

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday September 23rd, 2023

In-Person at Macoah & 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 Noreen Frank, seconded by Jackie Arsenault)

Approved June 24, 2023 meetings minutes approved (moved by Kelly Johnsen, seconded by Jackie Arsenault)

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

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

First Door Prize winner – Kelly Johnsen

1) Introduction from Angela Polifroni, Director of Operations

i) Kevin Mack provided a summary of the audit process and introduced John Nelson

- (1) Described the audit process and role of the auditors and Toquaht Nation
 - (a) Financial statements must be prepared with reasonable estimates of revenues and expenses, protection of Toquaht assets and evidence of maintaining internal controls
 - (b) The auditors review the statements and make recommendations for adjustments if necessary
 - (c) RHN reviewed the financial statements for 2022-2023 and found very few areas where minor adjustments were recommended and consider them accurate
 - (d) Contact the office if you would like to review a copy of the audit

Second Door Prize winner – Theresa Mack

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) The next steps are for staff to do final review then will go to Council for adoption

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- iv) Q&As
 - (1) Does it include a watershed restoration plan?
 - (a) A-NO, that will be a separate project.

3) Community Services Initiatives 2023-24

Lisa Morgan, Director of Community Services

- a) Community Building at Macoah (tuḱ^waaʔath̄iic hišimiyiʔak)
 - i) Events and activities happening year-round
 - ii) Contact Pam to learn about what is happening next!
 - (1) Some activities we have held; Baby Showers, cultural/traditional workshops, culture nights/weekends
 - iii) Let us know what kinds of activities you'd
- b) Grief and loss education
 - i) Macoah Training
 - (1) 12 participants attended
 - ii) Future Plans
 - iii) We intend to expand this training to other communities soon
 - iv) Community Needs
 - v) We are willing to bring this training wherever there is a need. Please contact Christy if you'd like to see it in your home community
- c) Men's group
 - i) Two members from Toquaht and 15 men from neighboring Nations attended
 - ii) Highlights
 - (1) Successful event
 - (2) Traditional activities
 - (3) Discussions on important men's issues
- d) Welcome Back Home Special Child
 - i) The event is intended to reconnect children and youth who have been in
 - ii) care with their traditional lands and provide an opportunity to meet and connect with extended family.
- e) Questions for Our Community
 - i) What are the barriers to participation?
 - (1) How can our staff help to overcome those?
 - ii) What works best for citizen's schedules?
 - (1) Weekends, weekdays, weeknights?
 - iii) How are our communications?
 - (1) How can we improve? Posters? Registration?
 - iv) Do people need transportation to participate?
 - (1) What is the best location? Is childcare a barrier?
 - v) Are there any others and how can we eliminate barriers?
 - vi) Consider donating an idea and write it down and put in the suggestion box
 - (1) Ratcliff's team will draft the will document using the answers in your questionnaire.
 - (2) When the final will is ready, arrangements will be made with you to sign the will.

4) Lands, Public Works and Resources David Johnsen, director of lands, public works and resources

- a) The Marine Stewardship Program has conducted land and ocean patrols, data collection, surveys such as oyster, clam, deer, elk
- b) Aquatic Habitat Restoration
 - i) Enhancing our knowledge of the salmon populations in the territory and river health
 - ii) Developing restoration strategy for Maggie, Toquaht, & Chenatha Watersheds
 - iii) Highlight actionable opportunities for restoration and salmon enhancement
 - iv) Solutions to fish passage issues at Maggie fish ladder
 - v) Collaborating with Thornton Creek Hatchery
- c) Food Fish
 - i) We are working on ways to catch more fish of different types and how this can be processed for delivery, such as getting different types of salmon smoked, and canned, smoked black cod
 - ii) We have halibut, canned salmon, sockeye salmon filets for another distribution in early October, Dennis will be doing call outs soon
 - iii) Please ensure the Nation has up to date contact information

5) Emergency Preparedness

Angela Polifroni, director of operations

- a) Macoah Emergency Team: David Johnsen, Lisa Morgan, Pamela Fry, Jim Fox, Burton Mack, Noah Plonka, Dennis Hetu, Trevor (Secret Beach)
- b) Emergency Operations Centre Team: Angela Polifroni, Kirsten Johnsen, Lisa Morgan, David Johnsen, Robyn Rea
- c) The two teams are provided training on various aspects of emergency management quarterly

Draw for Youth Prize – Jordyn Plonka

Draw for Elders Prize – Tim Sutherland

6) Announcements

- a) New Rental housing at Macoah
 - i) There will be 1 (one) unit available late fall
- b) Citizen Achievement Awards
 - i) Shirley Mack for Services to the Community
 - ii) Amanda Godfrey for Academics

7) Question Period

- a) Kevin Mack suggested the new website have a functioning calendar for posting events etc.
- b) Jesse McMullan would like to see help with addictions management on our lands
 - i) Staff suggested Jesse contact Christy Black (christyb@toquaht.ca) to start with

Draw for Grand Prize – Greta Picard

The next People's Assembly will be held virtually on Saturday, December 9th, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with a tasty lunch catered by Heartwood Kitchens

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen

Law Clerk *Kirsten Johnsen*

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