for a hotel in the UT harbour but it was denied by INAC. UT could now have this sort of thing in the inlet and benefit from that. There is money to be made there.

Reply: UT is moving on assessing the Snug Basin area and is having a study done on it right now. The Economic Development Board will look at many options.

Motion #03: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to accept Director of Lands and Resources Annual Report as presented.

Moved: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

Seconded: Randall Ginger

Motion Carried. (All in Favour-15) **Approved.**

Director of Human Services Annual Report: (Charlotte Rampanen, Deanna Mercadel, Geraldine Tom)

Social Development - For the Months between April 2012 to Jan 2013 there was 1 family with 1 child on Basic Social Assistance; and 1 person on Disability II with two dependents.

I worked on files for Social Development to complete Annual reports for 2010 – 2011 – this was complete and submitted to NTC Social Development for review by the summer of 2012.

June 19 & 20th 2012 attended a two day Income Assistance Reporting workshop put on by ANNDC and on December 3rd and 4th 2012 I attended training put on by SD NTC where we went over files and information on compliance.

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February 18th & 19th 2013 attended an Excel Workshop put on by SD NTC held at North Island College.

Culture - April 5, 2012 Cultural cleansing in Kildonan done with Quu asa Cultural workers. Planning meetings for the Cultural Fair took place at different times in June, July, and September.

On September 14th 2012 the Human Services Department put on a Cultural Fair in partnership with the NTC Mental Health Program and Uu-ath-luk Fisheries; and it was open to the public. There were approximately 150 people who attended. There was 21 booths consisting of such things as traditional foods; traditional clothing items; traditional story telling; cedar woven items; traditional crafters; traditional carvers; info on the Nuu-chah-nulth language; demos of making little drums; demo's on making cedar items. There were 10 staff members who helped from NTC MH and provided traditional brushings and ceremonies; and 2 from Uu-ath-luk who provided a person to demonstrate barbequing salmon as well as providing an activity area for children and youth. It was a very well received event and everyone who attended expressed how much they enjoyed the opportunity to share culture and to talk about culture together. The event was considered such a successful event that in 2013 one of the west coast Nations has copied it exactly for their area.

June 12, 2012 Cedar bark gathering with a group of Uchucklesaht citizen's.

July 10th to 12th, 2012 the Elders Gathering took place in Abbotsford, BC. Deanna Robinson and Peter Vickers (summer student worker) assisted 5 elders at this event. Thomas Rush provided the driving of the rental vehicle; the elders who participated stated to Deanna that they had a great time. Plans are underway for events for elders for upcoming months.

August 1, 2012 Eagle parts preparation and planning for ceremony; ceremony, and distribution of parts took place. This took place with the primary assistance of two Cultural workers' from Quu asa – Dave Frank and Joe Tom explaining and doing the ceremony.

September 28 & 29th NTC hosted a Traditional Foods Conference. Deanna Robinson was the Uchucklesaht representative who sat on the planning committee for this event. There were a number of speakers who spoke about traditional foods and harvesting and gave information on the importance of protecting our traditional foods.

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Education (Elementary/Secondary) - Student supply applications where accepted and processed for those who qualified in the month of September. 39 applications were processed for students from Grade 1 to Grade 12 for \$50 each for supplies.

Monthly student allowance has been processed for students from grade 7 to grade 12. 12 students have provided applications and have ensured that their school provides the Human Services Department with monthly attendance records.

Assistance has been provided to one student who applied for funds to help for a School Band field trip.

June 22, 2012 NTC held their Grade 12 graduation ceremonies in Port Alberni; Deanna Robinson attended on behalf of the Tribe and one out of the four graduates was in attendance. The graduates were each given a gift of \$200 and a card from the Tribe.

Two Uchucklesaht youth received Elementary/Secondary school awards from NTC Education in the amount of \$200; Uchucklesaht Tribe matched the amounts.

At the end of June 2012 we went through the process of hiring two summer students through funds from NTC NETP program. These worker's worked from July to August 2012 working on various tasks throughout the months; and primarily working with the Human Services department.

July 17th to 20th 2012 the Tribe had 8 youth who participated in the Science camp; the Tribe participated jointly with HUU-pa-casth and the children found it very informative and fun. This summer there will be another Science camp and we hope children ones again come forward to participate.

November 16th the Human Services program held an Education/Career Info dinner; this was made possible through a grant from Skills Link FNEESC. Approximately 70 people participated in the event and all were inspired by the Uchucklesaht speaker Megan Cootes who is in her final year of Business Administration International Finance. There were also a number of students from the area who came and attended the event.

March 18 to March 22, 2013 was Spring Break; the Human Services Department has helped financially with students participating in Parks & Rec Events during this week. On March 19th during the Spring Break Geraldine did a daylong event for children and youth around weaving; 4 children participated. **Employment**

Completed three final reports; one for SWEP (Summer Works Employment Program) were the program applies for funds to go towards summer work; this year the money went into the Fisheries program to help cover the wages for the person they hired for the summer. The other

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Child Welfare - Continue to maintain contact with various Ministry of Children and Family offices dealing with Uchucklesaht children that are in care. There are children in care in Prince George; Kamloops; Victoria; Nanaimo; and Port Alberni. The offices keep me informed on planning with the children – both short and long term; and progress and/or lack of progress – so far it has been lack of progress on the parent's part. As part of the Child Welfare process I have attended court a number of times in regards to child(ren) going into care or going into Permanent care.

July 2012 a young man attended the Community Picnic; he had just come out of care and wanted to visit the area his family was from. It was a good visit for the young man.

Health and Patient Travel - From April 2012 to March 31, 2013 processed 159 patient warrants for citizens; and monthly reports done for each month and submitted to NTC Health for reimbursement.

June 14th and 15th, 2012 attended the Diabetes Conference in North Vancouver. The two days were an opportunity to hear keynote speakers who are Dr's who spoke on Diabetes and Addiction; Nutrition; and health; and balancing your life in a healthier manner.

August 7th to August 12th, 2012 Tluupiich games took place in Port Alberni – five notices were sent to the homes of citizens in the area – two Uchucklesaht citizens took part.

August 18, 2012 the Community Picnic took place at Blair Park; it was a fun and relaxing time for all.

November 13, 2012 a Diabetic Fair was jointly put on by the Southern Region Tribes, this was held at House of Gathering and a lot of good information was provided to participants.

February 12, 2013 attended the First Nations Health Caucus meeting held at Tseshahat.

February 13, 2013 attended the Southern Region Health Meeting

Mar 3, 2013 a swim and dinner event took place for UT citizens at Echo Centre.

NTC departments: Social Development; NIHB; Nursing; Education; Child & Youth; USMA; Mental Health; NETP; Uu-ath-luk Fisheries

Upcoming Events - April 3, 2013 have been invited to attend a 'Coming Together' forum put on by ARDC in Ucluelet.

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April 19, 2013 – there will be a Health event put on by the Program to be held at Barclay between 4pm and 8pm. There will be numerous Health services at the event as well as Self care providers.

May 9, 2013 – NTC Child & Youth is bringing a person in who is knowledgeable and can speak on the new Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP) for children 8 and under. The Human Services will encourage and support those parents with children in this age range to attend and maybe even enroll.

May 11, 2013 – Fun Fair to be held at Glenwood between 11am and 3pm. This is a fundraiser event.

June 21, 2013 – Uchucklesaht Aboriginal Day event to be held at Athletic Hall between 11 am and 4pm; this event will be open to the public. We are partnering with NTC Quu asa on this event; and a lot of other programs are coming forward to provide their services and help with this event. Uu-ath-luk NTC will be doing the salmon barbequing and the pit cook as long as they get permission from the Athletic hall.

July 2013 planning an event for elders. They will be meeting soon to discuss options.

July 20, 2013 the Uchucklesaht Picnic will be held at Blair Park between Noon and 4pm

August 2013 – the NTC games.

August/September – applications and processing of school supply funds; as well as applications for allowance for school attendance for grades 7 to 12.

September 5th to 8th is the Fall Fair – the program will look at providing bracelets to enrollees again.

September 18 to 21st – TRC event in Vancouver

September 28th or 29th – Movie night

October 25th – Uchucklesaht Halloween Party from 4:30 to 8:30pm at the Multiplex

November 15th – from 4pm to 8pm and Education event will be held at Barclay.

November 30th - Loonie/Twoonie fundraiser

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December 7th – Uchucklesaht Christmas party to be held at Echo from Noon to 4pm

There will be numerous other events throughout the upcoming months and the citizens will be kept informed of these on a regular basis.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: I am interested in medicine. I would like our nation to hold a medicine workshop. I also know how to make drums; we should hold a drum workshop.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: There is an inefficient system in the works for the elders hampers – a lot of that information that is sent is confidential and people there are losing our forms that we keep sending in. Something needs to be done. Also, I am receiving group mail packages for my other family members, that is not professional.

Reply: Human Services does their own mail out separate from the UT Administration Department.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: We need to support our people in the states that request funding for their education.

Reply: The funding is used up right now but they are welcome to put forward their application for next years' funding.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: Regarding the Cultural Aspect of the UT Workshops. It may be an idea for our nation to send our requests from our hunters for donations of the hides from their animals they hunt during the hunting season. These hides can be used to create regalia or drums.

Motion #04: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to accept Director of Human Services Annual Report as presented.

Moved: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

Seconded: Sharon Styan Sr.

Motion Carried. (All in Favour-15) **Approved.**

CAO/DOF Annual Report: (Scott Coulson)

The 2012/2013 Fiscal year saw a very busy time for the Administration during the second year for the Uchucklesaht Tribe Government. New Treaty obligations, a plan to move forward for all citizens, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government Laws and Regulations, Federal and Provincial requirements were guiding factors for the Council and Administration.

During 2011 the Executive Council and the Chief Administrative Officer developed a very in depth Human Resources Policy to help guide employee relations. The council and CAO/DOF also

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worked on developing an employee benefit package that was included in the 2012/13 budget.

Administrative Staff participates in twice a month Executive Council meetings. These meetings deal with the day to day functions of the government, setting policy, creating regulations and implementing the Legislative Budget. Staff participation includes preparation of Executive Council packages, writing of reports, attendance at the meetings, providing guidance during meetings, writing the minutes of the meetings, and acting on Executive Council action items collecting and protecting all Council documents.

Administrative Staff also participates in all Legislative Council meetings. These meetings are set through the Legislative Calendar, the Government Act, and on an as needed basis.

Ensuring that all Constitutional requirements for People's Assemblies are met. Two People's Assemblies were held in the 2012/13 fiscal year one of which also included a General Election for all Council positions. This election was the first general election for Chief and Council.

Administration Staff has participated in numerous working groups and committees to ensure that our rights are adhered to and protected. The following is a non-exhaustive list of these groups and committees:

Reasonable Opportunities Agreement: (Maa-nulth and Provincial Staff) , ***Natural Resource Road Act Consultation Meetings:*** (Maa-nulth and Provincial Staff), ***Tripartite Enforcement Working Group:*** (Maa-nulth, RCMP, DFO, Provincial Environment, Conservation Service, and other Federal and Provincial Agencies), ***Maa-nulth 15 Year Review Committee:*** (Maa-nulth, Federal, and Provincial Staff) , ***Tii'skin "Pawatts Park Committee:*** (Uchucklesaht Tribe Government and Province) This committee is in place to create guidelines and regulations that will ensure that the T'iiskin Pawatts Provincial Park is protected and enjoyed from all time.

The Maa-nulth Settlement Trust was set up by three participating Maa-nulth First Nations who have invested their portions of the Maa-nulth Treaty Settlement Funding from the Federal Government into a joint Trust. This Trust is governed over by two representatives from each participating government. This Trust invests and protects over \$10 million dollars in funds being held in trust for nations. This Trust Committee also governs over the Capital Transfer Funds for the same three Maa-nulth Nations, amounting to almost 10 million dollars. All Trustees of the Nations must participate in Quarterly investment and Trust meetings.

A new network has been installed hooking all employees and building on the same shared network. The importance of this is the ability to share files and to coordinate calendars and systems. All files can now be backed up for security and in case there a meltdown of hardware. We have also installed new financial software that is made for municipal governments with taxation, accounts payable and receivable modules as well as budget software that will assist in creating government budgets going forward. Both systems will guarantee system viability into the future.

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Citizen/Enrollee Comment: Security for the Henderson Lodge should be put in place. We need to protect that asset.

Reply: Yes, the nation is searching for a caretaker and has also put in a gate at the end of the road to the lodge.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: In the village the safe house (old maintenance house) needs some maintenance done to the building to ensure that it is in good condition.

Reply: Yes, the nation is sending people to the village to complete that work, as well as work to some of the other UT buildings.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: I have been waiting for a report to come in to Uchucklesaht from MC Rights and Associates – it is an environmental assessment report. Has that report come in yet and can I review it?

Reply: No, the report has not yet come in but when it does you are welcome to review it.

Motion #05: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to accept the Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Finance Annual Report as presented.

Moved: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

Seconded: Randall Ginger

Motion Carried. (All in Favour-15) **Approved.**

Executive and Legislative Annual Report: (Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes)

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Legislature and Executive are committed to working towards a positive and strong path of independence and self-governance on behalf of the Uchucklesaht People.

The Uchucklesaht Tribe has become a self-sufficient community that will continue to build upon a strong economy, alternate energy sources, and investments in business and economic initiatives and partnerships which may bring employment to our community.

Uchucklesaht government powers must begin with the Uchucklesaht Tribe Constitution. As the highest law of the Uchucklesaht Tribe, it is the vehicle through which the Uchucklesaht Tribe formally assumes the governing powers vested in it through the Maa-nulth Final Agreement and any non-Treaty agreements with Canada or British Columbia. The Uchucklesaht Tribe's inherent right to self-government is reflected both in the Treaty and in the Constitution by affirming the Uchucklesaht government's legislative authority over certain topics.

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The Uchucklesaht Tribe Constitution provides that all legislative powers assumed through the Constitution are vested in the Uchucklesaht Council. This means that Council is the body with the authority to enact, amend and repeal laws. Council exercises this power by enacting Uchucklesaht laws and amending previously enacted Uchucklesaht laws on each topic to meet the changing needs of the Uchucklesaht Tribe.

The executive provides oversight of various Uchucklesaht Tribe Operations and Departments will provide strategic direction and valuable information to council regarding the operation of laws or recommend changes to any laws that may be necessary or through passing of regulations.

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Executive has had a total of 27 Executive Meetings between April 2012 and March 2013. Each Executive Councilor has the responsibility to oversee specific departments and so will read up on department activities regularly and also spend some days meeting with the directors for updates and to bring back any important items that may need to be addressed at the executive meeting table. In the meetings between 2012 and 2013; the following items were discussed among other important issues:

Enactment of the following Regulations and Order— Survey Plan Reproductions Regulation, Citizenship & Enrolment Forms Amendment Regulation, Uchucklesaht Tribe Government Fee Regulation and the High Capacity Fisher Forms Amending Regulation. —UTG LR01/2013 Director Order re: 2013-2014 Deer Harvest

Support and Discussion Regarding Directors Guidelines—Gator Use Guideline, UT Events Guideline, and Elders Hamper Guideline.

Discussion and Approval of signing off on various Agreements—UT/INAC Agreements, Foreshore Agreement, Implementation Funds Agreement, Enforcement Agreement, NTC/UT Service Agreement, Remote Electrification Service Agreement, and Maa-nulth Consumption Taxes Payment Agreement.

Creation and Approval of Letters of Expectations—Uchucklesaht/RCMP Letter of Expectation and the Enforcement Letter of Expectation.

Discussions and Planning Regarding - Cedar Harvest Plan, Official Community Planning, and the Executive & Legislative Communications Plan.

Other—NTC Constitution, UT Constitution, MTS Constitution, Specific Claims Filed, Clemens Creek Habitat Assessment, Green Cove Store Fuel System Upgrade, Cass Creek Hydro Power Planning, Snug Basin Development, Economic Development, Surveys, Water Distribution System, Trail Development to Henderson River, Float Homes, Executive Profiles, Letters of Support, Culture and Heritage, and Emergency Preparedness Planning.

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At this time the Legislature consists of the following councillors; Wilfred Cootes Jr., Carla Halvorsen, Tye Hawilth Clifford Charles, Hawilth Chris Watts, Hawilth Thomas Rush, and Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes.

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Legislature has had a total of 5 Legislative Meetings between April 2012 and March 2013.

In the meetings between 2012 and 2013; the following items were discussed among other important issues:

Enactment of the following Laws and Order— Economic Development Act UTS24/2013, Land Act Amendment Act UTS25/2013, Annual Budget Act UTS26/2013, and Order UTO1/2013 Referendum on Proposed Amendments to the Uchucklesaht Tribe Constitution.

Approval of Qacca Settlement Trust—Operating Budget and of a UT Request for Distribution.

Support of UT Citizenship & Enrolment Recommendations—Additions and Removals of people on the Uchucklesaht Tribe C&E Register, Approval of the final C&E Terms of Reference, and the appointment of a C&E Elder Committee Member.

Approval of the—Uchucklesaht Tribe Audit, Financial Statements and the final Budget after considering all Peoples Assembly Recommendations.

Other—Executive of Human Services Position and Appointment, Council Remuneration Policy, Commercial Fishery Funds for Commercial Licences, and planning By-Laws.

Every Uchucklesaht citizen has the right to attend and participate in the Uchucklesaht People's Assembly and every Uchucklesaht citizen that has attained the age of 16 has the right to vote on any resolution presented at the Uchucklesaht People's Assembly. In 2012, there were a total of 2 Peoples Assemblies (one on March 1, 2012, and one on June 29, 2012). In 2013, there were a total of 2 Peoples Assemblies (one on March 23, 2013 and one on June 28, 2013).

In the 2012 meetings—the following resolutions were made by the enrollees and citizens:

- Uchucklesaht Tribe Citizens/Enrollees recommend increasing the funds for Capital Purchase of Equipment under department 250 Maintenance from \$1000 to \$5000.
- Uchucklesaht Band 2010-2011 Financial Statements are adopted as presented for the year ending March 31, 2011.
- Qacca Settlement Trust Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements ending December 31,

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2011 are adopted as presented.

In the 2013 meeting—the following resolutions were made by the enrollees and citizens of Uchucklesaht Tribe:

- Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to accept the Audit for 2011-2012.
- Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly recommends to the legislature that they reinstitute the Funerals lined item under the Membership Department to the way it was before.
- Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly recommends to the legislature that they ensure that the Elders Age Requirement be moved back down to the age of 50 years, the way it was before instead of the age of 55 years – the age it was changed to.
- Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly recommends to the legislature that the Uchucklesaht Tribe examine options for a Christmas Cash Bonus to Enrollees of the Uchucklesaht Tribe as a gift.
- Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the Uchucklesaht Tribe Annual Budget of 2013-2014 and three year financial plan as may be amended.

The Uchucklesaht Tribe has a variety of Capital Projects on the go in order to develop, improve, and maintain our capital assets such as land, buildings, roads and infrastructure systems. Here are a few that have been on the go.

Ethlateese Community Waterworks System: New and Upgraded components for the water system in Ethlateese are required to improve water quality. Drilling of second well, installation of a new pump, repairing and cleaning of reservoir was required. The Water System upgrades should be completed by May 2013.

Ethlateese Connector Road: An access road will open the opportunity for economic and social development for residents of Ethlateese. The proposed access road would include 1.6 km or new road and 1.3 km reactivation and upgrade of existing decommissioned logging road. This proposed road would connect into the existing logging road system Henderson Main that would provide road access to Port Alberni.

Cass Creek Hydro Project— Cass Creek is a great location. There is an old weir in that creek and an idea is to fix that existing weir to make it work – a newer maintenance friendly weir. This creek has 100 meters of drop and 10 square kilometers of encashment. There are six water licenses being used on Cass Creek right now. It would be great to work with the current water users regarding upgrades and sharing of the system. Low Flow Months for this Area is July, August and September. This project is long term and is still ongoing.

Citizen/Enrollee Comment: Our water resources are important to protect and so we need to make sure that it is protected.

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Motion #06: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to accept the Executive and Legislative Annual Report as presented.

Moved: Steve Rush

Seconded: Warren Robinson

Motion Carried (All in Favor – 15)

Adjourn:

Motion #07: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to adjourn the meeting of the day.

Moved: James Cootes

Seconded: Sharon Styan Sr.

Motion Carried (All in Favor –15)

MEETING ADJOURNED