

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday December 4TH, 2021

Virtual Video Conference

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anne Mack

Half Hour Chat & Mingle

People's Assembly convened 1:30 p.m.

Welcome by taayii ḥaʔwiił Anne Mack

- o Anne welcomed everyone and acknowledged the hard year we have had and introduced Tim Sutherland to provide a traditional chant

Agenda adopted (moved by Asma, seconded by David)

Approved September 25, 2021 meetings minutes approved (moved by Leah, seconded by Kirsten)

Presenters: Anne Mack, Angela Polifroni, Kathy Waddell, Lisa Morgan, Christy Soles-Black, Rick Shafer, David Johnsen, Noah Plonka

Council Members: Anne Mack, Kevin Mack, Kirsten Johnsen, Naomi Mack, Noah Plonka

Attendees: Leonard Mack, Asma Antoine, Dennis Hetu, Andrew Mack, Karen Mack, Greta Picard, Angela Mack, Colleen Mack, Brittany Morgan, Lily Morgan, Cecil Mack, Sheryl Tate, Leah Mack, Bernice Newnham, Gloria Webber

First Door Prize winner - Angela Mack

1) Intro on Progress of the Strategic Plan and Department updates

Angela Polifroni

Strategic Priorities

- Build Government & masčim Capacity
- Build Infrastructure
- Grow the Economy
- Foster masčim & Community Well-being

a) Community Services

Lisa Morgan, Kathy Waddell, Christy Soles-Black

- i) We have been designing a program that will support the needs that have been identified through the community engagement activities
- ii) Prevention-based programs for children, youth and families – making sure that families can meet their children's needs
- iii) We secured some external funding to start a pilot program in Child and Family Wellness
- iv) Initiatives in the new year: workshops, dance and drum practices, and land-based activities as well as language programing
- v) We know that the pandemic has been tough on people's mental health - please know that you are not alone
 - (1) We encourage you to reach out for help to the Community Services team to get connected to support
- vi) Community Engagement Survey monkey link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9KPT8L3>

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- (1) To sign up for an in person or virtual session instead: call 250-720-6640 or email kathywaddell71@gmail.com
 - vii) Introducing Christy Soles-Black, on contract to provide support for Education (both post-secondary and K-12) and Child and Family Services email her at cblack.embers@gmail.com or education@toquaht.ca
 - viii) More vaccine clinics will be occur in the new year
 - ix) More health practitioners to make visits out to Macoah
 - x) As always, don't forget to apply for school supplies and the good grades incentive
 - xi) We will continue providing cultural practices and the Comfort, Culture and Wellness group in the new year.

b) Lands & Resources

David Johnsen

- i) Domestic Harvest (aka Food Fish)
 - (1) Aim to catch more fish of different types and processing for delivery, such as getting different types of salmon smoked, and canned, smoked black cod, trading with other Nations for elk or deer
 - (2) Please ensure the TN office has your current phone number and address.
- ii) A herd of Elk- Łuunim -was translocated from Lake Cowichan area and transferred into Toquaht territory.
 - (1) Trail cameras have captured photos of them
- iii) Guardian Program-
 - (1) Two new positions - lands and ocean patrols, data collection, surveys such as oyster, clam, deer, elk. Food fish delivery, GIS mapping and many other tasks.
 - (a) Once funding is secured will be posting for the positions
- iv) Restoration Project in the Toquaht Estuary
 - (1) Working with Central West Coast Forest Society to work on a plan of rivers and streams in Toquaht territory
 - (2) Goal - assessments of each water system to see populations of salmon, and what work could potentially be done to improve the salmon habitat

Second Door Prize Winner – Andrew Mack

c) Capital Projects & Infrastructure

Rick Shafer

- i) Contract awarded to Bowerman Construction for the Secret Beach Off-Site Sewer and Water Works
 - (1) The work on this phase is expected to be completed by late spring 2022
- ii) Connected Coast - Bringing high-speed internet to rural and remote communities along the BC coastline, Haida Gwaii and Vancouver Island.
 - (1) Toquaht will receive connections at both Macoah and Secret Beach
 - (2) Installation will begin in 2022 and the system could be operational some time in 2023

iii) BC's Old Growth Logging Deferrals: Toquaht Nation's Response

- (1) Toquaht has proposed that they will complete the detailed review of the old growth remaining in the Toquaht Territory, develop a long-term management plan and then present that plan to BC

d) Administration & Governance

Angela Polifroni

i) Strategic Communications Plan

- (1) In the Develop Communications Strategy Phase and should be operational by end of March 2022

ii) We have been busy developing an Emergency Management Program

- (1) The new Plan was adopted by Council in October
(2) Recently signed on to partner with the district of Ucluelet for fire service support and will be receiving a fire pump truck

iii) Christmas distribution for citizens

- (1) In the wake of COVID, Executive authorized an increase similar to last year to a total of \$500
(2) A new system was put into place in order to be issued the distribution
(a) We now require everyone to fill out a Toquaht Nation Application for Distribution (found at <http://www.toquaht.ca/citizen-distributions/>)
(b) The deadline before the holidays is Wednesday Dec. 22nd.

iv) The office will be closed on Friday Dec. 24th thru to Monday Jan. 3rd for the Holidays

Third Door Prize Winner – Sheryl Tate

2) Toquaht Business Operations

Noah Plonka

a) Toquaht Forestry – TFLP, TELP, Barkley Community Forest

- i) Spent the final quarter actively planning and engineering the 2022-26 initiatives
ii) Did some small scale salvage work (shake & shingle block)
iii) Some road deactivation

b) Toquaht Industries

- i) Wrapping up contract with Probyn Logging and sort cleanup is currently underway
ii) Barkley Community Forest will be utilizing the sort in the new year

c) Toquaht Developments – sawmill

- i) Was moved from rock quarry at Macoah to temporary site near Secret beach for better access to fiber and adequate space for sorting (new site in new year)
ii) The mill produced materials for the current community building project, the new trail system and other small projects

d) Barkley Sound Shellfish

- i) Has not been a very productive year for harvesting due to the constant closure for psp (red tide)
ii) Still actively growing oysters, scallops and beach lease clams

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- iii) Sugar kelp and bull kelp trials will occur on a small scale to find an adequate site
 - e) Secret Beach Marina & Campground
 - i) We operated from July 20 to Sept 20,2021 but had a more customers camping, kayaking, and using the marina than previous years
 - ii) 3 new tent sites, which were very popular in 2021, at the kayak launch and plan to expand another 7 in 2022
 - iii) Vessel moorage year round now bringing additional customers to our facility
 - iv) New bike track and trails create recreational activities for all ages

Fourth Door Prize Winner – Colleen Mack

3) Question Period

- Q What do you want to see the new community building used for?
 - A A place to hold cultural events, cultural practices, crafting, food preservation, movie nights, meetings, fun/family events.

Draw for Grand Prize – Dennis Hetu

The next People’s Assembly was voted on and it is Saturday, March 19th, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen
Law Clerk <i>Kirsten Johnsen</i>
Date 2025-03-27