

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday June 24th, 2023

Virtual Video Conference

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anne Mack

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

Welcome by taayii ḥawit Anne Mack

- o Anne welcomed everyone and provided an opening prayer

Agenda adopted (moved by Leonard Mack, seconded by Patricia North)

Approved March 25, 2023 meetings minutes approved (moved by Noreen Frank, seconded by Greta Picard)

Presenters: Anne Mack, Angela Polifroni, Brett Freake, Lisa Morgan, Robyn Rea, Brent Lehmann

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

First Door Prize winner – Greta Picard

1) Introduction from Angela Polifroni, Director of Operations

i) Remediation Project Update

Brent Lehmann, Ratcliff LLP

(1) Background

- (a) Brynnor iron mine tailings contaminated in 1960s
- (b) Site became treaty lands in 2011 with BC Treaty obligation to remediate contamination
- (c) Extent of contamination determined in 2013
- (d) Remediation estimates \$60 m (full) \$30 m (capping)
- (e) The site will be remediated for **commercial/industrial use** (not campground)
- (f) BC pays Toquaht Nation **\$7 million** for maintenance of asphalt cap over the next 30 years
- (g) BC to pay Toquaht Nation an additional **\$8 million** for **Economic Development**
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- (i) BC will provide Toquaht Nation an area based **First Nations Woodland License (FNWL)** (in place of the current volume-based licence) of 22,540 hectares with **AAC of 48,900 m³** with **exclusive rights** to harvest Crown timber in that area
- (j) Toquaht Nation will have meaningful say on land use decisions in significant portion of traditional territory

2) Official Community Plan Amendment

Brett Freake, manager lands & resources

i) What's an Official Community Plan (OCP)?

- (1) A high-level plan that guides development and land use on Toquaht Treaty Settlement Lands
- (2) For leadership, staff, Citizens, and outside developers/development partners
- (3) Guided by our Toquaht values and laws



- ii) We are at the Final Review Stage of amending our OCP
- iii) What we heard at the Macoah and Port Alberni outreach – May 23/24
 - (1) Muster facility needed – weather protected and warm
 - (2) A secondary road for emergency is important
 - (3) Supported Living facility for Elders is important – especially for end-of-life care and to keep people in the community
 - (4) Accommodating future growth and community development out of the coastal hazard area over the longer term is the right thing to do
 - (5) Designations are good – they cover everything
- iv) Visit www.toquahtOCP.ca to provide your feedback and take a short survey
- v) Q&As
 - (1) Q-are you taking into account ways to mitigate erosion?
 - (a) A-YES, there are several ways- Greenshore etc.
 - (2) Q- will there be engagement in larger urban centers like Nanimo or Victoria?
 - (a) A-Not this time, but please fill out the survey, call or email Brett
 - (3) Q-what is the enactment process?
 - (a) A- the OCP is a schedule to the Official Community Plan Act which needs to go through three readings to be adopted

3) Amending the Land Act

Brent Lehmann, Ratcliff LLP

- a) The Toquaht Economic Development Committee recommends portions of Secret Beach be made available for sale as fee simple lands
- b) After considering legal and practical considerations, the Executive accepted that recommendation and instructed Administration to direct legal to prepare necessary amendments to the Land Act
- c) Council seeking citizen input
- d) Considerations
 - i) Greater marketability
 - ii) +20% better return on investment
 - iii) Lands remain Toquaht lands in Toquaht jurisdiction

iv) Property tax revenues for Toquaht government

Second Door Prize winner – Gregory Edgett

4) Community Services Initiatives 2023-24

Lisa Morgan, Director of Community Services

- a) Support citizens experiencing loss
 - i) Macoah
 - ii) Port Alberni
 - iii) Register with Christy Black (christyb@toquaht.ca)
- b) Land-based healing process in development
- c) Men's group
- d) Wellness Day being planned
- e) Other supports
 - i) Day to day challenges
 - ii) Mental health and addictions
- f) Early Learning Program
 - i) Exploring early learning options at Macoah
 - ii) Engage community to learn about current and future needs
 - iii) new Parents-n-Tots program
- g) Elder's Conference
 - i) 47th Annual Elders Gathering
 - (1) August 15-16, 2023
 - (2) Vancouver Convention Centre
 - ii) Sponsor 5 Toquaht Elders
 - (1) First come, first served
 - (2) Cost of registration, travel and meals covered
 - (3) Apply for Elders Recreation Grant to reduce costs
- h) Minor Home Repair
 - i) Support elders to live independently
 - (1) Up to \$4000 support for minor home repairs
 - ii) Eligibility:
 - (1) Elders on limited income or receiving disability support
 - (2) Need minor repairs in their home
 - (3) Must be homeowner
- i) Toquaht Nation Graduates
 - i) Darian Heintz, Gregory Edgett, Michael Patterson, Connor Patterson, Koyah Morgan-Banke

5) Wills Project

Brent Lehmann, Ratcliff LLP

a) Estate Planning & Wills

- i) A will sets out who (i.e. the Beneficiary) gets what (i.e. the property) when a person dies
- ii) A will names the administrator of your estate (e.g. the Executor) and your beneficiaries (who gets what), appoints a Guardian for minors, minimizes Tax at Death, sets up Trusts, can direct the disposition of Remains
- iii) How to apply
 - (1) Speak to Kirsten Johnsen, Law Clerk, to receive a simple questionnaire.
 - (2) Complete the questionnaire to the best of your ability. The questionnaire will then be sent to Ratcliff and we will contact you
 - (3) Ratcliff's team will draft the will document using the answers in your questionnaire.
 - (4) When the final will is ready, arrangements will be made with you to sign the will.

6) Announcements

a) New Rental housing at Macoah

- i) 2 units designated social at \$750/month + hydro
- ii) 1 unit designated market at \$1200/month + hydro
- iii) Qualification for social vs. market rates is based on household income and in relation to the number of bedrooms in the house being applied for
- iv) How to apply:
 - o Complete and submit Allocation Application form HA2 to Naomi at naomim@toquaht.ca
 - o Accepting applications until July 14 at noon
- v) Housing committee will meet to review and allocate based on Toquaht law
- vi) Applicants will be notified mid-August
- vii) Potential move-in dates to be determined with successful applicant when rental agreement is signed

b) Toquaht Nation General Election 2023

- i) General Voting Day is Friday October 6th, 2023
- ii) Three (3) positions
- iii) Lawrence Lewis is the Chief Electoral Officer
- iv) **Interested in being a candidate?**
 - (1) Any Toquaht citizen age 18 or older can run for elected office
 - (a) ineligible if deemed medically unfit, undergoing bankruptcy or convicted
 - (2) Nomination meeting will be held 45 days prior to election (~Aug)
 - (3) More info to follow in Summer Newsletter

Draw for Grand Prize – Alicia Harry

The next People's Assembly will be held virtually on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023 at Macoah

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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

Attendees:

Alicia Harry
Angela Mack
Buck Goodman
Sheryl Tate
Colleen Mack
Kelly Johnsen
Charlotte Carpenter
Gregory Edgett
Leah Mack
Noreen Frank
Greta Picard
Leonard Mack