

# Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Best Western Barclay Hotel

Port Alberni

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

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**Chair:** Chaa-maa-taa Kevin Mack

**Guests:** John Nelson, RHN accountants; Noah Plonka, Manager of Business Operations

People's Assembly convened 12:00 p.m.

Agenda adopted by consensus

Approved June 22, 2019 meetings minutes by consensus

Kevin requested a moment of silence for the Morgan/Mack family

**12:00 p.m. - Lunch Break**

## 1) Audited Financial Statements

John Nelson

- a) John reviewed the function of the auditors
  - i) The auditor's responsibility is to express an independent, objective opinion on the financial statements of a company.
- b) Declared that Toquaht is in a positive financial position
- c) Went thru the Notes to the financial statements
  - i) These Notes provide some detail on the various sections of the audit

## 2) Manager of Business Operations

Noah

- a) A new vessel was purchased through PICFI funding for Barkley Sound Shellfish harvesting
  - i) Tours of the vessel are available on request
- b) Still awaiting results of the Geoduck Farm Licence application
- c) The sawmill has been in use periodically over the year for Nation use
- d) The campground provided 2 full-time and 4 part-time jobs over the season
- e) The breakwater was recently installed at the newly opened marina
- f) The current Cut Control Period (CCP) for the forest licence is almost maxed out so cutting trees will slow down until the new CCP is negotiated
- g) The dryland sort will continue to be utilized by out side contracts over the rest of the cut control period

## Department Updates

45 min

- a) Lands, Public Works & Resources                      David, Dennis, Marina, Brett
  - i) The PW staff will be undergoing several training opportunities over the next few months

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- ii) Exterior infrastructure assessments are planned for the Fall or Winter
  - iii) There will be a 2.5% rent increase on January 1, 2020 for Toquaht rental units
  - iv) FYI, duplexes are located on Mukwaqis Crescent not Tiickin Drive
  - v) Searching for funding opportunities for a Guardian program
  - vi) Dennis and Naomi can do up harvest cards, check your expiry date
  - vii) 4 commercial clam licences are available
  - viii) Chenatha River restoration still underway
  - ix) Domestic Fish Distribution
  - x) Looking for Feedback on what species you want and how you want them prepared for future distributions
- b) Ec Dev & Capital Projects** Rick
- i) Marina and Secret Beach Services Design
    - (1) The new marina is continually being improved
      - (a) While the old marina is set to be dismantled over the Fall/Winter
    - (2) The current water and waste water treatment plants have the capacity to service the marina and Secret Beach once it is built out
  - ii) Macoah Community Building
    - (1) A building is being designed to be placed at the Old Mill Site Field to act as a community gathering space with:
      - (a) office space for Community Services, a telehealth room, and an outdoor kitchen with the aim for a summer of 2020 opening
- c) Community Services** Naomi
- i) Please apply for school supplies dollars if you haven't yet
  - ii) Don't forget to get your children's report cards to the office after each semester
  - iii) Our health coverage is now administered by Pacific Blue Cross
    - (1) Learn more at [www.fnha.ca](http://www.fnha.ca)
  - iv) Gardening Workshop at the Community Garden in October, more to come in spring
- d) Director of Operations**
- i) Presented the new Council members—Kirsten Johnsen, Naomi Mack, Noah Plonka

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ii) The Maa-nulth Nations have been negotiating our new Fiscal Agreement over the last few years and finally came to an initial agreement to get us through this fiscal year

(1) The expectation is to continue to negotiate around a couple of key issues

(a) Language, culture, health, & education to name a few

iii) There are a few committees up for re-appointment with the new Council term

(1) Check out the website for an application form

<http://www.toquaht.ca/committees/>

iv) We are starting to prepare our budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year

### 3) Draw for Artwork

a) Winner is Randal Mack Sr.

Next People's Assembly Saturday December 7, 2019

- Location Barclay Best Western in Port Alberni

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen

Law Clerk *Kirsten Johnsen*

Date 2025-03-27