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### **Port Advisory Nominating Committee's Users' Class, with approval of Federal Minister of Transport, appoints Jeffrey (Jeff) Cook to Port Alberni Port Authority Board of Directors**

**PORT ALBERNI** – The Port Alberni Port Authority (PAPA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeff Cook by the Port Advisory Nominating Committee's Users' Class, with approval of the Federal Minister of Transport, to its Board of Directors. This appointment of a three-year term takes effect September 9, 2018. Mr. Cook replaces Director, Gillian Trumper, whose term will expire on that date.

Mr. Cook is very well-known in Port Alberni and throughout the region for his work on behalf of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and as a volunteer for many community groups. Some highlights of Mr. Cook's success and community involvement includes:

- Elected Chief Councillor of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations (2011-2015)
- Creating a positive working relationship and development of a Protocol Agreement between the Huu-ay-aht First Nations and PAPA to collaborate on the development of the proposed Port Alberni Transshipment Hub (PATH)
- Negotiating an agreement with Steelhead LNG to explore an LNG plant and shipping port within Huu-ay-aht First Nations' Treaty Settlement Lands
- Recording Secretary, Port Alberni Toy Run Society
- Director, Alberni Community Women's Society

The Port Alberni Port Authority already has a great relationship with Mr. Cook through its engagement with the Huu-ay-aht First Nations. As a forward thinking and open minded Aboriginal person, Jeff brings a great deal of relevant positive, relationship-building and business experience that will help the Port fulfill its mandate and achieve its goals. In particular, Mr. Cook will be a tremendous asset as the Port Authority continues to pursue its priority goals of developing a marine services cluster in the community and development of PATH.

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