

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday December 5th, 2020

Virtual Video Conference

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anne Mack

People's Assembly convened 1:00 p.m.

Agenda adopted (moved by Noreen Frank, 2nd by Rodney Mack)

Approved December 7, 2019 meetings minutes (moved by Cecil Mack, 2nd by Carlos Mack)

1) Welcome by taayii ḥa?wii Anne Mack

2) Introduction by chaa-maa-taa Kevin Mack

a) Department Updates

i) Finance - Audit overview by John Nelson, Accountant RHN

(1) John reviewed the function of the auditors

(a) 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

ii) Economic Development & Capital Projects – Rick Shafer

(1) Update on new docks and breakwater

(a) Due to a backlog at the galvanizing shop on the mainland, the installation of the second leg of the breakwater was delayed until mid-November

(b) The second “leg” of the breakwater was installed the week of Nov 23.

(c) The efficiency of this new system will be monitored over the winter to determine if any adjustments are required.

(2) Update on the proposed commercial dock and ramp

(a) Funding opportunity through the Indigenous Marine Serving Initiative (IMSI) to build a “Commercial Shellfish Dock” at the Secret Beach marina.

(b) Developed a short Business Plan, conceptual designs, and a detailed funding application

(3) New Community Building at Macoah

(a) Making good headway with the community building

(b) Wall and roof should be a lock up stage by Christmas break

(c) The plumbing, mechanical and electrical installs will start in early January

(4) Discussed potential resort at campground next to the marina

(a) The Secret Beach Business Plan was updated to include a resort as an anchor tenant

- iii) Lands, Public Works & Resources – David Johnsen
 - (1) Watershed Restoration partnership with Central Westcoast Forest Society
 - (a) To develop a comprehensive restoration plan for all Toquaht watersheds
 - (2) Fish Distribution
 - (a) Were able to provide deliveries of fish during the summer safely and will continue into new year
 - (3) We are working on funding applications to develop a Guardian Program
 - (a) The purpose of a guardian program is to have a presence on the land, and waters, and also a technical ability to gather data
 - (4) Reminder that we have 4 duplexes (so 8 units) and 2 houses in our rental pool at Macoah
 - (a) If you are interested in being put on the rental pool list contact David for more information
- iv) Community Services – Lisa Morgan
 - (1) We are still able to provide supports for K-12 students as well as citizens at large
 - (a) Contact Lisa or Naomi re: Youth Recreation Fund, Good Grades Initiative, School Supply Fund, Jordan’s Principle, Citizen Unforeseen Hardship Grant, Elder Support Grant, Enhanced Social Assistance
 - (2) Deadline to apply for Post-Secondary is January 31st, 2021
 - (3) Harm Reduction Program
 - (a) New Harm Reduction Coordinator Becki Nookemis supports all NTC Nations and can offer services such as harm reduction, prevention and addictions awareness, naloxone training, overdose prevention and activities and training to support wellness and healing.
 - (b) There are two outreach workers in Port Alberni who can assist Citizens with driving to and from medical appointments, prescription pick-up and to treatment centers. For more information, contact Becki at 250-724-3939
- v) Director of Operations – Angela Polifroni
 - (1) Our treaty Loan has been forgiven so we will be reimbursed over a 5-year period for our past payments and we also have an agreement with BC Gaming for a small share of BC gaming revenue
 - (a) These two pots of money are being used to cover the loan payments for our latest land purchase
 - (i) The lands above Macoah and along the Maggie River were purchased earlier this year and are now in our TSL. Very exciting!

(2) Toquaht has been in a State of Emergency since late March in keeping with the provincial COVID-19 Orders

(a) Macoah is back to residents only from a bit of a loosening during the summer months to allow family of residents

(b) This will likely stay for the foreseeable future

(c) We are providing citizens with a \$300 COVID-19 relief on top of the \$200 Christmas bonus Council approved earlier this year in the budget

3) Draw for Grand Prize

Winner is Leah Mack

The next People's Assembly was voted on and it is Saturday, March 27th, 2021 (Moved by Leah Mack, 2nd by Noreen Frank)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen

Chairperson *Anne Mack*

Law Clerk *Kirsten Johnson*

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