

# Toquaht Nation Spring 2022 Newsletter

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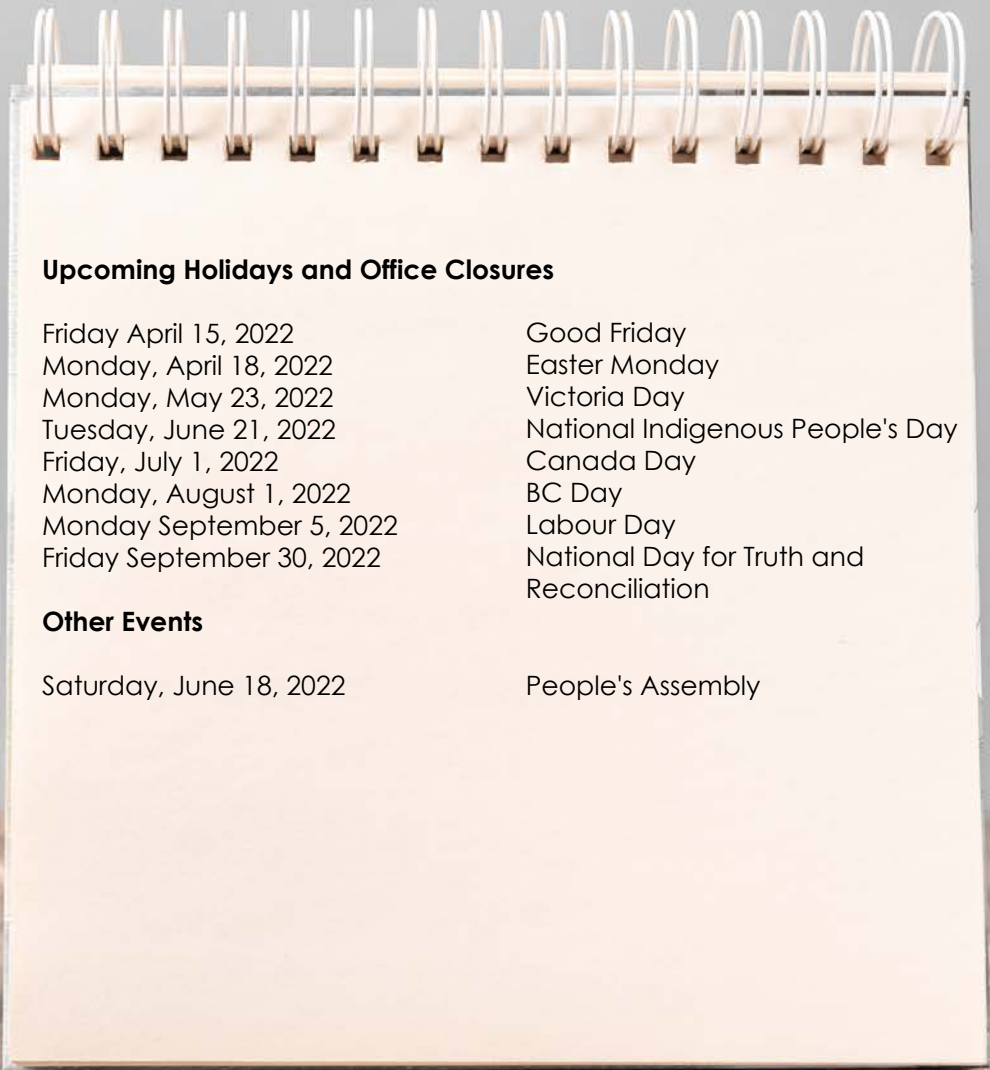
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Elected Member  
of Council



# Upcoming Holidays and Office Closures



**Upcoming Holidays and Office Closures**

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| Friday April 15, 2022     | Good Friday                               |
| Monday, April 18, 2022    | Easter Monday                             |
| Monday, May 23, 2022      | Victoria Day                              |
| Tuesday, June 21, 2022    | National Indigenous People's Day          |
| Friday, July 1, 2022      | Canada Day                                |
| Monday, August 1, 2022    | BC Day                                    |
| Monday September 5, 2022  | Labour Day                                |
| Friday September 30, 2022 | National Day for Truth and Reconciliation |

**Other Events**

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| Saturday, June 18, 2022 | People's Assembly |
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## Chief Anne's Message

ʔUʕaama wiiccukum, t`ukwaaʕaht taayii ɥawit mučinuwic (My name is wiiccukum, I am the Toquaht Hereditary Chief, Welcome!)

hišukma c`awaak (We are one). It's always nice to connect with our citizens at our Peoples' Assembly. The four assemblies we host each year are intended to give citizens important information, advise on issues and goals of the Nation, and to hear back from citizens. The four assemblies we have are also specific in nature - some look back and report on past activities and others focus on what is planned for the year ahead.

This past People's Assembly was to present the Toquaht Nation Government Budget for the new fiscal year starting April 01, 2022. Within the Budget presentation and again in this newsletter, you learned about many new programs and services (for example, Elders' supports, student bursaries, and support for mental health and wellbeing). You also learned about all the exciting infrastructure and capital projects we have planned for this coming year, including new housing! We are definitely expanding and this is so very exciting.

Communication has always been, and continues to be, one of our main priorities. As we build our social housing projects and 'Gathering House', we are moving forward with this vision to enhance the Toquaht community and lands. For this, it is essential that we get feedback from our (musčim) citizens.

Our Guiding Principles:

Hišukma c`awaak	We are one
Qʕaaʔaʕin c`awaak	How we are one
ʔuuʔaʕuk	Taking care of one another
ʔiisaak	Highest respect

Our Toquaht Government Administration does the work to carry through the annual plans of Toquaht. Our departments (Community Services, Lands, Public Works and Resources, Administration, and Finance) are overseen by our Members of the Executive appointed by Council to hold these Portfolios. Committees of Council, such as Economic Development, Finance, Treaty Implementation, and Citizenship & Enrolment are in place to assist in planning and implementation of our Treaty. Our regular reports to you will exhibit our progress and show the growth of our government administration and our community.

The COVID pandemic has loomed over our lives these past two years. This virus is taking its toll on people worldwide, as it continues to influence our daily lives to the extent of limiting travel, visits, and even going to meetings and/or gatherings of any kind in person. We must remain diligent in our actions and behaviours to protect our Elders, families and communities wherever we live. We must not rush into normal activities, even though the Provincial Health Emergency Acts are being lifted. You must take responsibility to know how and when to respond and behave accordingly to the plight of this assault on human beings. Please do not let your guard down too soon. I make that plea to my citizens.

Haʔak wii - We will not give up.

Haʔakukʕin tiičmis ʔunnuʕ ɥawiiɥ ʔunak musčim - Our strength we have as chiefs is because we have our people.

Yaaʔakukʕin - We love you.

Send your photos of proposed artwork to [naomim@toquaht.ca](mailto:naomim@toquaht.ca) by April 29, 2022 at 4:30pm.



## ATTENTION: Toquaht Artists!

Toquaht Nation Government is looking for Indigenous art created by Toquaht artists for our new community building. We are looking for unique, one-of-a-kind creations. Art pieces considered may be completed projects or proposed projects (to a maximum value of \$5,000 per piece).

We will consider a range of artistic mediums including work by established, mid-career, and emerging Indigenous artists, such as:

- PAINTING
- BASKETRY
- BEADWORK
- CARVING
- DRAWING
- TEXTILES
- MIXED MEDIA
- PHOTOGRAPHY



Here's how to apply to have your art considered:

- 1) Submit a photo or photos to [naomim@toquaht.ca](mailto:naomim@toquaht.ca) by May 15, 2022, at 4:30pm.
- 2) With the photo(s) or a sketch of a proposed project, please provide the following information:
  - a) your name & a short biography
  - b) title of your piece
  - c) the story behind your piece (for example, what it represents)
  - d) the medium used (e.g., oil or watercolour if a painting, etc.)
  - e) the dimensions of the piece
  - f) price
  - g) timeline for completion (proposed projects)

### Eligibility criteria:

- Priority will be given to Toquaht citizens or people who have family ties to Toquaht Nation.
- Artists from other Nuu-chah-nulth Nations may also be considered.
- Artwork must be in excellent condition
- Artists must confirm 100% copyright regarding the work





## Each COVID-19 vaccine dose increases your protection against severe illness



Each time you get a COVID-19 vaccine, it boosts your immunity and increases your protection.

Over time, your immunity will go down. Boosters bring your protection back up again.



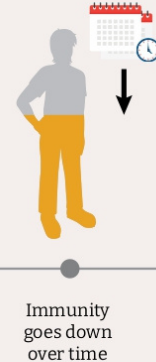
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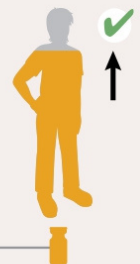
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2<sup>nd</sup> dose



Immunity goes down over time



Booster dose

Everyone's health is unique and some may need more doses to reach a high level of protection (like Max's Grandma).



Grandma



1<sup>st</sup> dose



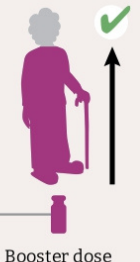
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3<sup>rd</sup> dose



Immunity goes down over time



Booster dose

The greater your immunity, the more your body is able to fight COVID-19. This means you are less likely to have a very serious case or need to go to the hospital.

For more info on COVID-19, visit [www.bccdc.ca](http://www.bccdc.ca)

Questions? Call Healthlink BC at 8-1-1

Each dose helps maintain immunity for you and those around you in your community as well. If you haven't already, please book an appointment to receive your third dose. You should have received an invitation via email 6 months after you received your second dose. If you have not received an invite, you can register here: <https://www.getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca/s/>.

### Toquaht Nation Government COVID-19 Protocol

Toquaht Nation Government has replaced its COVID-19 safety plan with a communicable disease safety plan. We are taking a conservative approach to re-opening and many COVID-19 protocols are still in effect. This includes not travelling for work, holding meetings virtually, and maintaining occupancy limits at the office where all visitors are required to wear masks. We ask that citizens exercise similar precautions where possible, especially when visiting with family or the community. We continue to monitor COVID-19 recommendations and hope that we will be able to begin lifting precautions soon. Stay safe and healthy.

## Indigenous Forestry Scholarship and Program (Study + Work)

To apply, contact [workforce@forestrycouncil.ca](mailto:workforce@forestrycouncil.ca) or call 604-971-3448 (ext. 4632)



**LIMITED SEATS**  
**APPLY NOW**

Request an application at  
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Ministry of  
Forests, Lands, Natural  
Resource Operations  
and Rural Development



**Indigenous Forestry Scholarship Program (IFSP) for  
Indigenous students attending full-time studies in a  
designated post-secondary program:**

- Forestry Technician
- Natural Resources
- Environmental Technology
- Business Management
- Business Administration
- Geographic Information Systems
- Forestry Trades:
  - Construction Millwrights and Industrial Mechanics
  - Logging Machine Operator
  - Skidder Operator
  - Heavy-duty Mechanics

**Full scholarships include tuition, living expenses,  
paid internship placement & mentorship.**

School term 2022/23 | Work placement May-August, 2023  
provided by one of our many forestry partners.

### TO APPLY, CONTACT:

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Request an application from either your local ISETP  
office or at [workforce@forestrycouncil.ca](mailto:workforce@forestrycouncil.ca).



## Spring 2022 People's Assembly

The below image is of all the presenters from the recent Spring 2022 People's Assembly. Thank you to all those who attended, and to those who could not make it, we hope to see you at the next ones!



## Toquaht Annual Budget Act Highlights 2022-2023

The Toquaht Nation Annual Budget Act is a part of the government's legislation. The Budget Act must be presented to the citizens through a People's Assembly each year. The Toquaht Council (through the legislature) must consider comments and feedback from citizens prior to approving the Budget Act.

Each year the Directors plan their budgets based on outcomes they wish to achieve with consideration of maintaining current programs and services and what will be required to meet the Toquaht Nation Government Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles (Values System) and Strategic Plan.

**The total budget for 2022-2023 is the most ambitious ever for the Toquaht Nation at \$22,784,571.**

### Expenditures

Governance administration	\$4,542,748
Community Services	\$1,424,573
Lands, Public Works & Resources	\$2,281,128
Capital Projects and Economic Development	\$14,536,122

### How Expenditures Will Be Funded

Fiscal Funding Agreement (FFA)	\$5,180,505
Provincial Funding (FFA)	\$15,479
Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council	\$164,104
Own Source Revenues	\$189,112
Other Funding (grants, etc.)	\$1,396,943
Surplus, Deferred Revenue and Distributions	\$15,838,431

### Outcomes

- Increased capacity across all departments
- Additional services to Citizens
- New and expanded infrastructure on Treaty Settlement Lands



## Administration Department Updates

**Total Expenditure = \$4,542,748**

### Summary

"Administration" covers many departments and functions of government. It's helpful to divide this into 2 main categories:

- 1) General functions of government (including administration), and,
- 2) Special projects and negotiations

### General Functions of Government

The majority of work in these departments falls under the general functions of government. These general functions of government represent the biggest component in the modern treaty framework. This department supports the entire government and all the programs and services that we deliver.

The first component includes all general administration functions, such as:

- Space and equipment needs (office space, computers and software, etc.)
- Administrative support staff (including internal staff, e.g., admin assistant/receptionist)
- All functions of the finance department
- The office of the law clerk and the management of all records and registries

The general functions of government include Governance & Treaty Implementation.

This supports the work of:

- Political leadership: your Council and Executive and staff (e.g., Director of Operations)
- The development, enactment, and implementation of Toquaht laws, regulations and policies
- Strategic planning and the implementation of this work.

This work happens internally (such as the Strategic Plan) and externally. It also involves working with other modern treaty nations (through the Maa-nulth Treaty Society) to ensure our treaties are fully and effectively implemented.





## Administration Department Updates

**Total Expenditure = \$4,542,748**

### Strategic Plan Initiatives

There are a number of Strategic Plan initiatives resourced within Administration, working toward our strategic objective of Building Government Capacity:

Projects include:

- hāwiih support (including the establishment of a Cultural Advisory Committee)
- Training for Executive and Committees
- Launch of our capacity action plan
- Resources to hire additional staff
- Additional resources to support Communications

## Community Services Department Updates

**Total Expenditure = \$1,424,573**

### Elders

#### Dedicated Elder Non-insured Health Benefits Funding

We have allocated dedicated funding to support Elders with holistic health related costs related to aging. This includes:

- Financial help with costs not covered under Pacific Blue Cross / First Nations Health
- Medical equipment
- Mobility aids
- Dental
- Eyeglasses
- Registered alternative health therapies: chiropractor, mental health support, traditional medicine

Toquaht can pay the health service provider directly, so you are not out of pocket. There is a 3-page application which is available online at the Toquaht Nation website: <http://www.toquaht.ca/>. If you have trouble applying or downloading, you may ask one of our Community Services team to apply on your behalf.

#### Elder Support Grant

Our goal is to provide extra Elder services by enhancing existing services and providing extra support and opportunities for our Elders.

This includes:

- Up to \$500 per year to support elders through an Elder's grant (e.g., recreation, wellness, family connections)
- Elder's groups
- Minor and safety home repairs

## Community Services Department Updates

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### **We have an Elders Program: Minor Home Modifications for Safety**

This program is to support minor repairs and safety upgrades to help Elders remain independent as they age. This program is intended to benefit Elders who are on a limited income and who have become disabled and need an emergency or minor repair. Elders must also own their own home. Safety enhancements are an exemption (e.g., grab bars, over the tub support, non-slip surfaces).

Examples of home repairs include:

- Plumbing
- Roof repair
- Mold removal
- Chimney cleaning
- Stair repair

In order to apply, quotes must be provided from contractors or professionals.

### **Children and Family Wellness**

We now have a dedicated family support worker, Christy Soles-Black. She can support Toquaht Nation citizens wherever they live (Macoah or elsewhere). She is accessible in-person, and by phone, Zoom or email. Christy has extensive knowledge on child and family wellness. She can help with MCFD/Usma concerns.

### **New Programs and Services for Children, Youth, and Families With a Prevention Focus**

Prevention programs are being introduced to help parents with the day-to-day challenges of managing their family life. We are also working to implement Children and Youth programs, such as drum and drumstick making workshops, and cultural workshops like cedar- and grass-weaving, and designing your own shawl.

We are continuing to organize events that will involve bringing children back home for visits. There will also be future announcements around more culture and wellness activities (Port Alberni, Macoah, and online).





## Community Services Department Updates

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### Community Health Services in Macoah

#### Increased Services in Macoah (Occupational and Physiotherapy, Traditional Medicine)

These increased services include greater visits from NTC health services, bi-monthly to weekly nursing services, and regular home and safety assessments. Footcare can be offered to any resident who has diabetes and mobility issues. We are working hard to get a greater variety and frequency of services delivered to the community

We are also working with Uu-stuk-yuu to find mentors and mentees to those who are interested in traditional medicine.



### Island Health Service Providers

Residents can request physiotherapy and occupational therapy. Citizens must obtain a referral from their doctor, however, before doing so.

### Wellness and Recovery Groups

We continue to work with service providers to bring support to the community, such as the Quu'asa Comfort, Culture and Wellness sessions, grief and loss counsellors, and Indian day school support workers.

### Recreation Activities at New Community Building

We are planning on holding regular group activities such as workshops, culture, art, cooking, recreation, physical activities such as yoga, and so on.

We would love to gain ideas from citizens on what kind of workshops you would like to see and attend. Please email Lisa or Kathy with your ideas - [lisam@toquaht.ca](mailto:lisam@toquaht.ca) and [kathyw@toquaht.ca](mailto:kathyw@toquaht.ca).



## Community Services Department Updates

**Total Expenditure = \$1,424,573**

### Citizen Services

#### Direct Citizen Support

This includes support for things such as financial hardship, funerals, and non-insured health benefits (NIHB).

Financial assistance – citizen support policy

- Hardship policy
  - For occurrences such as job loss, health emergencies, eviction

Funeral assistance policy

- The deceased must be a Toquaht citizen
- This covers funeral services
- Toquaht will pay the funeral service provider directly

Elder's grant

- This helps elders with financial assistance for recreational purposes

NIHB

- Extra costs for medical, dental, and vision-related expenses
- Mobility aids – scooters (will require a referral from doctor)
- Medical equipment not covered under Pacific Blue Cross

#### New Mental Health Supports

Among new mental health support programs is SMART recovery. Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART) is a global community of mutual-support groups. At meetings, participants help one another resolve problems with any addiction (to drugs or alcohol or to activities such as gambling or over-eating). Participants find and develop the power within themselves to change and lead fulfilling and balanced lives guided by the SMART science-based and sensible 4-Point Program®. We will also be offering meditative art therapy and wellness and cultural workshops. We will be offering extra support to connect citizens with mental health services within their area. Services are available in-person and online. We can also support citizens to access NIHB mental health benefits and perform direct billing.

Our goal is to eliminate barriers to accessing treatment centers, supports private residential substance treatment, including faster intake, access to counsellors, and allow for funding to be used for aftercare support.



## Community Services Department Updates

**Total Expenditure = \$1,424,573**

### Education

#### K-12

- Support includes the provision of school supplies. Application submissions are accepted anytime of the year, but only up to once a year.
- Good Grades Incentive is available within three weeks of the report card being issued. This will be changing to accommodate the new ways that school districts are grading students.
- Youth recreation (K-12) supports are available anytime, up to \$500 per fiscal year. Applications are available on the TNG website.
- Tutoring is available for all learners

#### New Toquaht Bursary Awards

Watch for more information at the June People's Assembly. Citizens will be asked to nominate a student in one of three categories (academics, community service, and athletics). Applications will be reviewed in July and August 2022. The winner will be presented at the end of August for bursary distribution.



#### Participating in NTC Grad This Year

Toquaht graduates will be recognized and included in the NTC graduation this year.

#### Post-Secondary Education – Reminders and Deadlines

Reminder to current post-secondary applications to submit their winter semester (Jan-April) grades to the education department by May 15th, 2022.

The deadline for all supporting documents and September 1st entrance is July 15th, 2022 at 4:30pm. Students must submit all their supplemental information by then.

New students require an acceptance letter from their school. Continuing students require proof of course registration.

Our education coordinator can assist in one-on-one support for learners of all ages. They can be reached at [education@toquaht.ca](mailto:education@toquaht.ca).



## Community Services Department Updates

**Total Expenditure = \$1,424,573**

### Emergency Preparedness

We are investing in emergency preparedness management and response so we can keep the community and our first responders safe.

We have 2 EP teams:

- Macoah Emergency Team (MET). This is our boots on the ground team, responding to emergencies.
- Emergency Management Committee (EMC). This is our operations centre team which manages emergency responses.

We are planning training activities for both groups, and equipment purchases are planned.

### New Tsunami Siren

We are excited for the new Tsunami siren in the community and the purchase of other emergency equipment needs. The Tsunami siren has confirmed locations in the community and Secret Beach campground.



### Language and Culture

As always, we are creating new language resources that are available for citizens.

The current website for language-learning can be found here: <https://toquahtlanguage.com/>. The website will be updated early in the first quarter of this fiscal year. This is a great resource for Toquaht citizens and includes various lessons, games, and more.



## The Toquaht Language Project



## Lands, Public Works and Resources Department Updates

**Total Expenditure = \$2,281,128**

### Food Ceremonial Fish

We are working on ways to catch more fish of different types and exploring how fish can be processed for delivery. Examples include different types of salmon smoked, and canned, smoked black cod.

We have had meetings with other Nations to talk about trade and barter opportunities, including potentially trading our fish for their elk meat. We've also discussed bringing some of their youth and hunters out to the coast to do some fishing, in exchange for sending our youth and citizens to their territory to learn about hunting and processing elk and deer.

### Elk

We are continuing to monitor the elk that were translocated into Toquaht territory, through the use of trail cameras and the Ministry of Wildlife GPS collars. We will also continue to work with Yuuʔuʔiʔaṭh on their elk translocation efforts.

### Guardian Program

The funding application for the Guardian Program has been completed and purchasing of needed equipment such as a boat, pickup truck, safety gear and monitoring equipment is taking place. This is a multi-year funding program, and we will be posting for a Lands and Marine Technician in April or May.

Funding has also been secured from Parks Canada to purchase additional equipment needed to run a guardian program or assist with monitoring of Toquaht traditional territory. The Guardian program will participate in lands and ocean patrols, data collection, surveys such as oyster, clam, deer, elk, food fish delivery, GIS mapping and more.

### Official Community Plan

In the coming months we will begin updating the TN Official Community Plan. The Official Community Plan is an important part of TNG Legislation which sets out objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management.

The OCP is used by the Executive, Council, staff, and the community as a guiding document when considering future actions. The OCP will also be used by other levels of government, agencies, and private groups such as forestry companies and tourism operators to understand the vision and land use objectives of Toquaht Nation. The OCP will look at the next 5-10-year timeframe and sets out a map for how the lands will be developed.

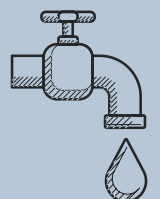
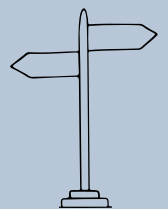
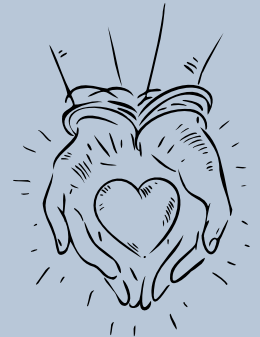
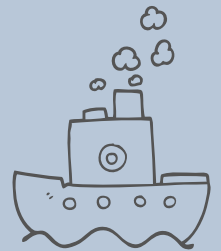
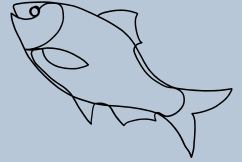
During the OCP update process there will be opportunities for citizens to provide input on how they want to see Toquaht Lands developed.

### Signage

We plan on increasing signage on Toquaht Lands, to help educate visitors where they are, and whose lands they are on. We also plan to include traditional information about plants and animals, and signs identifying culturally modified trees and other historic sights. There are some caves and ancient burial sites that need protecting, either by signage or limiting access to the area.

### Public Works

Staff are doing an excellent job to keep our drinking water and wastewater systems at Macoah working properly, doing solid waste and recycling pickup weekly, and attending training sessions to keep up to date and certified.



## Capital Projects and Economic Development Department Updates

**Total Expenditure = \$14,536,122**

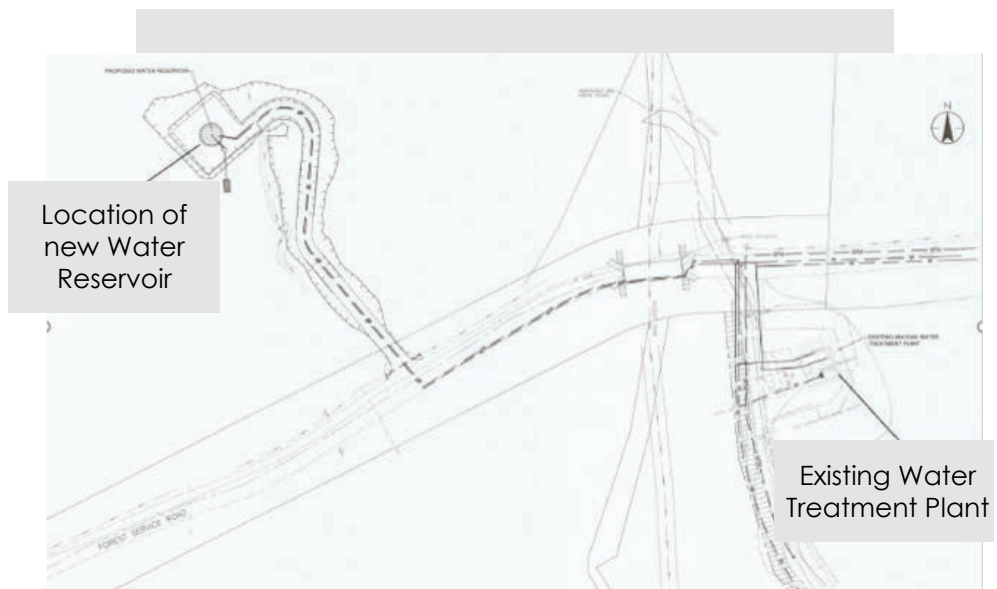
### Secret Beach Marina – BBQ Cookhouse and Washroom Facilities

An enhanced cookhouse design was completed, featuring a larger building and the addition of washrooms. An application for \$435k was submitted to the Tourism Relief Fund in December. A response to the application is expected in Q1.



### Macoah Water Reservoir

The Detailed Design is complete for a new water reservoir to supply Macoah and surrounding TSL. A Project Approval Request for construction funding was submitted to Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) in September 2021. We anticipate ISC will confirm that this project is approved for construction funding before the end of Q2.





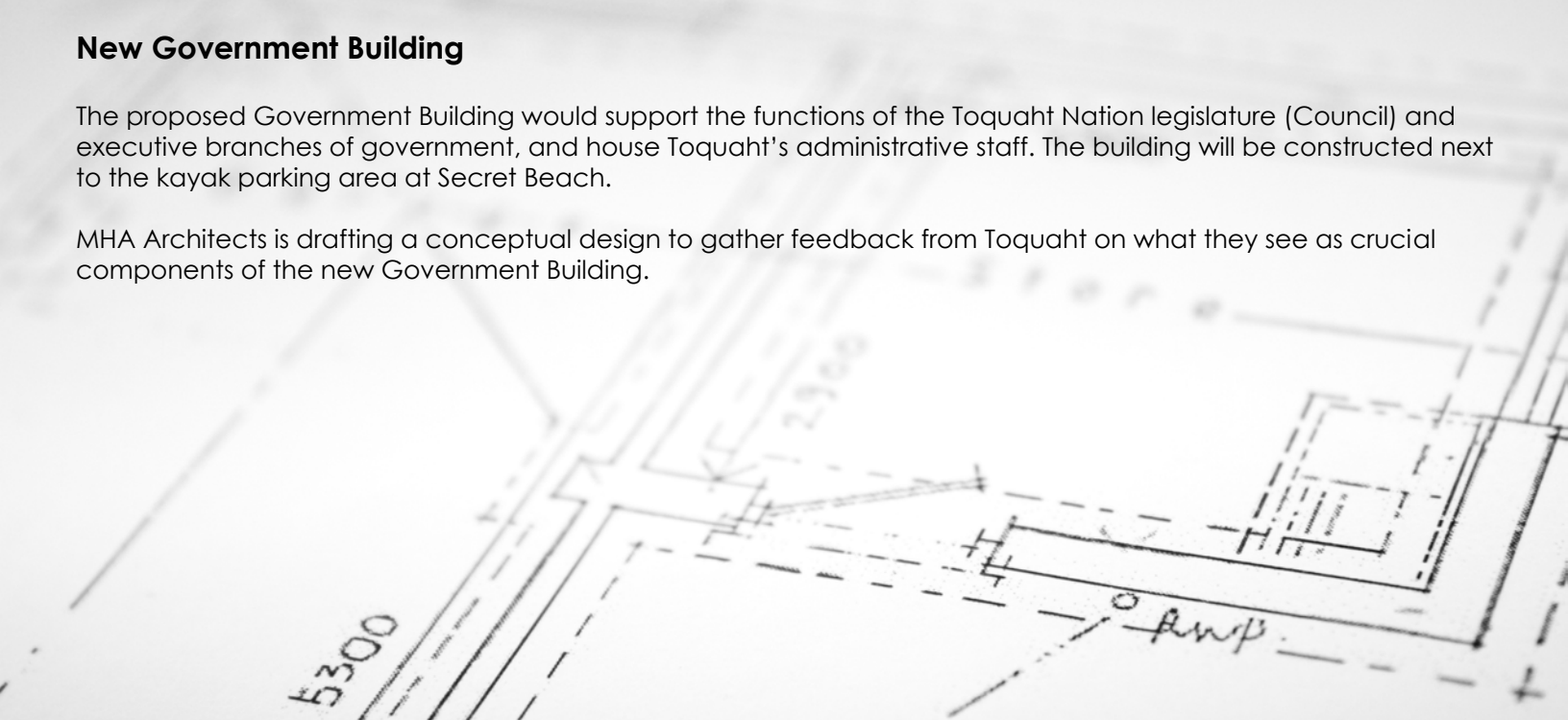
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### New Government Building

The proposed Government Building would support the functions of the Toquaht Nation legislature (Council) and executive branches of government, and house Toquaht's administrative staff. The building will be constructed next to the kayak parking area at Secret Beach.

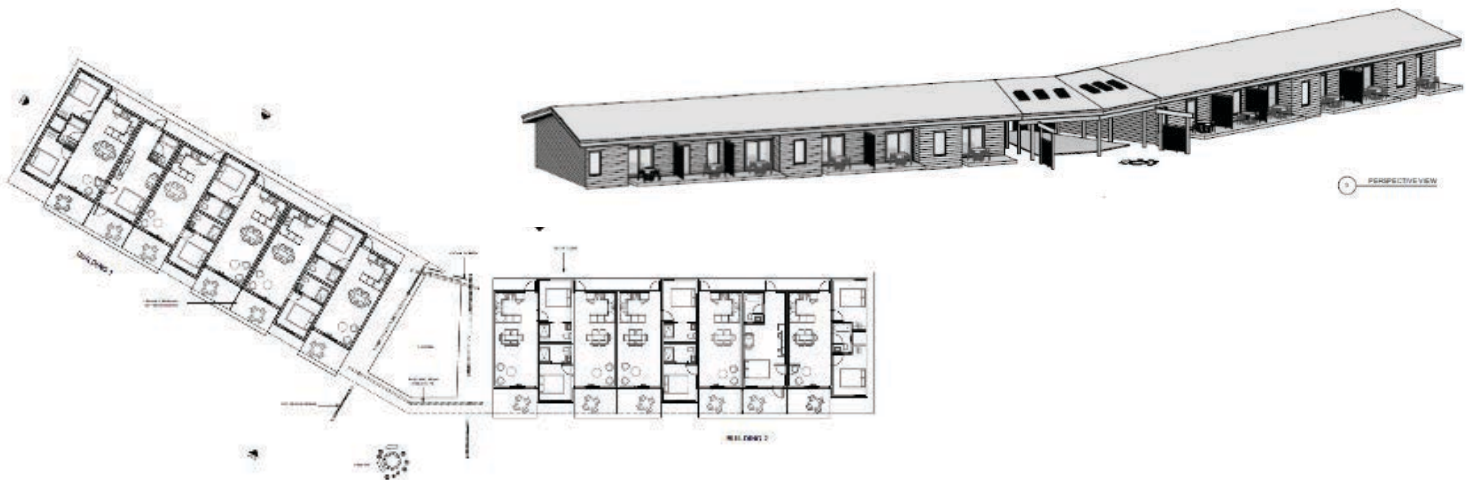
MHA Architects is drafting a conceptual design to gather feedback from Toquaht on what they see as crucial components of the new Government Building.



### Gathering House

The Gathering House will be a lodge-style building with space to accommodate families wanting to return to Toquaht Territory for short or long stays.

MHA Architects drafted a Preliminary floor plan and building design featuring two (2) buildings each with six (6) suites of various sizes. This new building will be constructed on the "ballfield" between the new community building and Chief Anne's house with construction starting in late Q1.



## Capital Projects and Economic Development Department Updates

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### Public Works Yard

The proposed project includes a public works building, volunteer firehall, and may accommodate the Toquaht Marine Stewardship Base. MHA Architects has completed the Preliminary Design and the Detailed Design is underway.

The objectives for Fiscal 22/23 are to complete the final design, select the preferred site, seek construction funding, and extend services to the building site.



### Macoah Community Building - łukwaaʔath̓iic hišimiyłʔak – Toquaht Gathering Place

Construction is nearing completion on the 7,400 sf Community Building featuring a gathering hall, community kitchen, and 4 office spaces. The new building will be ready for use early in Q1 of the 22/23 fiscal year.





## Capital Projects and Economic Development Department Updates

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### Secret Beach Off-Site Services

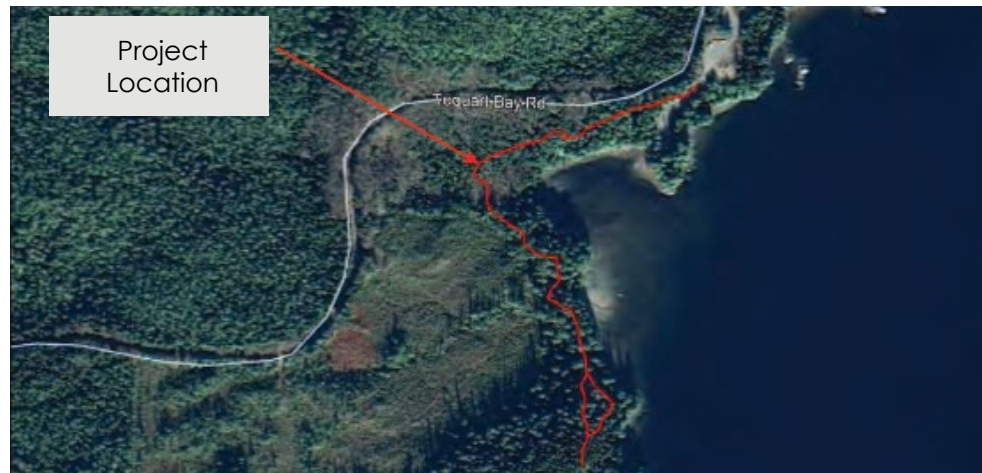
This phase will extend service lines from the sewer and water plants to the Secret Beach entrance. ISC approved \$1M in funding through the Community Opportunity Readiness Program in support of this project. Expected completion for this work is late-spring 2022.

### Secret Beach Developments

The objective for Fiscal 22/23 is to complete the Detailed Design for the sewer, water, hydro, and roads. We will then move on to develop tender documents for "Phase 1" of the on-site works including complete servicing of Areas 4, 5 and 6, and the first section of Area 3 roads to the location of the sanitary pump station.

### Secret Beach Coastal Trail

The first phase of trail construction was completed in Fiscal 21/22. It runs from Secret Beach to the middle (Mag 132 road) of the Section 38 property next to Macoah. Construction began on the second phase in Fiscal 21/22 but was halted due to protection measures around an active eagle's nest in the area. The objective for Fiscal 22/23 is to complete the second phase of the trail that will connect Secret Beach to Macoah.



### New Houses at Macoah

These new homes will be built at Macoah, on the new lots serviced across the road from the existing duplex units.

The objectives for Fiscal 22/23 are to complete the design for a 3-bedroom and 4-bedroom one-story design, and construct two (2) 3-bedroom units and one (1) 4-bedroom unit. Construction is planned to start in the spring of 2022.





## Toquaht Business Operations

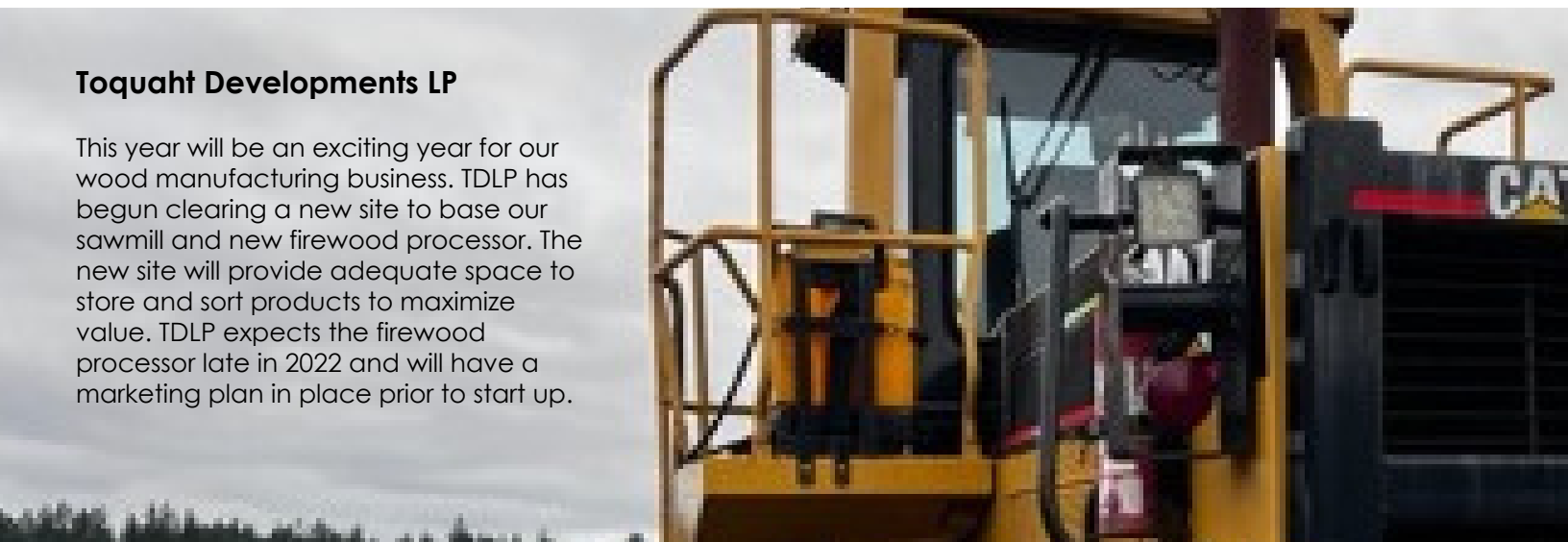
### Toquaht Marina and Campground

2022 campground season will begin May 18, 2022, and looks to have staff hired for various positions in early April. TMCLP is planning to add an additional 6 tent sites and expand parking prior to this year's opening. In addition, we are looking to build a washroom to utilize the new water and wastewater services being brought to the campground. After 2 seasons of working around the pandemic and minimal activity we expect a very busy year to come.



### Toquaht Developments LP

This year will be an exciting year for our wood manufacturing business. TDLP has begun clearing a new site to base our sawmill and new firewood processor. The new site will provide adequate space to store and sort products to maximize value. TDLP expects the firewood processor late in 2022 and will have a marketing plan in place prior to start up.



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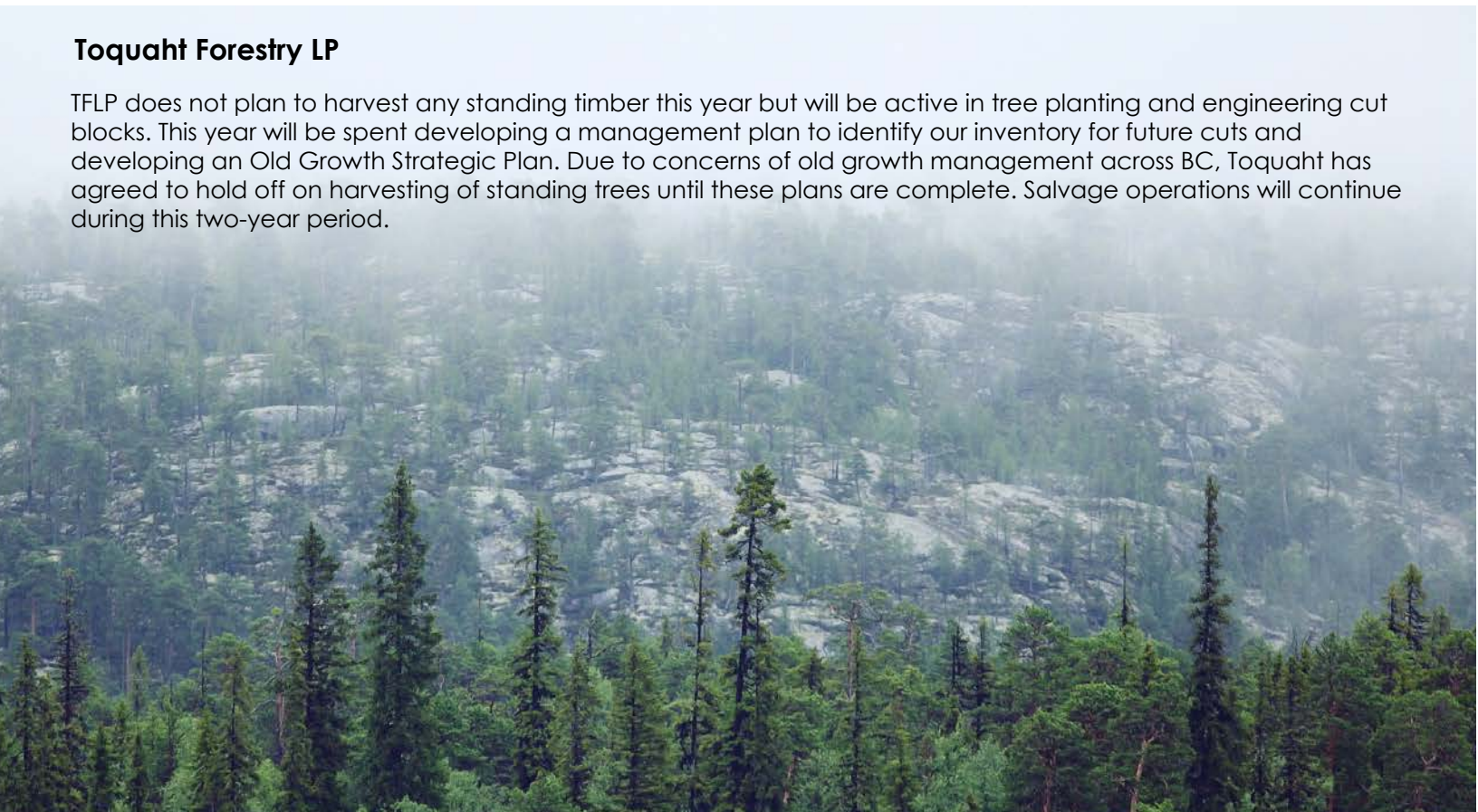
### Toquaht Industries LP

TILP dryland sort is currently actively in use by Probyn Logging and expects operations to continue into May/June processing timber from the Barkley Community Forest. The 2022 year will not be as busy as previous years which gives time for property clean up planned for early summer.



### Toquaht Forestry LP

TFLP does not plan to harvest any standing timber this year but will be active in tree planting and engineering cut blocks. This year will be spent developing a management plan to identify our inventory for future cuts and developing an Old Growth Strategic Plan. Due to concerns of old growth management across BC, Toquaht has agreed to hold off on harvesting of standing trees until these plans are complete. Salvage operations will continue during this two-year period.



## Minutes From The Spring 2022 People's Assembly

### Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

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

Virtual Video Conference

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anne Mack

Half Hour Chat & Mingle

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

#### Welcome by taayii ha?wii 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 mangers



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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...

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- 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.