

# Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday December 7th, 2019

Best Western Barclay Hotel

Port Alberni

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

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**Chair:** Anne Mack

**Guests:** Quu'asa; Noah Plonka, Manager of Business Operations

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

Agenda adopted by consensus

Approved September 21, 2019 meetings minutes by consensus

**12:00 p.m. – Christmas Luncheon**

**1) Quu'asa**

- a) Quu'asa uses traditional cultural and spiritual practices to support and promote mental and emotional healing for former Residential School survivors and their families.
- b) The program offers individual and family counselling, community healing gatherings and resource information.
- c) For more information or to access Quu'asa services please contact:
  - i) Ina Dick  
Quu'asa Receptionist  
ina.dick@nuuchahnulth.org  
Office: (250) 724-3939  
Toll-Free: 1-888-624-3939

**2) Manager of Business Operations**

Noah

- a) Toquaht Developments
  - i) Mill site cleanup of debris and unusable timber.
  - ii) 200m<sup>3</sup> in stock from TE15. Majority red cedar for community projects.
  - iii) Lumber delivered to Ucluelet to renovate Toquaht Office.
- b) Toquaht Industries
  - i) Currently active with lessee, the Sans Group. Sort will be actively processing 30,000m<sup>3</sup>. Additional timber may arrive in the new year.
  - ii) Seeking additional users for 2020. Consulted with Stone Croft engineering to provide options on land and water use and survey work was done to scope out how the site can be expanded in the future.
- c) Toquaht Forestry
  - i) Not active in 2019 due to poor markets and high stumpage. TFLP has many cut blocks ready to advertise but will not harvest until rates level out. TFLP has approximately 25000 m<sup>3</sup> which may be harvested in 2020 if markets turn around.

- ii) Engineering and some tree planting have occurred in 2019 and will continue to plan for upcoming Forest Stewardship Plan in 2021. Inventory of forest license continues and looking at ways to enhance our forest productivity by working with other users in the area.

**d) Toquaht Marina and Campground**

- i) Marketing the campground has started for 2020 (Times Colonist, Back road map books, chamber of commerce, and Indigenous coast BC grant) Zen Seekers.
- ii) New reservation system and web site program almost complete. Will be active Jan 2020. 'Lets Camp" Program will allow customers to book online with a visual booking system for campsites, marina, parking and launching.
- iii) New gates installed at Marina and Campground for the shoulder seasons
- iv) Putting together a Trail System proposal to expand our visitor experience at the campground. The proposal includes maps and trail options for different user groups of all ages and abilities, a pump track in the campground and options to create trails connecting surrounding communities and businesses.  
**(1)** This will require discussions and approvals from appropriate organizations.

**e) Barkley Sounds Shellfish**

- i) Regular maintenance of sites ongoing with floatation and inspections bi-weekly.
- ii) New vessel, Focal Raider, is now home at Toquaht Marina and Campground.  
**(1)** 46ft landing craft capable of 15,000lbs of cargo. The vessel will increase harvestability. Can now set anchors, pack additional payloads, and open doors to additional work within Barkley Sound.
- iii) Researching other species and markets to farm, such as kelp products. Site testing will need to occur to determine if feasible

**3) Department Updates**

**a) Lands, Public Works & Resources**

David, Dennis, Marina

- i) Public Works Technicians have been working hard and doing a great job operating the Water and Wastewater Treatment systems, and providing other services to Macoah residents like garbage and recycling pick up
- ii) Wastewater Operator training in Chilliwack
- iii) Spring clean up – public works crew will begin clearing up the brush and doing landscaping around the village

- iv) Crew will be working around septic tanks in coming months
  - v) This year will be working on an asset Management Planning, which will fine tune the Operation and maintenance of all Nation owned infrastructure and ensure that we save money for unexpected repair and replacement of infrastructure as it ages
  - vi) Any questions or concerns contact Lands, Public Works and Resources Department
  - vii) Brett Freake, Manager of Housing and Infrastructure, has moved on from Toquaht
  - viii) Rental housing is currently at full capacity, apply online at [www.toquaht.ca/housing](http://www.toquaht.ca/housing)
  - ix) Thank-you to all who filled out the survey on Domestic Harvest Distribution
- b) Ec Dev & Capital Projects** Rick
- i) Marina and Secret Beach
    - (1) Engineering and detailed design for sewer and water underway
  - 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:
    - (2) office space for Community Services, a telehealth room, and an outdoor kitchen with the aim for a summer/fall 2020 opening
  - iii) Coastal Adaptation Project
    - (1) Assessment is complete and working on ways to mitigate disasters
- c) Community Services** Lisa
- 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) The Youth Recreation Fund policy is being updated to make it more user friendly
  - iv) Make sure to get all your documentation in by January 31<sup>st</sup> if you are applying for Post-Secondary funding (see website for more information)
  - v) Telehealth is available at Macoah, contact Lisa or Noreen for more information
  - vi) We have enjoyed increased visitation from the NTC Health care workers in 2019
  - vii) FNHA has approved and will accept reimbursement request for Shingles vaccine for clients age- 65-69.
  - viii) Pacific Blue Cross cell phone app, create a pacific blue cross member profile and claim online at [www.pac.bluecross.ca/fnhaclient](http://www.pac.bluecross.ca/fnhaclient) you will be able to view all of your dental

vision and medical supplies and equipment benefits and see how much you can claim for each benefit.

- ix) Stay tuned for Community Services programs in the new year
- x) All 7 Fire Stations at Macoah are now active and there will be regular fire and emergency drills in new year
- xi) We are starting to prepare our budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year

**3) Draws for door prizes throughout the day**

Next People's Assembly Saturday March 21, 2020

- Location Ucluelet

**Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen

**Law Clerk** *Kirsten Johnsen*

**Date** 2025-03-27