

## Huu-ay-aht First Nations Presentation to #AVICC 2012



## A Note on Presenter

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- BA Global Studies (VIU)
- Member of Council
- Huu-ay-aht First Nations
- Elected to 2<sup>nd</sup> Term in June, 2011 and assigned ACRD as a part of my portfolio.
- ACRD Director for HFN as of April 11, 2012 (last Wednesday)

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## Pronunciation

- Formerly: *Ohiat Indian Band*
- Now: **Huu-ay-aht First Nations**  
“who + eh + aht”

aht/ath = People

## Values



## Vision Statement

The Huu-ay-aht envision a proud, self-governing, sovereign Nation. *lisaak* (greater respect) will guide us as we work together to establish a healthy, prosperous, self-reliant Nation where our culture, language, spirituality and economy flourish for the benefit of all Huu-ay-aht.

## Introduction

<b>Population:</b>	Approx.	700+
<b>Dispersion:</b>	On-TSL	15%
	Off-TSL	85%
	On-ACRD	~65%

### Principal Population Centers

- Village of Anacla
- Port Alberni and Surrounding Areas
- Nanaimo, Victoria, Parksville/Qualicum and the Lower Mainland.

## Age Demographics

**Pop.** Approx. 700

63% are 35 and Under

47% are 25 and Under

53% are 16 to 50 Years

34% are 16 to 35 Years

(As of 2008)



## Recent History

1. Treaty Negotiations – Success
2. Constitution Ratification – Success
3. Treaty Ratification – Success
4. Treaty Implementation – On Going
5. Self-Government – April 1, 2011
6. ACRD Membership – April 11, 2012

## A Note on “Maa-nulth”

The term Maa-nulth does not denote a new First Nation, but is rather the short form of the term “*First Nations of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society*” – a group of independent tribes working together to pursue a treaty with the Crown.

We are still the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and we are still part of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

## The Rule of Law

- Constitution Act
- Government Act
- Financial Administration Act
- Land Act, Community Development Act
- Elections Act, Referendum and Recall Act
- CoC & CoI Act, FoI & PoP Act

## HFN Leadership

### **Tyee Ha’wilth:**

Derek Peters

### **Chief-Councillor:**

Jeffrey Cook

### **Council Members:**

Charlie Clappis

Sheila Charles

Jack Cook

Tom Happynook

John A. Jack

### **Executive Director:**

Connie Waddell



## Treaty Settlement Lands

Rather than reserves owned by the Crown and administered by a federal ministry, the Huu-ay-aht have negotiated for control and jurisdiction over selected Treaty Settlement Lands within its traditional territory.

The Huu-ay-aht has lawful influence over the zoning, ownership and resources on over 10,000 hectares.

1 hectare = 100m x 100m

## Economic Development

Arms-length business management through  
**Huu-ay-aht Economic Development Corporation** (CEO Stan Coleman)

Businesses include Forestry, Pachena Bay Campground, West Coast Trail Maintenance, Gravel, Gas, Comm. Fish Licenses...

*By removing politics from business, we hope to benefit on our investments even more...*

## Community Development

**Waste Water Project:** We are working to build a treatment plant to serve not only the needs of our future housing development.

**Sub-Division:** We wish to build a sub-division near the House of Huu-ay-aht to allow our members to return home. Additional residents means additional funds and demand for teachers and other government services.

## HFN in ACRD

1. In the Treaty
2. Lead Up
3. Funding Integration



## In the Treaty

- Maa-nulth First Nations may become members of their respective regional district board within 10 years. After which, they must.
- Huu-ay-aht and Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ chose **ASAP**
- Toquaht and Uchucklesaht chose to wait.
- Kyuquot-Checklesah territory falls within the Mount Waddington Regional District...

## Reasons for Joining ACRD

- Official voice on Regional District
- Equal participation as other communities
- Explore opportunities for cost savings, expanded service or access to expertise that HFN does not (yet) possess
- Relationship-building: re-engagement on more structured terms using treaty as an impetus for that “new relationship”.

## Lead Up

- HFN gave notice to the BC gov't shortly after the Effective Date of the Treaty (April 1, 2011)
- HFN Observer to ACRD Board short after...
- Looked to join ACRD in January 2012, after advice from Chairman Wong and BC, HFN agreed to hold off until April 2012.

### Funding HFN's Integration - 1

- A need to establish a respectful, functioning relationship right out of the gate.
- BC had mentioned funding to help guide FN integration into the ACRD, but was not forthcoming due to budgetary pressures.
- Raised by Chairman Wong at UBCM in Vancouver in September, 2011.

### Funding HFN's Integration - 2

- **January 2012** – An initial report was completed for (*and funded by*) the ACRD that surveyed the programs and services available to FNs as new members.
- **March 2012** – BC delivered with funding to create a fact sheet, work-plan and toolkit for FNs and RDs coming together. This work is now in progress...

**KLECO, KLECO!**

Thank you!