

# HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS

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## Report of Executive Council on Appointment of Auditor

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**For consideration at the session of the  
Huu-ay-aht First Nations People's Assembly  
on November 21, 2015**

Prepared by: Melinda Skeels, Legal Counsel  
on behalf of Executive Council

Date: November 2, 2015



## **BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to section 34 of *Financial Administration Act*, an auditor must be appointed by the People's Assembly each fiscal year.

Meyers Norris & Penny ("MNP") was appointed by the People's Assembly for the period of April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015.

## **DISCUSSION**

Executive Council did not identify the person it intends to nominate as auditor in time to give public notice of intention to nominate that person in compliance with the *Financial Administration Act*, s. 36(2).

Councillor Connie Waddell, Chair of the Finance Committee, is nominating MNP to be re-appointed as auditor pursuant to the *Financial Administration Act*, s. 36(3)(b).

Executive Council will be considering whether to recommend MNP for appointment as auditor at its November 12, 2015 meeting and an update will be provided with respect to the outcome of that meeting prior to this matter being voted on at the People's Assembly.

## **OPTIONS & IMPLICATIONS**

The People's Assembly may choose to re-appoint or not re-appoint MNP as auditor. If the People's Assembly does not appoint MNP, Executive Council will need to fill the position within 45 days.





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# WRITTEN MOTION of the PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

(Government Act, s. 86)

For ease of reference, this motion may be referred to as:

## Motion Regarding Appointment of Auditor - 2015

### Whereas:

- a) Pursuant to section 34 of the *Financial Administration Act*, HFNA 7/2011 the People's Assembly must appoint an auditor at the first session of the People's Assembly for each fiscal year;
- b) The appointed auditor must qualify for the position pursuant to section 35 of the *Financial Administration Act*;
- c) Executive Council has not approved a person to nominate for the position of auditor in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act*, s. 36(2); and
- d) Connie Waddell has nominated MNP to be appointed as auditor in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act*, s. 36(3)(b).

**Be it resolved that**, in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act*, s. 34, the People's Assembly hereby appoints Myers, Norris & Penny (MNP) as auditor for the period of April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016.

### Appendices attached to Motion:

Written report prepared by Melinda Skeels, legal counsel, on behalf of Executive Council.

The following documents:

Written confirmation from Councillor Waddell that MNP is qualified to be an auditor and prepared to accept the appointment.

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: November 21, 2015

DATE OF PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

### Administrative Requirements