



# Yuutu?it?ath

## HITACU ASSEMBLY

March 28, 2022 | 6:00pm | Cixwatin Centre Gym, hitacu / Zoom

### Meeting Record

#### Participants

Chairperson:	Shana Thomas
Citizens:	Larry Baird; Gertrude Touchie (tootis); Sheila Touchie; Bernice Touchie; Gloria Valentine; Richard Mundy Sr.; Pearl Touchie; Gordon Taylor Sr.; Brenda Jack; Kenneth Miller; John Tutube; Geraldine Touchie; Jennifer Touchie;
Members of Legislature:	Chuck McCarthy (President); Jeneva Touchie (Culture, Language and Heritage); Lorri Touchie (Community Services); Alan McCarthy (Lands and Resources); Jenny Touchie (Culture, Language & Heritage); Wilson Jack (Ha'wiih Representative);
Assembly Support Staff/other:	Suzanne Williams (Director of Operations); Tamara Nelson (Chief Financial Officer); Spencer Touchie (Manager of Assets); Zoltan Schafer (Director of Lands and Resources); Dr. Rohan Ghatak (Director of Health and Social Services); Darlene Clayton (Kitchen Staff); Debbie Touchie (Kitchen Staff); Mike Watts (A/v Support); Melissa Boucha (Manager of Communications and PR); Jill Hamilton (Law Clerk); Yannick Harry (RCMP Constable); Woitck Malach (Community Resident);

1. Meeting called to order at 6:06pm.
2. Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks

Jeneva Touchie provided the opening prayer. Welcoming remarks by President McCarthy.

3. Review and adoption of the agenda

Additions to agenda:

- E-transport
- Potable water

**Motion (2022.03.28-01): to adopt the agenda as amended.**

Moved by Pearl Touchie. Seconded by Larry Baird. Motion carried by majority.

4. Executive Reports

Members of Executive Charles McCarthy (Chief Executive), Jenny Touchie (Assets Portfolio), Lorri Touchie (Community Services Portfolio), Jeneva Touchie (Culture, Language and Heritage Portfolio) and Alan McCarthy (Lands and Resources Portfolio) provided updates following the last Assembly which was held December 6, 2021.

5. Presentation of Draft 2022/2023 Annual Budget

Chief Financial Officer, Tamara Nelson, presented the Draft Annual Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year on behalf of the Legislature.

6. Q&A

Education and Culture

We heard there is a desire to have our own school or partial immersion schooling, in order to include cultural components and to revitalize language. There was a suggestion for the Government to invest in a survey and plan in this regard.

**Action:** Portfolio holder to work with Education Department to investigate ways to include culture as a bigger part of education, including potentially having our own school on TSL, and report back on their findings at the next Assembly.

We heard that the community would like to see more participation by Citizens in on-the-land learning with Lands and Resources department. It is important for children to learn culture and to growing cultural understanding and practice.

Forestry

We heard that as a community, we need a better understanding of our resource lands (including wildlife, growth and volume of trees etc.) and there should be engagement with community prior to a harvesting plan being created. It was suggested that YG put in place training and monitoring by citizens on backroads and consider potential economic opportunities created by developments within the Pacific Rim National Park.

Land Transfer / BMO Loan Guarantee Process

It was suggested that YG simplify the processes for obtaining a mortgage loan and transferring land title between citizens, and to ensure that the banks and notaries are informed of and familiar with the process. Staff confirmed that YG is working with lawyers on how to streamline the process and plans to educate the bank and local notaries on same.

Patient Travel

It was recommended that YG hire a driver for the community to assist with medical-related travel. Health staff confirmed that this matter is being looked into. In addition, the issue of patient travel rates has been brought to FNHA and BC Ministry of Health and it was noted that rates have increased in the last few months.

Children and Family Development Support

There was question on when YG may have a specialized worker to work with children and families who have special/high needs. Staff confirmed that YG is in the process of looking for this type of specialized support worker and will continue to do so.

7. Other

a. E-transport

Citizen is in the process of creating a non-profit e-transport corporation and is looking for a letter of support from YG for the concept and application.

b. Potable water.

It was recommended that we look at studies of manganese levels in water so that long-term effects can be identified. YG was encouraged to look at governing our own watershed and rain-water collection, and to examine the benefits of being our own water providers.

8. Adjournment

The Chairperson confirmed that the next meeting date has yet to be set but will likely be end of September and may be held on a Saturday or Sunday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm