

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday December 9th, 2023

By Zoom Conference

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anne Mack

People's Assembly convened 10:00 a.m.

Welcome by taayii ḥawit Anne Mack

- o Anne welcomed everyone and Kevin provided an opening prayer

Agenda adopted (moved by Kelly Johnsen, seconded by Jackie Arsenault)

Approved September 23, 2023 meetings minutes approved (moved by Kelly Johnsen, seconded by Noreen Frank)

Presenters: Anne Mack, Kevin Mack, Brett Freake, Emily Fulton, Tom Balfour, Rick Shafer, Noah Plonka

Council Members: Kirsten Johnsen, Kevin Mack, Noah Plonka, Anne Mack (Lisa Morgan Absent)

1st Door Prize winner – Jackie Arsenault

1) Introduction from Kirsten Johnsen, Chairperson of Council

- i) Brett Freake provided a summary of the OCP development process and presented highlights of the new draft OCP



(1) What we heard – Fall 2022

- (a) Should be visionary, practical, tell our story, & Accessible and easy to use

(2) What we heard – Summer 2023

- (a) Muster facility needed, secondary road for emergency, supported living facility for elders, accommodating future growth and community development

(3) In new draft OCP

- (a) Some lands designations have changed as our priorities have shifted, the maps have been updated, improved guidelines to minimize development impacts on sensitive lands and address existing hazards, provides an outline on the high-level process for reviewing development proposals and a “how to” section for using OCP and updating it in the future, identifies areas for future growth and development

(4) Next steps

- (a) First + Second Reading By council, Public Hearing, Third Reading by Council, and Adoption

2nd Door Prize winner – Colleen Mack

2) “What happened this past year?” Update on Corporate Businesses

Noah Plonka

- i) Toquaht Developments
 - (1) Sawmill relocated to the Dryland Sort upper deck on new TSL property and in operations, TDLP operating a 3 person crew manufacturing lumber & firewood products, New lumber yard for products in Ucluelet to occur 2024, and new product lines being considered such as fence panels and drying facilities, New mill site will looking to tie in hydro extensions to support facilities later 2024.
- ii) Toquaht Forestry LP & Toquaht Industries
 - (1) 2023 operations consisted in planting & engineering of Cateract mountain, Toquaht Valley and Lucky Creek, Salvage operations were at a minimum, TILP operations were minimal as well, Cutting permits will be active for 2024 to supply Toquahts economic needs, New FSP(Forest Stewardship Plan) will be complete end of 2023.
- iii) Toquaht Marina & Campground LPAs
 - (1) New services connected at the (kayak launch, marina & office), New park (trails, playground, beach access) 2023/2024, New parking lot to support the new cook house events and add needed parking space, Tent platforms and new campsites built in 2023, 2024 will introduce new sani- dump, office, and rental area development.
- iv) Barkley Sound shellfish
 - (1) Geoduck farm tenure operational 2024 introducing 100,000 seed and employment of divers and vessels, Purge harvest completed site May 2023, Tenure sites 1409671,1411099, 1411086 to be refitted in 2023/2024 to better suit operations, New rafts and tray systems are being built for oysters and scallops adding value and simplicity to the farm site.

3rd Door Prize Winner – Naomi Mack

3) Update on Capital Projects

Rick Shafer

- a) Luck Creek Hydro
 - i) Summit Power revised the Toquaht Hydro Project – Waterpower Development Plan, BC announced that they will introduce another call for independent power producers to develop clean energy projects in 2024, Construction costs and interest rates have risen dramatically in recent years so a new financial model will be developed, BC has also not provided any guidance on what they may pay for this energy. Additional work is underway to review this opportunity.
- b) Secret Beach Cookhouse
 - i) Construction was completed in August, and on September 2, 2023, the Cookhouse Grand Opening was celebrated alongside the Moveable Feast festival. Spectacular fireworks over the marina capped off the successful event!
- c) Secret Beach Marina
 - i) Request submitted to BC for a reduction of the annual rent for the provincial foreshore lease. BC appears receptive to this request, Supplier identified to provide rubber deck matting as seen at Harbour Air seaplane bases. Material will be installed over the galvanized steel float decks to keep dogs’ and kids’ feet happy, Dive crew to complete an

underwater survey of all floats and anchor chains and produce a report of required maintenance.

d) Section 38 Subdivision Expansion (Homelands)

i) 2021 KWL Climate Adaptation report recommended a long-term strategy to move some of Toquaht's infrastructure out of the Tsunami Inundation Zone at Macoah, Toquaht will develop the higher-ground property directly north of the village, known as Section 38, Current project phase will complete the preliminary and detailed design for the necessary roads and infrastructure.

e) Macoah Water Reservoir

i) The new water reservoir will supply Macoah and surrounding TSL. It will provide Macoah with the water pressure and volume required for proper firefighting capacity, Pressure reducing valves were installed in all existing Macoah houses to account for the higher pressure from the new reservoir, The switchover from the existing reservoir to the new reservoir is underway and should be completed by mid-December.

f) New Toquaht Government Building

i) The Government Building will support the functions of the Toquaht Nation Government, Conceptual design features 16,000 sq ft split between two levels, This building could be constructed in phases, Architectural, Mechanical, Structural, Civil and Electrical design is at 90% and the final technical review is underway, Tectonica Management will provide a detailed Class C cost estimate.

ii) Question: Will there be land lines for the new government building?

iii) Answer: David will look into the possibility

g) Gathering House (12-Plex Guest Suites)

i) The Gathering House will be a lodge style building with space to accommodate families returning to Toquaht Territory for short- or long-term stays, Construction of the Gathering House is well underway. The roof has been completed. Windows and doors are in; the building is completed to "lock up", Construction will be completed in early Q2 of fiscal 24/25.

h) Public Works Yard / Marine Stewardship Building

i) The facility will include a public works building, volunteer firehall, and the Toquaht Marine Stewardship Base, The floorplan includes a one-story structure with a footprint of approximately 3,734 sqft (including carport bays), The building will be located at the former sawmill site, Urban Systems is working to finalize the design for site services connections, Final design and budget review is now underway ,Construction of the building will begin in Q3.

i) Macoah Public Washroom

i) The public washrooms and showers will be constructed between the Guest House and the ocean, The facility will be divided into two separate sides, each with toilets, sinks, and a shower stall, Work is underway to develop the revised floor plan budget, Foundation preparations - Q3.

j) Secret Beach Playground

i) This new outdoor facility will offer a playground and outdoor fitness equipment to enhance the Secret Beach experience and promote healthy choices, The fitness equipment will be covered by a post and beam roof, \$500,000 grant from the Destination Development Fund has been confirmed, Completion - March 31, 2025.

k) Macoah Playground

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- i) This facility will be constructed between the Guest House and Anne’s house. It will include zones for both playground and fitness equipment, To leverage efficiencies, site preparation, equipment purchase and equipment installation for the Macoah Playground and the Secret Beach Playground will be managed simultaneously, Various design options are under consideration from different suppliers.
 - l) Regalia Retrofit
 - i) The Regalia Room at the Community Building will store and display items of cultural significance in a temperature and humidity-controlled room to continue the practice of preserving and sharing important items for generations to come.
 - m) Old Campground Contamination
 - i) BC has now completed the final soil and water sampling that was required prior to commencing the Detailed Engineering for the Remediation Plan, A legal survey of the Stopper Islands was done in September to define the natural boundaries and to prepare a legal survey plan, The “Disposition of Crown Land” advertisement was run in the Westerly and Alberni Times in July, BC is drafting a Detailed Remedial Design RFP seeking qualified engineering consultants.
 - n) New Housing Construction
 - i) The three (3) new houses are completed and ready for occupancy, finishing touches such as fencing style, sheds, etc. are being discussed.
 - o) Indigenous Forestry Initiative, Natural Resources (IFI NRCAN) Sawmill
 - i) The sawmill operated by Toquaht Developments will be upgraded, relocated, and integrated into a Forest Products Eco-Industrial Park located at the Toquaht Bay dry land log sort, NRCAN (IFI) provided a grant of \$410,000, and FP Innovations provided a grant of \$54,400, Equipment (buildings, green chains, conveyors etc) purchased from the old Somas Mill in Port Alberni was delivered by barge to the Toquaht Bay log sort ,The stormwater retention/settlement ponds sites have been constructed, Detailed design is complete and budget preparation is underway to extend water, sewer, and hydro from Secret Beach to the new sawmill site ,Beginning in early December, Ketz Pacific Contracting will form and pour the concrete for the new pre-engineered steel building
 - p) Secret Beach Development
 - i) Phase 1: On-site Infrastructure
 - (1) Will service the new government building site, the kayak launch, and approximately 34 residential lots of the Secret Beach Development project, Phase 1 On-site Infrastructure will service the new government building site, the kayak launch, and approximately 34 residential lots of the Secret Beach Development project, Installation of the on-site underground hydro for Phase 1 is now 75 % complete.
 - (2) Phase 2 design options and associated budgets are now being completed.
 - ii) Secret Beach Offsite Services
 - (1) Off-site Services extends the sewer, water, and hydro from Macoah to Secret Beach, The work to install the off-site sewer and water lines from Macoah to Secret Beach is now completed, Clearing of the BC Hydro Right-of-Way between Macoah and Secret Beach was completed in mid-September, The new Hydro line between Macoah and Secret Beach should be completed by spring 2024, BC Hydro will begin the installation of the poles and wires early in the new year.

iii) Active Transportation Trail

- (1) An Active Transportation Network Plan and Implementation Strategy will be completed with a focus on the village of Macoah and the Secret Beach subdivision, Active Transportation Fund provided \$50,000, Outlines and drafts of the trail network plan have been completed and are now under review, The Active Network Plan and Implementation strategy will be completed prior to the end of Q4.

4th Door Prize Winner – Noreen Frank

4) Update on Toquaht Territory Habitat Restoration Strategy Tom Balfour

- a) Increase understanding of habitat conditions, Identify limiting factors to salmon production, Identify restoration opportunities, Complete preliminary project designs
- b) Slope, Riparian and In-stream Restoration will be undertaken once all research and assessments are done

5) Update on Marine Assessments and Restoration in tuk^waaʔath Territory Emily Fulton

- a) 2021 – present, tuk^waaʔath and yuuluʔifʔath sites, baseline spatial data has been collected, standardized protocol has been developed
 - i) Survey Protocol Marine Plan Partnership for the North Pacific Coast (MAPP)
 - (1) Spatial Extent, Density, Health Indicators, Species Composition, Oceanographic Measurements
 - b) Aquatic Restoration Habitat Fund 2023-2024 Marine Restoration Pilot Project
 - i) Four (4) sites were chosen off the coast of Macoah to grow and monitor kelp
 - c) Estuary Habitat Assessments
 - i) MC Wright & Associates have been contracted for this project
 - (1) They will use Historic Archives, Bathymetric Surveys (Sonar), Remote Operated Vehicle Surveys (ROV), Scuba Surveys, Map Impact Zones, Create Restoration Prescriptions
 - d) More information to come on all these important projects

6) Question Period

- i) No questions

Draw for Grand Prize – Stephanie Mack

The next People's Assembly will be held virtually on Saturday, March 23th, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen

Chairperson

Law Clerk

Date

IN ATTENDANCE:

Kathy Waddell
Anne Mack
Kevin Mack
Aline Carrier
Buck Goodman
David Johnsen
Emily Fulton
Gloria Woods
Noreen Frank
Trudy Warner
Greta Picard
Sheryl Tate

Cait Wills
Noah Plonka
Stephanie Mack
Brett Freake
Colleen Mack
Kirsten Johnsen
Tom Balfour
Jackie Arsenault
Rick Shafer
Alan Haines
Theresa Mack