

Huu-ay-aht First Nations: First Nations in Regional Districts



A Note on Presenter

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Pronunciation

- Formerly: *Ohiat Indian Band*
- Now: **Huu-ay-aht First Nations**
“who + AY + aht”
aht/ath = People

Values



Vision Statement

The Huu-ay-aht envision a strong, self-governing and self-reliant Nation. li-saak [greater respect] will guide us as we work together to foster a safe, healthy and sustainable community where our culture, language, spirituality and economy flourish for all.

Introduction

Population:	Approx.	750+
Dispersion:	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. 750
 Two-thirds are 35 & Under
 Half are 25 & Under
 Half are Working Age
 One Third are Young Workers
 (16-35)

[As of 2008]



Recent History

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

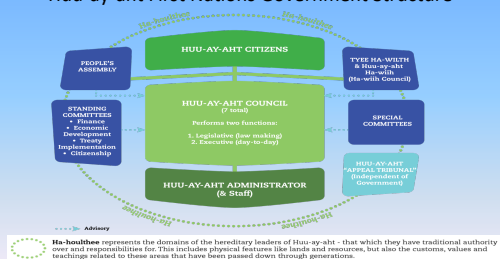
A Note on “Maa-nulth”

“Maa-nulth” does not denote a new First Nation, but is short form for “*First Nations of the Maa-nulth Treaty Society*,” independent tribes working together to pursue a treaty with the Crown. We are still part of the Nuuchah-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 & Col, FoI & PoP, and EcDev Act (...)

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government Structure



HFN Leadership

Tyee Ha'wilth: Derek Peters
Chief-Councillor: Jeffrey Cook
Council Members: Charlie Clappis, Sheila Charles, Jack Cook, Tom Happynook, John 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...

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 Strathcona 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 shortly after...
- Looked to join ACRD in January 2012, after advice from the late Chairman Wong and BC, HFN agreed to hold off until April 2012.

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Thank you!