

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday June 26th, 2021

Virtual Video Conference

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anne Mack

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

Agenda adopted approved by consensus

Approved March 27, 2021 meetings minutes approved by consensus

Welcome by taayii ḥa?wii Anne Mack

- Anne welcomed everyone and acknowledged the losses Toquaht has endured over the last few months. She emphasized her desire to meet in person again when it is safe again.
- Tim Sutherland performed a cleansing ts'qaa (spiritual song).

First Door Prize winner

Noreen Frank

1) Intro on Progress of the Strategic Plan

Angela Polifroni

Vision

Toquaht envisions a healthy community where our masčim have the opportunity to meet their social, spiritual, and economic needs.

Mission

Toquaht supports our masčim to thrive by being innovative and providing high quality programs and services within a fair, transparent, accountable, and sustainable governance system

- Thoughtful approach is the way to go forward with our priorities and goals
- Additional human resources are being brought onto the team to help
- Engagement, input from citizens will help expedite certain projects

a) Capital Projects & Infrastructure

Rick Shafer

- i) Macoah Water Reservoir
- ii) New Government House (Design Only)-need to decide where to locate
- iii) Toquaht Gathering House- In development
- iv) Public Works Yard (Design Only)
- v) Community Building- coming along nicely
- vi) Old Marina- In negotiations for remediation still
- vii) Secret Beach Development- on-site infrastructure design 90% complete
- viii) Secret Beach Off-site Sewer, Waterline and Hydro- designed and shovel ready

b) Community Services

Lisa Morgan & Kathy Waddell

- i) COVID-19 had a huge impact on community services this past year
- ii) Developed a new Citizen Support Policy
- iii) Started a Wellness to Recovery group
- iv) Improving emergency preparedness for Macoah
- v) Applications for Post-Secondary January intake is September 4th, 2021
- vi) A new priority in our Strategic Plan is to Foster masčim and community well-being- a plan is being put into place to help achieve this, we will be seeking your input

c) Lands & Resources

David Johnsen

- i) We are improving access to traditional foods by increasing our domestic harvest
- ii) Herd of Elk- Łuunim -was translocated from Lake Cowichan area and transferred into Toquaht territory. This small population will eventually grow large enough to support a sustainable hunt and contribute to access to traditional foods.
(1) Toquaht Nation and Ucluelet First Nation are working together to monitor and steward the elk population
- iii) Guardian Program- Two new positions will participate in lands and ocean patrols, data collection, surveys such as oyster, clam, deer, elk. Food fish delivery, GIS mapping and many other tasks.

d) Administration & Governance

Angela Polifroni

- i) Undergoing an analysis of our current administration and future needs to come up with a sound plan going forward

2) Toquaht Citizen's Wills Program

Leah Mack

- a) The Toquaht Nation Citizens' Wills Program ("TCWP") is a new initiative that will assist all Toquaht Citizens and their spouses with legal support for drafting a will or for updating an existing will.
- b) With the exception of particularly complex wills and estate planning needs, the Program will provide funding for all Toquaht Citizens and partial funding for their spouses/common-law partners to draft or update their wills
- c) Toquaht Citizens and their spouses (including common-law partners) can access the Toquaht Nation Citizens' Wills Program by contacting:
Naomi Mack at naomim@toquaht.ca
250-726-4230

Second Door Prize Winner

Greta Picard

3) Update on Toquaht Business Operations

Noah Plonka

- a) Secret Beach Campground and Marina is set to open once the State of Emergency has been lifted. We were able to get a lot of construction done last year with the closure
- b) Barkley Sound Shellfish clam, oyster, scallop and kelp stocks have been happily growing
- c) Toquaht Forestry has been busy with engineering work for the next cut block period, logged sites have been re-planted with seedlings and salvage operations occurred
- d) The Dryland Sort has been kept active over the past year with some maintenance on the water site as well
- e) The Sawmill site has some new and some upgraded equipment and we are seeking a more suitable location to operate at. Most of the lumber it produces is used in projects at Macoah and Secret Beach

4) Question Period

- a) Request for a financial update for the Toquaht businesses
 - i) Noah agreed to provide a brief financial update at the next People's Assembly

Draw for Grand Prize (Two Person 72-Hour Emergency Kit)

- a) Rick Ayre

The next People's Assembly was voted on and it is Saturday, June 26th, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES

- Brittany Morgan
- Buck Goodman
- Rick Ayre
- Noreen Frank
- Greta Picard

STAFF & PRESENTERS

- Angela Polifroni
- David Johnsen
- Lisa Morgan
- Kathy Waddell
- Rick Shafer
- Leah Mack

COUNCIL

- Anne Mack
- Kevin Mack
- Kirsten Johnsen
- Naomi Mack
- Noah Plonka

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen

Law Clerk *Kirsten Johnsen*

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