

# Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Virtual Video Conference

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

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**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 provided a prayer and opening address

Agenda adopted (moved by Kelly Johnsen, seconded by Colleen Mack)

Approved December 4, 2021 meetings minutes approved (moved by Kelly Johnsen, seconded by Kirsten Johnsen)

Presenters: Anne Mack, Angela Polifroni, Lisa Morgan, Rick Shafer, David Johnsen, Noah Plonka, Kevin Mack, Robyn Rea, Michelle Ellison (Ratcliff LLP)

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

Attendees: Leonard Mack, Colleen Mack, Sheryl Tate, Leslie Mack, Buck Goodman, Kelly Johnsen

**First Door Prize winner** - Colleen Mack

## **1) Introduction**

**Angela Polifroni, Director of Operations**

## **2) Presentation**

### **a) Settlement Agreement - Toquaht 1950 - 52 Logging Specific Claim      Michelle Ellison**

- i) In 2015 Canada offered to negotiate a settlement of the Logging on Former Macoah IR 1 and Deekyakus IR 2 (1950–1952) Specific Claim (the "Claim"). Canada agreed that DIA officials entered into agreements with Tidewater and Walters & Dickenson on behalf of Toquaht Nation which were not in the best interests of Toquaht Nation. On August 12, 2021 Canada offered to settle this Claim for \$5,000,000 inclusive of negotiation costs.
- ii) On September 29, 2021 the Executive passed a resolution agreeing to accept Canada's offer of \$5 million to settle this specific claim and directed Ratcliff to negotiate the detailed terms and conditions in the form of a settlement agreement.
- iii) Executive will approve the Agreement on March 23rd

**Second Door Prize winner** – Kelly Johnsen

## **3) Request for Decision**

### **a) Introduction from Kevin Mack, Finance Portfolio holder**

- i) Approval of the Toquaht Annual Budget Act 2022/2023      Robyn Rea, Director of Finance supported by department managers

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- (1) Robyn provided a high level overview of the budget numbers and each director gave an outline of the coming years activities and projects

**March 19, 2022 People's Assembly** **MOVED: Kelly Johnsen** **SECONDED: Lisa Morgan**  
THAT the People's Assembly recommend that Toquaht Council adopt the draft Toquaht Nation Government Annual Budget Act 2022-2023.

Motion Carried

#### 4) Request for Decision

- a) New Schedule for Providing Draft Budget

Angela Polifroni, DOO

**March 19, 2022 People's Assembly** **MOVED: Kelly Johnsen** **SECONDED: Kirsten Johnsen**  
Background

- A. Section 4.4 of the Financial Administration Act (TNS 6/2011) (FAA) requires that Council present the draft annual budget for a fiscal year before that fiscal year begins to the People's Assembly for review and comment by Toquaht citizens;
- B. Following a recommendation made by the People's Assembly on March 21, 2015, Council passed CM00257, ordering that the draft annual budget be provided to citizens at least one month prior to the People's Assembly it will be presented at, in order to provide citizens with more time to make informed recommendations;
- C. The Toquaht Administration has been unable to meet a one month timeline to provide the draft annual budget for various reasons, most notably that required bank statements cannot be received and incorporated in time in order to produce an accurate budget; and
- D. Council has respectfully requested that the People's Assembly withdraw their March 21, 2015 recommendation in order to enable Toquaht Administration to follow the FAA timeline and produce a more accurate draft annual budget for citizen review.

Now therefore the People's Assembly resolves as follows:

- 1. That the Recommendation to Council from March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 be withdrawn, thereby allowing Council to rescind CM00257 and reinstate the timeline for providing draft annual budgets to citizens as prescribed under section 4.4 of the FAA.

Motion Carried

#### 5) Announcements

- a) Upcoming events, deadlines, opportunities...

- i) Call for Artists! Toquaht Nation Government is looking for art created by Toquaht artists for our new community building.
- ii) What to include in your submission
  - (1) A photo or set of photos or sketch of proposed project
  - (2) Your name and short biography, including family ties to Toquaht Nation
  - (3) Title of your piece
  - (4) The story behind your piece (i.e., what it represents)
  - (5) the medium used (e.g., oil or watercolour if it is a painting, etc.)
  - (6) the dimensions of the piece
  - (7) the price
  - (8) timeline for completion (proposed projects)
  - (9) Send submissions to naomim@toquaht.ca by April 29, 2022 by 4:30pm

**6) Presentation**

- a) Update on Toquaht Businesses Noah Plonka, Manager of Business Operations
  - i) Noah presented on Toquaht Forestry Operations, Saw Mill, Fisheries Operations, Marina & Campground, and Hayu Fishing Corp

**Hayu door prize** Buck Goodman

**7) Question Period**

**Angela Polifroni, DOO**

- Q** Can Toquaht support citizens looking for grief counselling?  
**A** Absolutely, contact the community services department.
- Q** How long is the trail from Secret Beach?  
**A** 1.8km
- Q** Is it fully open yet?  
**A** Not quite, but will be soon.
- Q** What size are the new houses in the field going to be?  
**A** 1 story with 3-4 bedrooms

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen  
**Chairperson**  
**Law Clerk**  
**Date**

**Draw for Grand Prize – Leslie Mack**

The next People’s Assembly is Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**