



# Toquaht Nation

# Fall 2022 Newsletter

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## Council Members

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Kevin Mack  
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Naomi Mack  
Elected Member  
of Council

Kirsten Johnsen  
Elected Member  
of Council

Noah Plonka  
Elected Member  
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## Chief Anne's Message

I was thrilled to welcome you to the t'uk`waa?at̓iic hišimyit̓`ak, which translates to a Toquaht Gathering Place. This is the name of our new community building.

Our mas̓cim in a survey pre-Treaty (2011) prioritized their most significant need as having a place to gather. And now we have one! ʔataq̓š̓iḷmah̓ (thank you) for your guidance and support. Your vision has been strong, and we continue to work on our visions and goals as outlined in our 2021-2024 Toquaht Strategic Plan.

This is an exciting time for Toquaht, with so many projects and initiatives on the go. A few of those are highlighted in this newsletter. We look forward to reporting on our progress throughout the year and hope more of you can come home to see our development and growth first-hand.

Until then, please continue to take care of yourselves and each other. Čuuč.



## Upcoming Holidays and Office Closures

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Monday December 26, 2022  
Tuesday December 27, 2022  
Wednesday December 28, 2022  
Thursday December 29, 2022  
Friday December 30, 2022  
Monday, January 2, 2023  
Monday February 20, 2023  
Friday April 7, 2023  
Monday April 10, 2023  
Monday May 22, 2023

for Christmas Eve  
for Christmas Day  
for Boxing Day  
Office closed  
Office closed  
for New Year's Day  
BC Family Day  
Good Friday  
Easter Monday  
Victoria Day

### Other Events

Saturday, December 3, 2022

People's Assembly



## Map Unveiling



Tourism Ucluelet worked in partnership with Tourism Vancouver Island on a map at the Junction Visitor Centre, which will showcase all communities that make up this region of the West Coast (from Barkley Sound to Hot Springs Cove).

Tourism Ucluelet worked with each of the First Nations, including Toquaht, to get the correct spelling and locations included on the map. The official unveiling of the sign was on October 19, 2022.

In attendance were members of council Kirsten Johnsen and Naomi Mack, and Director of Lands, Public Works and Resources, David Johnsen.

## Christmas Distributions

Christmas citizen distributions will be paid on December 2nd.

**Citizens must send their application to Naomi (naomim@toquaht.ca) by November 18th to receive payment on December 2nd. Applications received after this will be processed the week following receipt and payments will continue to occur on Fridays throughout the winter.**

Citizens must submit an application, ensure their contact and banking information are correct, and complete the entire form.

Please do not submit an application on someone else's behalf. Minor children's distribution will go to the children's distribution bank account to be released on the child's 18th birthday.



Forms are available at <http://www.toquaht.ca/citizen-distributions/>, and can be sent via email (naomim@toquaht.ca) or fax (1-250-726-4403).

TNG prefers direct deposit, however, cheques can be issued by request.

## Announcement to Toquaht Citizens on Section 87 Tax Policy Change

Canada has made a significant change to federal Indigenous tax policy. On July 19, 2022, Canada announced that it will no longer require that the tax exemption under section 87 of the Indian Act be phased out on a set timeline as part of modern treaty arrangements.

As you know, Toquaht citizens became subject to sales taxes (GST and PST) in May 2019. Under the current terms of the Maa-nulth Final Agreement, status Indian Toquaht citizens living on former reserves or other First Nation reserves would also become subject to property tax starting in 2024. Status Indian Toquaht citizens whose income is sufficiently connected to a reserve and are therefore currently exempt from income tax would become subject to income tax starting in 2024 as well.

If implemented, the new section 87 policy that Canada has announced would change this. Instead of the set timelines for phasing out the section 87 exemption currently outlined in the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement, the section 87 exemption would continue to apply to status Indian Toquaht citizens on former reserves and other First Nation reserves until Toquaht Nation decided to take up its tax jurisdictions.

Where it applies, section 87 exempts status Indians from property tax and sales taxes on reserve and from income taxes where income is sufficiently connected to a reserve. This policy change would mean that section 87 would apply to status Indian Toquaht citizens as it currently applies to members of Indian bands under the Indian Act. It would not expand or alter how section 87 applies, other than to include former reserves along with existing reserves.

Although Canada has announced this policy change, it has not yet been implemented. To date, the law remains the same. Toquaht citizens must continue to pay any taxes they are currently required to pay. This includes any sales taxes incurred when purchasing goods or services, even when on reserve.

Toquaht Nation Government is working with Finance Canada to better understand how this policy change could impact the Maa-nulth First Nations Final Agreement and Toquaht citizens. We will also work with British Columbia to find out how it plans to address this policy change. We will be in constant communication with the other Maa-nulth First Nations as we navigate this new landscape. As we engage with Canada, British Columbia, and the other Maa-nulth First Nations, Toquaht Nation Government will advocate in the best interests of its citizens.

If Toquaht Nation chooses to implement this policy change, the implementation process will take time. Implementation may require treaty or legislative amendments, or both. We will continue to share more information on the section 87 policy change as it becomes available.



## Official Community Plan (OCP)

The OCP is a policy that guides how we steward, develop, and manage Toquaht Lands. It considers many things related to our lands: culture, housing, economic development, infrastructure, climate change issues like sea level rise, etc. It's also guided by our culture and values.

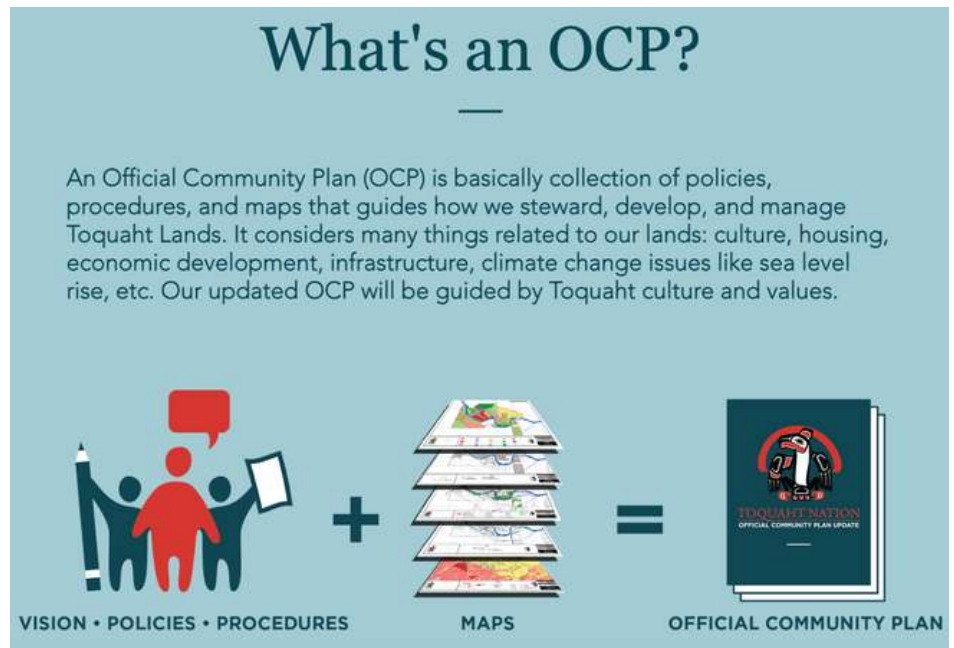
The OCP needs updating due to many reasons, including:

- Community growing
- Changing climate and economy
- New plans for community facilities, housing, and infrastructure
- Newly acquired lands

As such, we need a clear, detailed OCP to coordinate our work going forward.

There will be opportunities for Toquaht Nation citizens to participate throughout this process, which is ongoing currently until November 2023.

Learn more at <https://www.toquahtocp.ca/>.



This project began in August 2022 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.



## Community Services

### Call for Design of a Logo/Brand Identity

The West Coast Multiplex Society is seeking a graphics designer or artist to partner with for an exclusive use design.

See the below poster for more details.

Submit by November 30th to [info@westcoastmultiplex.org](mailto:info@westcoastmultiplex.org).

#### Call for **DESIGN** of a **LOGO/BRAND IDENTITY** for the future facility



**The West Coast Multiplex Society is seeking a graphics designer or artist to partner with for an exclusive use design.**

**SUBMIT:** Expression of interest, draft logo/sketch, and short write up.  
(The draft/sketch is not to be a finish product and is subject to changes.)

**RENUMERATION:** TBD based on level of partnership and scope of work beyond the logo.

**DEADLINE:** Submit by November 30<sup>th</sup> to [info@westcoastmultiplex.org](mailto:info@westcoastmultiplex.org)

**SPECIFICATIONS:** Must be within a circle or square shape & inspired by the Society's logo simplicity and connection to the west coast.

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**INSPIRATION:** Health, wellness, recreation, collaboration, essential, opportunity, family, community, resilient, diversity, gathering space, multi-use, arena, pool, partners.

The Society's objective is to develop a regional recreational facility to serve multi-generational families and to meet the growing needs of our 8 west coast communities. The future facility will support our growing communities by enhancing the lives of local citizens and home to diversity. Whether the nature of the activity is sports, arts, cultural, corporate, entertainment, etc, and from youngest to oldest, participants or spectators, we foresee all residents at one point or another taking part in activities/programs/events offered at the future west coast facility! At the heart of 8 growing west coast communities, this unique facility will be centrally located on ACRD land, along Airport Road nearby the airport and the Long Beach Golf Course. A partnership between the Districts of Tofino and Ucluelet, Long Beach Area C and the First Nations communities of Ahousaht, Toquaht, Yuuulifath, Tla-o-qui-aht and Hesquiaht.

## Community Services

### COVID-19 Vaccines

Everyone in BC over six months of age is eligible to be vaccinated to reduce the risk of COVID-19. Register to book your appointment in the [Get Vaccinated](#) system or by calling 1-833-838-2323 (toll-free).

Booster doses are available in BC for those age 18 and above (and for those age 12 and above who are immunocompromised).

To learn more, click [here](#).

### Flu Vaccines

The influenza (flu) vaccine was made available to the public in early October. Everyone six months and older is eligible for a free flu vaccine.

As part of this year's campaign, people can get their flu vaccine at the same time as their COVID-19 booster in most locations. COVID-19 vaccines can be safely given at the same time or any time before or after any other live or inactivated vaccines – including the flu vaccine.

To learn more, click [here](#).



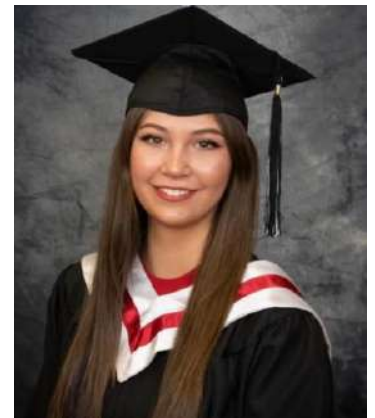
### Congratulation to Toquaht's Grade 12 Graduates

#### Lillian Morgan

I am from Toquaht (Nuu-Chah-Nulth) and Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nation. My mother is Lisa Morgan and my grandmother is Chief Anne Mack. My father is a fisherman from the West Coast.

I completed my Grade 12 at the Eighth Avenue Learning Centre in Port Alberni, and am currently enrolled at The Academy of Excellence in the Aesthetics/Spa program.

When I am not studying, I like to paint and do crafts. I also love music and having fun in the sun!



#### Alexander McMullan

I am Nuu-chah -Nulth from the Toquaht Nation, with some Irish and German ancestry as well. My dad is from Ucluelet, and my mom is from Chemainus.

I currently live in Ladysmith. Currently, I am very interested in art.

I plan to take some time to work and have fun after graduating, and maybe start a small business selling my art until I figure out what else to do.



## Community Services Updates

### Toquaht NTC Scholarship Winners



#### Carter Mack Emerson: Winner of the K-Grade 3 Scholarship

Carter loves sports and school, but especially playing with his friends and being outside. He's a caring and kind big brother, and a "cat dad" to Stinger.

His mom is Leah Mack, his father is Cole Emerson, his uncles are Carlos and Phil Mack and his grandparents are Late Sid Mack, Jeanine Nahas and Joanne Richard.



#### Koyah Morgan-Banke: Winner of the NTC Academic and Artistic Scholarship

Koyah Morgan-Banke is a student from Tofino who attends Ucluelet Secondary School. She is from Toquaht (Nuu-Chah-Nulth) and Secwepemc (Shuswap) Nation. Her goals are to obtain her highschool diploma and become accepted into UBC's medical program.

When she is not studying or working at her job, she loves to produce beautiful art or spend the day on the water paddle boarding. She dreams of one day becoming an anesthesiologist or general surgeon. She hopes to become an inspiration for other young Indigenous youth to dream big and try hard!

Keep up the good work Koyah!



## Community Services Updates

### Toquaht Nation Achievement and Excellence Award Winners

This TNG program has been created to recognize achievements of Citizens in the areas of Community Service, Academics and Athletics and Sports. The three awards are named after exceptional Toquaht individuals who have contributed to the respective areas of service, achievement, and excellence.

1. Community Service Award, which is named after taayii ḥawit tiitskiisup (late Bert Mack)
2. Academic Excellence Award, which is named after taayii ḥawit maaʔaqʔiih (late Cecil Mack)
3. Athletics and Sports Award, which is named after čaamata yakawaʔah (late Phillip Mack)

### Adult Award Winners

Late Norma Fox: Winner of the  
Community Service Award



For a number of years, Norma has shown dedication and commitment towards her community by offering her services for a variety of events held within the community of Macoah. This includes hosting workshops for harvesting fish by preparing fish for the smoke house, teaching the details of the smoking process, and the preparation of canning the smoked fish. Norma has been an excellent caterer for several community events.

All her work over the years have been much appreciated from both the community of Macoah and Toquaht Nation Administration.

Dr. Kelly Johnson: Winner of the  
Academic Award



Kelly has dedicated herself to achieving her PhD in Curriculum and Instruction. She began her education path in 1995 and with great determination she had received her PhD in 2018.

Kelly is now a full time instructor for North Island College.

Phil Mack: Winner of the Athletics  
and Sports Award



Phil has been a Rugby athlete for many years. Growing up in Victoria, BC, he played for Oak bay Scondary School.

Eventually, Phil's talent allowed him to play for the Seattle Seawolves in the Major League Rugby (MLR). He was the Seawolves head coach, winning an MLR Championship Shield in 2018. He also plays for the Canada national rugby union team. He is currently an assistant coach for the Pacific Pride rugby team.

Phil is dedicated to giving back to his community, and has created the Thunder Rugby to promote the sport to Indigenous youth on Vancouver Island.

## Community Services Updates

### Toquaht Nation Achievement and Excellence Award Winners

#### Youth Award Winners

Bayja Morgan-Banke: Winner of the Academic Award



Bayja is determined, disciplined, and passionate about art.

She is currently enrolled in the Vancouver Film School's Animation Concept Art Program.

Her art was chosen for 2021's Pink Shirt Day t-shirt design contest, with pink shirts bearing her design were sold in major retailers.

Most recently, she submitted a print to Toquaht's Indigenous Art call for proposals, and her "Wolf's Den" print has been accepted (congratulations!)

Koyah Morgan-Banke: Winner of the Academic Award



Koyah is a very responsible and mature student who works hard without needing to be reminded or asked.

She is dedicated and works well independently and in groups. She is achieving straight A's including in advanced courses such as Physics 12. She would like to become an anesthesiologist through UBC's medical program after she graduates.

Talon Morgan-Banke: Winner of the Athletics and Sports Award



Talon is a grade 9 student with a love of basketball.

He has put in countless hours on the courts, and his effort has paid off as he has earned a spot as a junior player on his school's senior team.

He is a positive role model who's goal is to coach the next generation of basketball players.

*Congrats!*

## Welcome Home t'aat'anis (Special Child) Event

An opportunity presented itself to connect children in care to Toquaht. USMA, in collaboration with other nations, has been hosting events for children connected to each nation.

The Toquaht Community Services department organized the 'Welcome home t'aat'anis' (special child) event at Macoah on Wednesday August 17, which took place from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.



The day started with a welcome from Chief Anne and Councillor Naomi Mack, followed by the Community Service teams' introductions. Following this was the hoop ceremony, hosted by the Quu'asa to start the day off in a good way, by blessing each child and their families as they entered the main hall.

After the ceremony, Chief Anne and Naomi gifted each child with a beautiful native design blanket and gift bag containing a colouring book, stickers, a water bottle and canned fish.

A traditional song was presented by Cultural leader Tim Sutherland Sr., and lunch was catered by resident Lance Mack and his helpers.

In the afternoon, a tour of the new community building was led by Lisa. This was followed by crafts, such as drumstick-making led by Dennis Hetu, and cedar rose-making led by Dortehea Mickey.

After these activities, Chief Anne opened the Nation's curtain and explained the legend of the story of the curtain to the children.

USMA introduced each child and explained their family lineage, and asked each person who is related to each child to identify themselves, so that the children could learn who their family relations are. Three blankets were also gifted from USMA to Toquaht Nation to give thanks in assisting in organizing this event.

Overall, it was a great success and we hope to see this new tradition become an annual event.



## Back To School BBQ

This was a well attended event that took place on September 11, 2022. The event was organized and catered by the Community Services department.



## 2022 Finance Audit

The audit was presented by John Nelson, CPA, CGA at the Fall 2022 People's Assembly.

Through his presentation, John explained the audit process, the auditor's role, and finally shared the Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Operations. You can see both statements below.

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at March 31, 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Financial Assets	34,754,642	30,474,497
Liabilities	14,336,257	14,335,067
Net Financial Assets	20,418,385	16,139,430
Non-Financial Assets	24,368,099	21,001,692
Accumulated Surplus	44,786,484	37,141,122

## 2022 Financial Audit

### STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

As at March 31, 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
REVENUE	11,678,937	7,577,044
EXPENDITURES	4,033,575	4,195,989
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	7,645,362	3,381,055

In summary, Toquaht Nation is in good financial standing with an increased surplus in 2022 compared to 2021.

## Lands, Public Works, and Resources

### Marine Stewardship Monitoring Program

This program is based on the principle of "hišuk ma ćawaak" (Everything is One).

The goal is to look at the whole coastal ecosystem, and not just a species at a time. This means combining western science and traditional knowledge approaches. This includes observation and data collection.

By doing this, Toquaht government will be more equipped to:

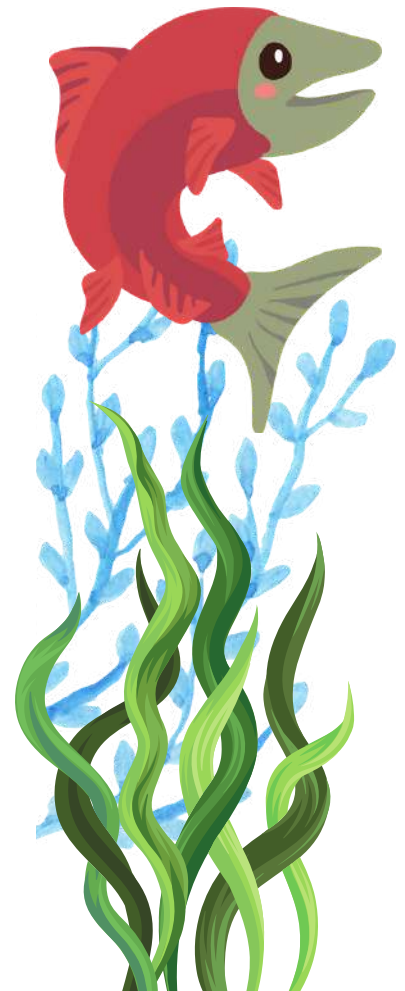
- Monitor the health of the ecosystem
- Monitor the impact of climate change
- Understand the cumulative effect of human activities and natural changes

And, all of this will:

- Inform resources management
- Inform economic opportunity
- Contribute to knowledge of baseline data in case of an environmental emergency

#### Projects

- Identify priority ecosystem components
- Salmon habitat restoration
- Coastal habitat survey (kelp, eelgrass)
- Terrestrial wildlife monitoring (elk deer bears and wolves)
- Shellfish : bivalve, urchin, crab, abalone
- Riparian Forest assessment
- Roads/culverts/landslides mitigation
- Fish habitat assessment
- Salmon escapement (returning) monitoring



## Economic Development/Capital Projects

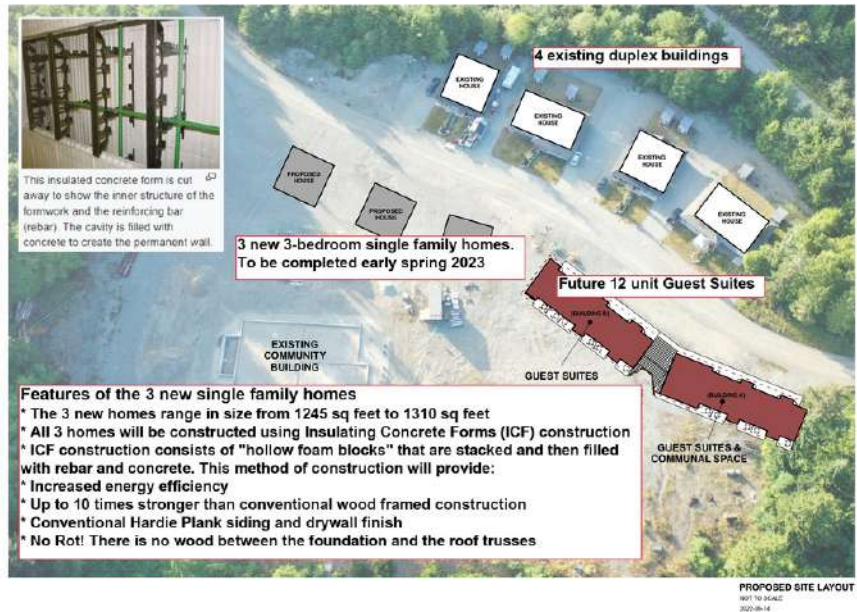
### Toquaht Guest Sites at Macoah

There will be three new 3-bedroom single family homes, which will be completed early Spring 2023. As showcased in the image, they are being built between the existing Community Building, across from the 4 existing duplex buildings.

These new single family homes range in size from 1245 sq feet to 1310 sq feet, and will be constructed using Insulating Concrete Forms (ICF) construction.

ICF construction consists of "hollow foam blocks" that are stacked and then filled with rebar and concrete. This method of construction will provide:

- Increased energy efficiency
- Up to 10 times stronger than conventional wood framed construction
- Conventional Hardie Plank siding and drywall finish
- No Rot! There is no wood between the foundation and the roof trusses



TOQUAHT  
GUEST  
SUITES AT  
MACOAH



See pictures of the construction below.



## Minutes from Fall 2022 People's Assembly

### Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Virtual Video Conference

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**Chair: Anne Mack**

Doors opened at 11:00 a.m. to chat & mingle with family and friends

Lunch at 12:00 p.m.

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

#### Welcome by taayii ḥaʔwíl Anne Mack

- o Anne welcomed everyone and provided an opening address
- o We enjoyed performances by the Toquaht drummers and dancers

Agenda adopted (moved by Kelly Johnsen, seconded by Dennis Hetu)

Approved June 18, 2022 meetings minutes approved (moved by Lisa Morgan, seconded by Leonard Mack)

Presenters: Anne Mack, Angela Polifroni, Kevin Mack, John Nelson, David Johnsen, Brett Freake

Council Members: Anne Mack, Kirsten Johnsen, Naomi Mack

#### First Door Prize winner – Buck Goodman

#### 1) Introduction **Angela Polifroni, Director of Operations**

#### 2) Welcome Home t'aat'anis (Special Child) Event Presentation **taayii ḥaʔwíl Anne Mack**

- i) On August 17, 2022 a several children (with their families) with close connections to Macoah came for the day. They were welcomed by taayii ḥaʔwíl Anne Mack and the community services department staff with songs, food and gifts of blankets.

#### 3) Presentation

##### a) Official Community Plan (OCP) Amendment project **Brett Freake, manager of lands**

- i) The 2016 OCP is a policy that guides how we steward, develop, and manage Toquaht Lands.
  - (1) It considers many things related to our lands: culture, housing, economic development, infrastructure, climate change issues like sea level rise, etc.
- ii) It is now time to review and amend our OCP
  - (1) As the climate and economy are changing we need a clear, detailed OCP to coordinate our work going forward to accommodate our new plans for community facilities, housing and infrastructure etc.
  - (2) There will be opportunities for Toquaht Nation citizen engagement with support from EcoPlan International over the next several months.
  - (3) The next community-wide engagement event will take place at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> People's Assembly.

##### b) Marine Stewardship Monitoring Program **Aline Carrier, marine stewardship**

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- i) Marine stewardship consists of data collection, patrolling our lands and waters and recording observations to create baseline data
  - (1) This will help us create plans around managing our resources as well as showcasing economic opportunities
  - (2) Current projects Toquaht is participating in; terrestrial wildlife monitoring, coastal habitat monitoring, herring, and other shellfish surveys

#### 4) Presentation

- a) 2021-2022 Audited Financial statements presentation Intro by Kevin Mack  
presented by John Nelson, RHN
  - i) Described of the audit process and role of the auditors and Toquaht Nation
    - (1) Financial statements must be prepared with reasonable estimates of revenues and expenses, protection of Toquaht assets and maintaining internal controls
    - (2) The auditors review the statements and make recommendations for adjustments if necessary
  - ii) RHN reviewed the financial statements for 2021-2022 and found very few areas where adjustments were recommended and consider them accurate
  - iii) Contact the office if you would like to review a copy of the audit

**Second Door Prize winner** – Leonard Mack

Chief Anne acknowledged Jim Fox, Shirley Mack, Burton Mack, Colleen Mack for their losses over the last few years

#### 5) Excellence Awards, Scholarships and Education Presentations

- a) Toquaht Community Service Award posthumously bestowed to the late Norma Fox
- b) Toquaht Academics – youth – Award goes to Bayja Morgan-Banke
- c) Toquaht Academics – youth – Award goes to Koyah Morgan-Banke
- d) Toquaht Academic Award goes to Dr. Kelly Johnsen
- e) Toquaht Athletic/Sports – youth - Award goes to Talon Morgan-Banke
- f) Toquaht Athletics/Sports Award goes to Phil Mack
- g) NTC Scholarship – kindergarten to grade 3 goes to Cater Mack Emerson
- h) NTC Scholarship – academic and artistic – goes to Koyah Morgan-Banke
- i) Congratulations to Grade 12 graduates Alexander McMullan and Lillian Morgan

#### 6) Question Period

Angela Polifroni, DOO

- Q No questions came up

## Minutes From the Fall 2022 People's Assembly

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**Draw for Grand Prize – Colleen Mack**

The next People's Assembly is Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

- Location TBD

**Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen
<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Law Clerk</b>
<b>Date</b>