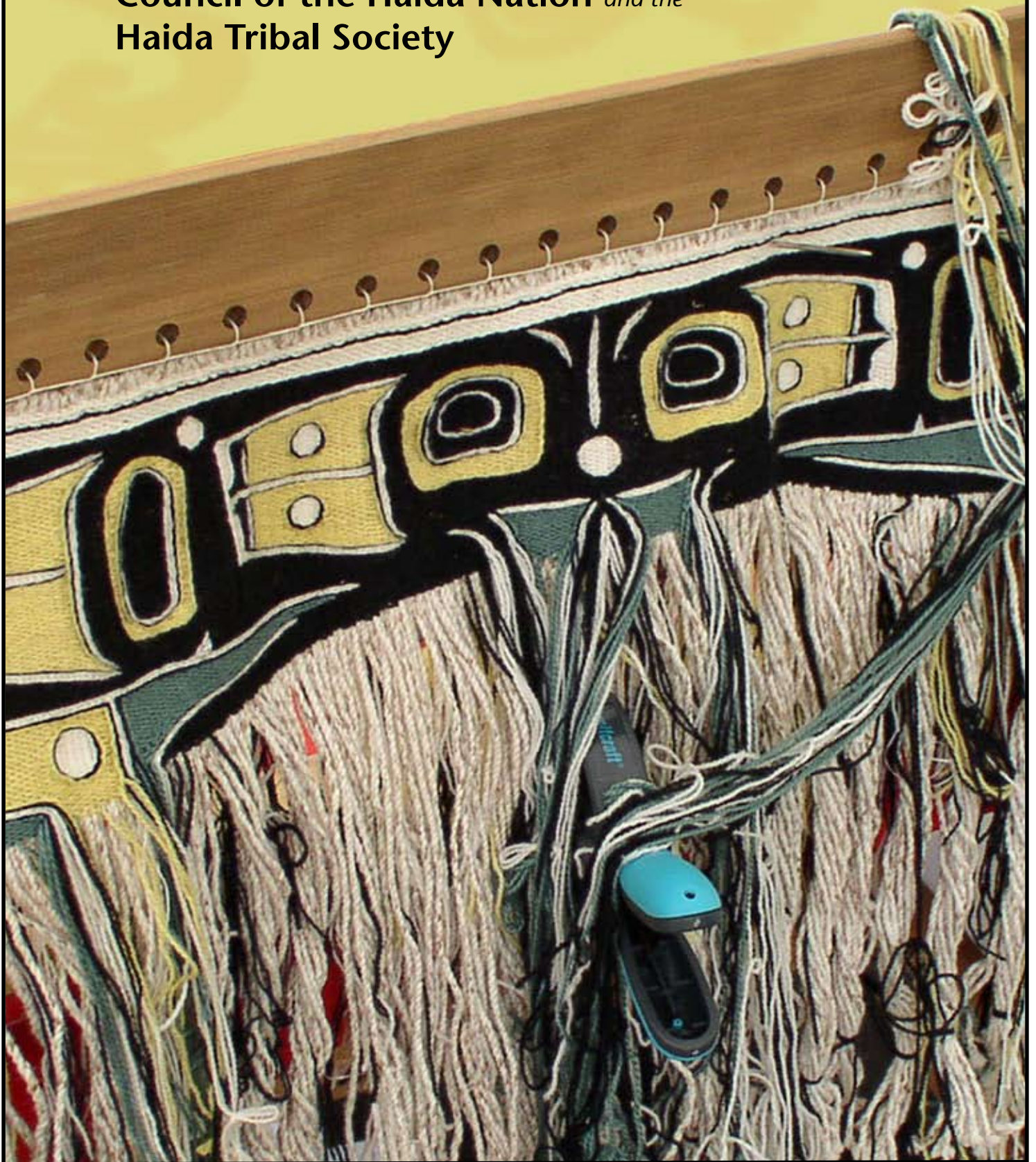


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Mandate and Responsibilities *of the* **Council of the Haida Nation**

The official mandate and responsibilities of the CHN are found in the Constitution of the Haida Nation, which was adopted in 2003. A mandate is the authority given to a government by its electors to develop and carry out its policies.

The following is an excerpt from the Constitution:

The Mandate of the Council of the Haida Nation is Haida Gwaii and surrounding waters.

The CHN shall strive for full independence, sovereignty and self-sufficiency of the Haida Nation.

The CHN shall perpetuate Haida heritage and cultural identity, and will enact Policies for same.

CHN shall protect the Domestic and Foreign interests of the Haida Nation and Territories through long-term strategies, negotiations, and steps consistent with the objectives of the Haida Nation.

CHN shall promote a peaceful co-existence with other people and governments without compromise to the objectives of the Haida Nation.

CHN shall establish land and resource policies consistent with nature's ability to produce. The Policies will be applicable to all users of the Territories.

CHN shall regulate access to resources by Citizens of the Haida Nation and other users of Haida Gwaii.

CHN shall conduct the external affairs of the Haida Nation.

CHN shall provide for the Common Defense of the Haida Nation.

CHN shall keep the Citizens of the Haida Nation fully informed and shall keep a Record of Proceedings, and from time to time publish reports on the activities of the CHN, excepting such parts as may, in their judgment, require confidentiality. CHN will publish Haida Laas as the official publication of the Haida Nation.

CHN shall establish Election Procedures, which must be adopted by the House of Assembly.

CHN may delegate a consenting Haida Citizen to represent CHN on specific matters. Any Haida Citizen so delegated may have this responsibility rescinded by CHN.

CHN shall maintain a Secretariat:

- a) The Secretariat shall be called Haida Tribal Society. This Society will include representatives of Council of the Haida Nation and Old Massett Village Council and Skidegate Band Council. The Secretariat will report to Council of the Haida Nation, and to the House of Assembly.
- b) The Secretariat will administer the Treasury and Holdings and manage the Haida Tribal Society Programs and staff of the Haida Nation, as directed by the CHN, through adopted CHN Policy and Procedures.
- c) Pursuant to the Policies and Directive of the CHN, the Secretariat may:
 - i. Borrow money on the credit of the Haida Nation with consent of the Council of the Haida Nation.
 - ii. Regulate commerce with Foreign Nations and among domestic communities.
 - iii. Coin money and regulate the value thereof.
 - iv. Lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imports and Excises, to pay the Debts and costs associated to supporting the Haida Governance, and provide for the general Welfare of the Haida Nation.
 - v. Employ such persons or institutions deemed necessary by the CHN to carry out the CHN mandate.

CHN may establish committees, institutions, and other processes to carry out the CHN mandate.

1 ELECTIONS

Elections of CHN representatives take place every two years, and Haida people 16 years of age and over are eligible to vote and run for office.

2 REPRESENTATIVES

Executive

Guujaaw, President of the Haida Nation
Arnie Bellis, Vice-President of the Haida Nation
Masset Region, Lawrence Jones; alternate, Beryl Parke
Skidegate Region, Cindy Boyko; alternate, Richard Wilson (Captain Gold)

Masset Regional

Lawrence Jones, Cynthia Samuels, Beryl Parke, Robert Davis

Skidegate Regional

Cindy Boyko, Richard Wilson (Captain Gold), David Crosby, Ron Williams

Vancouver Regional

Vincent Collison, Lois Helmer-Rullin, alternate Sandra Greene

Prince Rupert Regional

Frank Parnell, Pansy Collison; alternate, Bill White

Skidegate Band Council

Willard Wilson, Chief Councillor (appointed by the Skidegate Band Council)

Old Massett Village Council

Councillor (appointed by Old Massett Village Council)

3 HEREDITARY CHIEFS' COUNCIL

The Hereditary Chiefs' Council provides the CHN with guidance and advice on Haida cultural matters and its members serve on several CHN committees. The Chiefs' Council is also represented on the CHN Negotiation Team and Litigation Team, Haida Tribal Society and the Cultural Wood Advisory Board.

4 MEETING SCHEDULE

There are a number of pre-scheduled CHN meetings held monthly, quarterly and annually. The meetings are open to all Haida.

4.1 CHN COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- CHN Executive Committee – first Friday of each month
- Policy Committee – first Tuesday of each month
- Haida Tribal Society Board of Directors – third Wednesday of each month
- Forestry Committee – third Monday of each month
- Lands and Waters Committee – last Wednesday of each month
- Fisheries Committee – third Thursday of each month
- Archeology/Heritage - third Tuesday of each month.
- Haida Marine Work Group - generally the last Tuesday and/or Wednesday of each month.

4.2 CHN QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Quarterly Meetings are held every 3 months, over 3 days.

Day One/CHN Quarterly Work Session

General "housekeeping" and setting of calendars takes place.

Day Two/CHN Quarterly Public Meeting

The CHN reports to the people of the Haida Nation on the work it has done during the previous 3 months, provides updates on specific ongoing issues and projects and makes decisions by Motion on recommendations brought forward to the meeting. It also gives

Haida citizens an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions about the topics on the meeting agenda.

Day Three/CHN Quarterly All Leaders' Process Meeting

Issues of national interest are discussed between the CHN, the two Village Councils, and the Hereditary Chiefs' Council.

4.3 ANNUAL HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

The House of Assembly (HoA) is the legislative body of the Haida national government. It is here that the CHN reports to the people of the Haida Nation on the progress of the work it has been directed to do through HoA Resolutions. Notice of Election and opportunity to amend the Constitution can also be made at the Assemblies. The HoA is held over the course of 4 days and takes place during the second week of October each year. The location of the Assembly alternates between Massett and Skidegate.

4.4 TRI-COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tri-Council meetings are called as needed. Members of the CHN, Old Massett Village Council and Skidegate Band Council attend, and items relating to the two Village Councils' mandates are discussed.

5 ADMINISTRATION

5.1 OLD MASSETT

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5.2 SKIDEGATE

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6 PROGRAMS

6.1 HAIDA HERITAGE and FOREST GUARDIANS PROGRAM

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The Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians Program tracks forestry activities on Haida Gwaii through mapping and the review of referrals. It also works to influence and develop policy consistent with Haida culture such as conducting Cultural Values Surveys, which survey for monumental and future potential monumental cedars, culturally important plants, wildlife habitat, and heritage/archaeological values. The Program's primary role is to provide technical support for litigation or negotiations over land use, rights and title, forest policy development (such as the House of Assembly mandated 1,000 Year Cedar Plan), and to respond to developments that adversely affect the land.

DEPARTMENTS of the HAIDA HERITAGE & FOREST GUARDIANS

Administration Department

- Performs oversight, support and facilitation services for the program departments.
- Reports to the Haida Tribal Society.
- Ensures HTS policies and procedures are understood and followed.
- Seeks funding for the CHN initiatives as set forth by the executive and HTS. board.

Mapping Department

- Manages data collected from all field surveys, including data on culturally modified trees, bear dens, cultural values surveys and archaeological impact assessments.
- Provides maps for all field surveys and the reports that are written following the surveys.
- Gathers data about Haida Gwaii from logging companies, government ministries, and other organizations.
- Is developing a tourism map of Haida Gwaii.
- Provides maps requested by members of the public - requests are welcome!

Guardians Department

- Provides both technical and administrative support to the CHN archaeology/heritage committee.
- Conducts archaeological impact assessments and other surveys requiring archaeological expertise.
- Updates and organizes the archaeological overview assessment of Haida Gwaii with information about Haida culture such as traditional trails, CMTs, and village sites.
- Responds to and tracks all referrals for proposed land-based development that may impact archaeological and/or heritage sites on Haida Gwaii.

Forestry and Field Surveys Department

- Provides technical and administrative support to the CHN Forestry Committee.
- Conducts cultural values surveys to determine the location of monumental and potential monumental cedar, culturally important plants, culturally modified trees, wildlife, and their habitat) prior to logging.
- Drafts technical responses for the CHN Forestry Committee chair, and tracks all referrals for proposed land-based development/decommissioning on Haida Gwaii, which includes, but is not limited to, logging and proposed highways networks.

- Tracks and works to influence new legislation such as the changes from the Forest Practices Code to the new Forest and Range Practices Act.
- Is conducting a Fungus Cultivation Project.
- Is conducting a Cedar Inventory Project, which identifies areas with high cultural cedar values based on aerial and ground-based reconnaissance of potential cedar stands to inform the 1,000 Year Cedar Strategy and the Haida Land Use Vision.
- Participates in recovery teams for the Northern goshawk and Marbled murrelets, which are a federally recognized endangered species.

Planning & Liaison Department

- Liaison between the CHN and the tenure holder of TFL 39.
- Organizes the CMT and archaeological surveys as agreed to by the CHN and the tenure holder.
- Provides reports and information on planning and liaison activities to the CHN and HTS.
- Receives all referrals, reviews all plans and planned cut-blocks to facilitate information sharing between Western Forest Products, Ministry of Forests, and Haida information sharing.

Referral & Legal Liaison Department

- Drafts technical responses for the CHN Forestry Committee chair, and tracks all referrals for proposed land-based development/decommissioning on Haida Gwaii, which includes, but is not limited to, logging and proposed highways networks.
- Tracks new legislation such as the changes from the Forest Practices Code to the new Forest and Range Practices Act.

6.2 HAIDA FISHERIES PROGRAM

SKIDEGATE

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The Haida Fisheries Program has two offices - one in Skidegate and one in Old Massett. Its mandate is to take a lead role in the development of fisheries policy and management affecting Haida Gwaii, consider all fisheries and marine issues, and provide advice to the Council of the Haida Nation about political or other actions. The Program assesses and reviews all commercial and recreational fisheries including annual and long-term management plans, policies and regulations of federal and provincial governments, inclusive of environmental and habitat protection. It also assesses resource development plans affecting fisheries resources and freshwater and marine environments. A priority for the Haida Fisheries Program and the CHN Fisheries Committee is the protection of the Aboriginal rights and title of Haida people, particularly related to fisheries and marine resources.

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Projects and Initiatives of the Haida Fisheries Program

- Pallant Creek Hatchery
- Haida Fisheries Guardians – monitoring, assessment and enforcement work.
- Abalone Stewardship Project – monitoring of abalone stocks.
- Integrated Marine Use Plan (IMUP) – The Marine Use Plan is under development. Russ Jones, Technical Director for the Haida Fisheries Program is the MUP Project Manager; Cathy Rigg is the IMUP Socio-Economic Planner; and Lynn Lee the IMUP Biologist Planner.
- Fisheries Consulting – environmental monitoring; stream classification; and herring-stock assessment charters.
- Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy Projects

Salmon

- Sockeye Smolt Sampling
- Traditional River Fishery Monitoring
- Copper River Counting Fence
- Escapement Monitoring
- Yakoun River Counting Fence
- Ain River Sockeye Rebuilding
- Pallant Creek Salmon Hatchery Operations and Monitoring
- Coho Area Under the Curve (AUC) Spawner Estimates
- Recreational Fishery Monitoring
 - i. Watchman Program (Includes Naden & Kiis Gwaii Creel Surveys)
 - ii. Skidegate & Massett Inlet Creel surveys
- Commercial Fishery Monitoring (Guardians)
- Stream Habitat Monitoring

Herring

- K'aaw (spawn-on-kelp) Fishery Monitoring
- Herring Spawn Surveys and Overflights
- Herring Fishery Management (Guardians)

Shellfish

- Razor Clam Population Assessment
- Razor Clam Commercial Fishery Monitoring
- North Beach Creel Survey (Recreational Crab and Razor Clam Fisheries)
- Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP) Sampling
- Red Sea Urchin Population Assessment
- Abalone Stewardship and Population Assessments
- Geoduck Clam Population Survey
- Shellfish Fishery Management

Haida Fisheries Guardians

- Fisheries and Habitat Monitoring
- Joint patrols with DFO Fisheries Officers

Integrated Marine Use Planning

- Development of a Haida Gwaii Marine Use Plan
- Collaborative Marine Use Planning with other Coastal First Nations on the North and Central Coasts and with government agencies
- Haida Marine Traditional Knowledge Study
- Mapping of Coastal and Marine Uses and Values for Haida Gwaii Waters

Fisheries Consulting

- Environmental Monitoring
- Stream Classification
- Herring Stock Assessment

6.4 COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

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This program focuses on expanding CHN communications with Haida people and the Islands' community through publishing the Haida Laas newsletter, journal and website.

6.5 HAIDA GWAII STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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- Joint Management Team - Bill Beldessi, Sonia Rice
- Joint Technical Team - Tyler Bellis, Nick Reynolds
- Protected Area Team - Marguerite Forest, Owen Jones
- Licensee Team - Tyler Bellis, Percy Crosby

7 CHN COMMITTEES

7.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - April Davis, 559-4468.

This committee conducts the affairs of the CHN between regular sittings and is accountable to the full council. It also makes recommendations to the CHN quarterly meetings. The executive committee consists of the CHN president, vice-president, one regional representative from Skidegate, and one from Massett.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
President	Guujaaw	
Vice President	Arnie Bellis	
Masset Region	Lawrence Jones	Beryl Parke
Skidegate Region	Cindy Boyko	Captain Gold

The following committees make recommendations to the executive committee and operate under House of Assembly policies. The CHN president and vice-president are ex-officio members of the committees and have divided the work into portfolios, half of which each the president and vice-president hold.

7.2 FORESTRY COMMITTEE - *Marlene Liddle, 626-6058*

This committee reviews reports on activity in the forests and makes recommendations to the executive committee on what actions to take. It also sets priorities for the Haida Heritage and Forest Guardians.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
President	Guujaaw	
Chair	Captain Gold	
Masset Region	Lawrence Jones	Lois Helmer-Rullin
Skidegate Region	Beryl Parke	David Crosby
OMVC	Harold Yeltatzie	Barney Edgars
SBC	Ed Russ	James Cowpar

7.3 FISHERIES COMMITTEE - *Irene Bruce, 559-8945*

This committee deals with political issues such as sports fishing, the quota system for salmon allocations, razor clams, the communal license issues and responding to DFO fisheries policies. The committee's role is to make recommendations to the CHN.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Portfolio	Arnie Bellis	
Chair	Ron Williams	Lois Helmer-Rullin
Co-chair	Robert Davis	David Crosby
	Lawrence Jones	
OMVC	Terry Hamilton	Edward Davis
SBC	Ed Russ	Godfrey Williams, James Cowpar

7.4 HAIDA MARINE WORK GROUP

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
CHN	Guujaaw	Captain Gold
	Ron Williams	Robert Davis
Chiefs	Reynold Russ	Allan Wilson
SBC	Ed Russ	
OMVC	Harold Yeltatzie	Barney Edgars
Haida public	Melinda Pick	
	Judson Brown	

7.5 LANDS AND WATER COMMITTEE - *Kevin Brown, 626-5252*

This committee monitors land-leasing activity, reviews proposals and makes recommendations to the executive committee regarding permit applications for doing business on the Islands, ie: alternative energy, mining, oil and gas. It also monitors foreshore applications and reviews land use planning recommendations.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Robert Davis	Cynthia Samuels
	Beryl Parke	Lois Helmer-Rullin
	Vince Collison	

7.6 POLICY COMMITTEE - *May Russ, 626-5252*

This committee considers, evaluates and determines the potential impact of policy issues that are identified or brought to its attention.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Cynthia Samuels	Beryl Parke
	Cindy Boyko	
	Vince Collison	Lois Helmer-Rullin

7.7 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE - *Simon Davies, 559-8755*

This committee focuses on enhancing and expanding CHN communications with the people of the Haida and Islands' communities.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Cindy Boyko Vince Collison Cynthia Samuels	Beryle Parke Lawrence Jones

7.8 ARCHAEOLOGY/HERITAGE COMMITTEE - *Elizabeth Bulbrook, 626-6058*

The Archaeology/Heritage committee studies and makes recommendations to the CHN on all archeological sites and ancestral remains as they are unearthed by natural forces or by industrial/commercial activities on Haida Gwaii. It also reviews reports on areas of the forest in which culturally modified trees (CMT's) are found. Much of the information the committee works with will be used as evidence in the Title Case. The committee meets the third Tuesday of every month.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Captain Gold Robert Davis Lawrence Jones	Vince Collison Lois Helmer-Rullin

7.9 FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE - *April Davis, 559-4468*

This committee works on raising funds for important but underfunded CHN programs and projects. Fundraising is a ongoing and creative individuals are encouraged to join this committee!

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Beryl Parke Lois Helmer-Rullin	

7.10 TRI-COUNCIL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE - *April Davis, 559-4468*

This committee is creating an economic development plan for the Haida Nation. It is also a coordinating body, which reviews and makes recommendations on business proposals and plans submitted to the CHN. Chairing of the meetings rotates.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
	Arnie Bellis Frank Parnell	

SBC
OMVC

7.11 HAIDA GWAII CULTURAL WOOD ADVISORY BOARD - *Percy Crosby, 557-6835*

The members of the advisory board review applications for cultural wood permits and make recommendations on issuing permits.

Position	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chiefs	Captain Gold Reynold Russ Lonnie Young	
OMVC	Harold Yeltatzie	
SBC	James Cowpar	Ed Russ

7.12 HAIDA NEGOTIATION TEAM - April Davis, 559-4468

The Haida Negotiation Team makes recommendations to the CHN, the All Leaders Process, and House of Assembly. It takes steps to regain Haida authority over Haida Gwaii and surrounding waters through negotiations with Provincial and Federal governments, and focuses on topics such as lands, forests, offshore issues and economics. The Team is directed by the CHN, the All Leaders Process, and the House of Assembly.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
CHN	Guujaaw Arnie Bellis	
Chiefs	Reynold Russ Lonnie Young	Allan Wilson
OMVC	Barney Edgars	Harold Yeltatzie
SBC	Ed Russ	

7.13 LITIGATION TEAM - April Davis, 559-4468

This Team oversees the Title Case and develops strategic approaches.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
CHN	Guujaaw Arnie Bellis Cindy Boyko Lawrence Jones	
Chiefs	Reynold Russ Lonnie Young	Allan Wilson
OMVC	Harold Yeltatzie	
SBC	Ed Russ	
Counsel	Terri-Lynn Williams Davidson	

The Mapping and Creative Teams are sub-committees of the Litigation Team.

MAPPING TEAM - April Davis, 559-4468

This Team is a sub-committee of the litigation team. As directed by the litigation team it develops maps in support of the title case.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
	Captain Gold Marguerite Forest John Broadhed	

CREATIVE TEAM - April Davis, 559-4468

This team is also a sub-committee of the litigation team. It recommends to the CHN ways to build cases which include conveying to the courts our stories, art and history.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
	Captain Gold Michael Nicoll Robert Davidson April Churchill Pansy Collison Vince Collison Terri-Lynn Williams Davidson	

7.14 HAIDA POWER AUTHORITY BOARD - 626-5252

The Haida Power Authority Board is a regulatory board looking at options for replacing diesel power generation on Haida Gwaii.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Melinda Pick	
CHN	Beryl Parke	
SBC	Ed Russ	
OMVC	Harold Yeltatzie	
Haida business	Kathy Pearson	
	Ken Brillon	

7.15 HAIDA RESTORITIVE JUSTICE WORKING GROUP - 626-5252

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
	Beryl Parke	
	Elizabeth Moore	
	Allan Wilson	

7.16 TOURISM - 626-5252

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
	Arnie Bellis	
	Wilson Brown	
	Lois Helmer-Rullin	

8 HAIDA TRIBAL SOCIETY BOARDS & COMMITTEES

8.1 HAIDA TRIBAL SOCIETY - May Russ, 626-5252

The Haida Tribal Society (HTS) provides a corporate vehicle for receiving and administering funds on behalf of the Council of the Haida Nation. The HTS board of directors oversees the administration as a whole; this involves the management of all HTS staff, managing the financial and legal affairs of the society, and developing policy and procedures for providing services. The board also assists the CHN in the delivery of its mandate by providing administrative and technical support, financial planning and monitoring and preparation of all CHN meetings. The members of the HTS board of directors:

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Cynthia Samuels	
CHN	Cindy Boyko	
	Robert Davis	
	Arnie Bellis	
	Captain Gold	
	Frank Parnell	
	Beryl Parke	
Chiefs	Allan Wilson	
OMVC	Harold Yeltatzie	Terry Hamilton
SBC	Ed Russ	James Cowpar

8.2 HAIDA TRIBAL SOCIETY FISHERIES COMMITTEE - Pat Fairweather, 559-8945

This committee provides the administrative function of making recommendations, to the HTS board regarding the allocation of the boats and licenses received under the Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy Agreement.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
	Ed Russ	
	Harold Yeltatzie	
	Ron Williams	

9 CHN APPOINTMENTS

9.1 GWAI HAANAS ARCHIPELAGO MANAGEMENT BOARD

The AMB develops policies and makes decisions regarding Gwaii Hanaas. Gwaii Haanas is co-managed by the Council of the Haida Nation and the government of Canada (Parks Canada) through the Archipelago Management Board. The CHN representatives on the board are Cindy Boyko and Captain Gold.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
CHN	Cindy Boyko Captain Gold	

9.2 GWAI TRUST SOCIETY BOARD

The Gwaii Trust is an Islands' trust fund. A large portion of the interest earned from investment of the trust is disbursed to the people of Haida Gwaii through a variety of Gwaii Trust programs. The current Haida members are:

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Ken Rae David Crosby Lawrence Jones Barney Edgars Rose Russ	Cynthia Samuels Cindy Boyko David Smith James Cowpar

9.3 GWAI FOREST SOCIETY

The Gwaii Forest Society was founded to contribute to the long-term sustainability of forest resources on Haida Gwaii and to support community stability through adjustment to changes in the forest economy. A nine member board of directors is responsible for the overall policies and practices of the Gwaii Forest Society.

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
Chair	Irene Mills Beryl Parke Ron Williams Ed Russ Harold Yeltatzie	Remi Levesque Terry Hamilton

9.4 FIRST PEOPLES' CULTURAL FOUNDATION

The First Peoples' Cultural Foundation is dedicated to the preservation of aboriginal language, culture and heritage in BC. The foundation works with its sister organization, the First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council to ensure fair and equal access to all funds raised and to all programs available. Tamara Davidson has been appointed to the board by the CHN.

9.5 NAIKOOK PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Naikoon Park was designated as a provincial park in 1973. The Naikoon Park Advisory Board makes management decisions regarding the Park. Captain Gold is the CHN representative on the advisory board.

9.6 COASTAL FIRST NATIONS/TURNING POINT

The Board Members of the Coastal First Nations of the North Pacific Coast work towards creating an ecologically and economically sustainable coast. Guujaaw is president of Coastal First Nations and Arnie Bellis is appointed to the board by CHN.

9.7 FIRST NATIONS SUMMIT

The Summit is the forum in which First Nations of BC come together to address issues associated with treaty negotiations and other topics of common concern. Arnie Bellis is the CHN representative at the First Nations Summit meetings.

9.8 NAIKUN WIND FARM ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

POSITION	APPOINTMENT	ALTERNATE
	Beryl Parke	Frank Parnell David Crosby

10 APPOINTED LIAISONS

The CHN appoints representatives to liaise with health, education, culture, language, and tourism programs of other organizations. These people also provide CHN political leverage as needed.

The representatives are:

Education - Pansy Collison; Alternate, Ron Williams

Health and Social - Ron Williams

Haida Child and Family Services Board - Ron Williams, Alternate, Robert Davis

Haida Education Council - Ron Williams

Culture/Language - Captain Gold, Alternates Vince Collison and Lois Helmer-Rullin



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Unity in valuing the wisdom of our elders,
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The UNITY BOOK was made in 2001 and presented to the public at the feast following the Unity Rally held at the Ministry of Forests building in Queen Charlotte.

The text, circled by hands, spells out seven assertions of unity — what Haida Gwaii means to people living on the Islands and the relationship that people who sign the book wish to support.

The book was recently shown at the Land Use Planning luncheon in Skidegate, 2008 where more signatures were gathered.

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