

HITAĆU ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024

**5:00pm Dinner & 6:00pm Assembly
CIX^wATIN CENTRE GYM, HITAĆU
ZOOM & LIVESTREAM**

Cix^watin Centre Gym

- 5:00pm Dinner starts
- 6:00pm Assembly starts

Zoom

- **6:00pm Assembly starts**
 - www.zoom.us
 - Meeting ID: **841 9117 6535**
 - Meeting Passcode: **613003**
 - Tel: **1 (778) 907-2071**

Livestream available on Facebook.

To **participate** in the meeting you must attend via **ZOOM**. *Questions will not be taken from Facebook.*



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TO ACCESS A ZOOM MEETING

VIA WEB/COMPUTER

- Go to www.zoom.us
- Select '**Join A Meeting**', top right hand tab
- Enter Meeting ID
- Enter Passcode
- Choose your audio connection; phone, computer, with or without video. *Your computer will notify you if you have no audio connection and force a call in.*
- You are connected!

VIA TELEPHONE

- Call in to the **10 digit number**
- Enter **Meeting ID**
- Enter **Passcode**
- You are connected!

*Your audio will automatically be muted. To un-mute on your phone select *6, only when required.*

ZOOM ETIQUETTE

- Your microphone will be muted upon meeting entry. Please stay muted unless called on or to ask a question.
- If attending via video, **please raise the hand function for request to speak**. If via phone, un-mute your audio to request to speak.
- You can un-mute the audio on the lower left hand of the Zoom screen or by ***6** on your phone.
- You will be muted for profanity or out of line communication.
- The chat box will be monitored but not public. **Chat is not a guaranteed form of communication** for answering questions or requests during the Assembly.

VOTING & QUESTION PERIOD

- When asked to **VOTE**, please use the raise hand function or state your name.
- At any time before speaking, **please state your name**.
- **Questions will not be accepted from Facebook. In person and Zoom attendance only.**

HITAĆU ASSEMBLY - KEY RULES OF ORDER

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND WHAT IT MEANS:

When the hitaću assembly starts, an adoption of the agenda will be called by the Chairperson. At this time, Yuułu?i?ath citizens may suggest (*propose*) additional agenda items. *Government Act, 4.6(b)*.

The adoption of the agenda, with the addition (*inclusion*) or rejection (*exclusion*) of additional agenda items presented by the citizens, will be determined by approval of a motion. The approval of a motion is achieved by a majority of the eligible voters (*citizens*) present and voting. *Government Act, 4.6(c)*.

ASSEMBLY MEETING EXAMPLE:



Motion: The Chairperson will call for a voter (*citizen*) to “move” a motion to adopt the agenda as presented [or as amended with additions]. This is done by a raise of the hand, in person or on zoom. Any eligible voter can raise their hand to move the adoption of the agenda.

Second: Once the motion is moved, the Chairperson will look for a voter (*citizen*) to “second” the motion. This is done by a raise of the hand, in person or on zoom. Any eligible voter can raise their hand to move the adoption of the agenda.

Vote: The Chairperson will put the motion to a vote by asking voters (*citizens*) if they are in favour or opposed of the agenda. **If a majority of the eligible voters vote in favour**, the motion is carried, and the agenda is adopted. This allows for the meeting to proceed. **If the majority is opposed** to the agenda items, the meeting will end.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- The Chairperson must follow (*adhere to*) the agenda adopted. *Government Act 4.6(d)*.
- The Chairperson must allow (*afford*) a representative of the Yuułu?i?ath Government the opportunity to make a report or presentation on each agenda item. *Government Act, 4.6(e)*.
- Following any presentation or report, citizens will be allowed (*permitted the opportunity*) to raise questions or ask for (*seek*) clarification in relation to that specific agenda item. *Government Act, 4.6(f)*.
- Each speaker (*citizen*) will be permitted a maximum of five minutes to ask (*frame*) a question or make a statement. The Chairperson must recognize an individual to respond to the question or call on a new speaker (*citizen*). *Government Act, 4.6(i)*.
- If the original speaker (*citizen*) wishes to continue the topic or raise a following (*subsequent*) question, the Chairperson must place that speaker (*citizen*) at the end of the speakers list. *Government Act, 4.6(j)*.
- All questions and discussions must be presented and spoken (*advanced*) in a respectful manner. *Government Act, 4.6(g)*.
- A speaker (*citizen*) may make a motion to get (*obtain*) a resolution of the hitaću assembly on the agenda item being addressed which would constitute a recommendation to the Yuułu?i?ath Government. *Government Act, 4.7(a)*.
- Every Yuułu?i?ath citizen that is (has attained) the age of 16 has the right to vote on any resolution presented at the hitaću assembly. *Constitution, 2.29*.
- The chairperson must maintain order at a meeting of the hitaću assembly and has the authority to rule any speaker out of order or remove an individual for unruly behavior. *Government Act, 4.6(k)*.



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NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YUULU?IL?ATH LAW

HITAĆU ASSEMBLY

In accordance with Section 4.2 of the *Government Act* YFNS 2/2011, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the hitaĆu Assembly has been called for the following date:

Date: Monday, June 17, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Cix^watin Centre Gym, hitaĆu / Zoom

DRAFT AGENDA

The agenda is in draft form until approved by the Citizens at the meeting of the hitaĆu Assembly. Additional items may be added at the time we adopt the agenda.

1. Call to order
2. Opening Ceremonies/Welcoming remarks
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Executive Reports
5. Other
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
6. Adjournment

Zoom Instructions

Dial In #: 1 (778) 907-2071
Meeting ID: 841 9117 6535
Passcode: 613003

Voting on Zoom

When the Chairperson calls for a vote, the Chairperson will request that eligible voters on Zoom use the “raise hand” feature on Zoom (click *Reactions* > *Raise Hand*), or state their full name followed by “yay” or “nay”.

Notice Date: April 10, 2024



HITAĆU ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE REPORT

Prepared by: President Charles McCarthy

Date: June 13, 2024

Executive Portfolio: President, Land & Resources

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS:

Presidential

- Annual Budget Act, 2023-2024 was enacted by the Legislature on March 25.
- On May 2, I attended the Intergovernmental Leaders (Prime Minister) Forum in Ottawa, alongside other Maa-nulth leadership, and Modern Treaty Nations and Self-Governing Indigenous Government leaders. The main commitment made by the Government of Canada during this meeting was the financial commitment of \$10M over 4 years towards a Commissioner for Modern Treaty Implementation. In addition, the Maa-nulth Leaders attended a meeting with Minister of Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada(CIRNAC), to ask for CIRNAC's support on advocating on their behalf in the Me Too negotiations with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). I spoke about the intent of the Maa-nulth Nations entering into a modern treaty, and the sacrifices they had to make in order to do so, in relation to Me Too negotiations.
- The Premier's Forum was hosted by the Tla'amin Nation on June 4th which I attended alongside Executive Members Gertrude Touchie and Lorri Touchie, and other BC Modern Treaty Nation leaders. I spoke on the fiscal topic and reiterated the importance of the fiscal policy being co-developed with the BC Government. The Government of BC confirmed its commitment to continuing working with Modern Treaty Nations towards the fiscal policy.

Lands and Resources

- LGL Limited and the Lands and Resources department successfully completed the first year of activities for the Nahmint Fish Habitat Assessment and Restoration project. Planning for the second year is currently underway. The project's goal is to prioritize and implement restoration activities aimed at rehabilitating the Nahmint River watershed and its fish populations, with a particular focus on Pacific salmon, especially Chinook Salmon.

- The landing craft vessel build was complete and delivered in May, funded by the Salish Sea Initiative (SSI).
- To uphold the rights of Indigenous Modern Treaty partners and Self-governing Indigenous Governments, the Lands, Resources, and Treaty Management (“LRTM”) model has secured five full-time equivalent (“FTE”) positions from Canada for a total of \$781,500.
- MacMillan Bloedel Log Sort. Negotiations with Canada are continuing for the specific claim regarding the MacMillan Bloedel Log Sort, with studies completed and in process with the end of 2024 being prospective completion date.
- Progress has been made on land development for housing in hitaču.
- The construction of a community garden in hitacu has started.
- Progress has been made to finalize the forest tenure opportunity agreement (FTOA) being offered to YG from the Province of BC for undercut volume in the Arrowsmith Timber Supply Area (TSA) . This is a non-replaceable forest license of 86,000 m3.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- Legislature Meeting – March 25
- West Coast Transit Launch – April 9
- Tsawwassen First Nation 15 Year Treaty Celebration – April 15
- Meeting with RCMP and YG Executive to discuss priorities – April 30
- Prime Minister Forum in Ottawa – May 2
- Indigenous Coastal Waters Stewardship Society AGM – May 9
- Marine Shipping Sub Committee Leadership Gathering – May 15
- Lunch Meeting with Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Ha’wiih and Parks Canada – May 24
- Tripartite Implementation Committee Meeting – May 29
- Dinner meeting with Sumas First Nation – May 29
- Premier’s Forum – June 4
- Meeting and Boat Tour with Maa-nulth Nations and Canada (CIRNAC) – June 5
- Long Beach Unit Management Planning Working Group Meeting with Parks Canada – June 12
- Maa-nulth Fisheries Committee Meeting – June 12
- Meeting with DFO on Salmon Allocation Policy – June 12
- Bi-weekly Executive Meetings
- Monthly Maa-nulth Me Too Meetings
- Monthly Maa-nulth Board of Directors Meetings

President Charles McCarthy
Lands and Resources Executive Portfolio Holder



EXECUTIVE REPORT - CULTURE, LANGUAGE & HERITAGE

Prepared by huupk^wista?aq̓s Asya Touchie - Member of the Executive for the hita?u Assembly June 17/24

I hope everyone has been finding time to enjoy the warmer weather with loved ones! It's been a busy quarter over the last few months and its been wonderful seeing more opportunities for citizens to participate in cultural events.

Front of mind for me was the Baby Welcoming Ceremony which was held on May 26th. It's so vital that our government supports efforts to connect our newest generation of citizens with our culture, language and territory. I hope to see this event continue on a regular basis, because it really demonstrates for our youngest citizens that they belong, that they have a home in Yuu?u?it?ath and that our culture is theirs to practice and share. This year's ceremony was also important because Yuu?u?it?ath staff and citizens received cultural guidance so that in future we will be able to lead our own baby welcoming ceremony, and I look forward to supporting that event in the future.

Also, at the end of May, the Warrior Games took place at k^wisitis, and it's amazing to see how this important program has grown over the years. Opportunities for our younger citizens to connect with youth from other nations and to compete in events that are tied to our history and territory need to be celebrated, and I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who supported the event and all of the youth who participated. The kaka?winm̓inḥ also had the opportunity to stay at k^wisitis, and just as our Warrior Program is such an impactful program for our young men, this program creates just as meaningful and positive impacts for the young women who participate; thank you all so much!

The Department also continued with its land-based healing and cultural counselling, which is available to citizens. Conversations also continued with our Elders about Yuu?u?it?ath cultural protocol in order to ensure our work is being done in a way that is consistent with what is expected by citizens and aligned with our cultural values and practices. With a canoe journey still anticipated later this summer, canoe practice has also continued so that our citizens are fully prepared for the experience.



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Prepared by huupk?ista?ags Asya Touchie - Member of the Executive for the hita?u Assembly June 17/24

The Department also recently received confirmation that our application for a \$113,000 Heritage Infrastructure Grant through the First Peoples Cultural Council was accepted. We intend to use the grant to fund the return of the remaining items at the Royal BC Museum as well as the required cabinetry and displays for the items. It will also find an outdoor cultural space around the repatriated canoe log.

We have begun implementing our 5 Year Language Action Plan, which included recruitment of a part time language learner. this position was posted a couple of weeks ago and I'm so excited to see this work getting underway and the positive impact is going to have on everyone involved and the survival of our language.

The Department has also started developing a Yuutu?it?ath Burial Management Plan in order to ensure that remains are treated with dignity and respect in a culturally appropriate way.

MEETINGS

Executive Meetings - Mar. 19, Mar. 25, Apr. 16, Apr. 30, May 8, May 14, May 28, May 7

Taxation Authority Meeting - May 22

Recruitment Meetings - Apr. 12

RCMP Priorities Meeting - Apr. 30

Department of Culture, Language & Heritage Update Meetings - Apr. 24, May 10, May 24,

NTC Meeting Mar. 26

UPCOMING

Executive Meetings - bi-weekly

Department of Culture, Language & Heritage Update Meetings - bi-weekly



HITAĆU ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE REPORT

Prepared by: Gert Touchie

Date: June 9, 2024

Executive Portfolio: Community Services

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS:

- Baby Welcoming
- Meet with Cynthia

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- Tsawwassen First Nation 15 Year Treaty Celebration – April 15
- Premier Forum in Tishosem – June 4
- Maa-nulth Health and Wellness Summit – May 7-9
- CBT Board Meetings as alternate
- Bi-weekly Executive Meetings
- Legislature Meeting – March 25

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- YG Education Celebration – June 20

Gert Touchie
Executive Member



HITAĆU ASSEMBLY EXECUTIVE REPORT

Prepared by: Lorri Touchie

Date: June 12, 2024

Executive Portfolio: Finance

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS:

- Meetings
- Finance Department Updates
- Upcoming Activities

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- Biweekly Meetings with CFO: Mar 18, Apr Mar 25, Apr 15,
- Biweekly Executing Meetings: May 19, Apr 2, Apr 10, Apr 16, Apr 30, May 14, May 28
- Special Executive Meeting: Mar 25, May 8
- Ordinary Legislature Meetings: Mar 25
- Finance Committee Meeting: May 22, Jun 11
- Assemble Meetings: Mar 18
- External Meetings: Mar 15, Mar 26, Mar 26, Apr 12, May 28, (Jun 4-PM Forum Meeting)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

- Intermediate Accountant: Elizabeth Mercer has been hired on temporary bases until the CFO position is filled.
- CFO Position: Currently still looking for applicant hopefully the position will get filled soon
- Audit Preparation: Started Apr 1, 2024 ongoing

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- Financial Analysis and Management Accounting Course: Started May 22, 2024
- Biweekly Executive Meetings
- Biweekly Meeting with Interim CFO: John Rankin

Respectfully yours,

Lorri Touchie