

# TOQUAHT NATION NEWSLETTER



## SUMMER 2024 MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ANNE

### WELCOME EVERYONE!!

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We're excited to have hosted a community meeting at *túk'waa?at̓hiic hišimyilyak* (Toquaht Gathering Place) at *ma?aquu?a* (Macoah) on June 22. Our People's Assembly had almost 60 *masčim* (citizens) attending in person, including relatives from across the border. We thank all those who attended, including those who couldn't be with us in person, but joined online.

I want to thank the Toquaht Executive and Administrative Government for their support in building community by organizing events like this one. The day included more than informative presentations by our department directors and staff; we also had the pleasure of a dinner celebration together as well as activities in the afternoon that included drum making, cedar weaving and boat tours of our traditional territory. I also want to acknowledge the Macoah residents for their part in planning, setting up and supporting in many ways this community event that truly was a worthy experience for all.



# MESSAGE FROM CHIEF ANNE

## WELCOME EVERYONE!!

If you couldn't attend, there will be more chances for to visit community during the year, with the planned opening of the guest residence, qiyuus, which means staying as a guest.

You will also want to watch our website, community calendar and Facebook page, as we have more exciting information to come this summer about big things happening in Macoah.

Meanwhile, I'm so glad relatives were able to come home to enjoy our beautiful haḥuḥi – we can't wait to see more of you soon.

With very best wishes,  
wiicackuum, taayii ḥawii  
(Chief Anne Mack)



The Dinner Song, performed at the People's Assembly June 22.

# TOQUAHT PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY



Our most recent People's Assembly was held in person on June 22 in person in Macoah. The largest number of citizens - almost 60! - came home to learn more about what Toquaht Nation is working on. The focus of this People's Assembly was to celebrate being together, and to participate in activities that included boat tours, drum making, drumstick making, and cedar weaving. Citizens also enjoyed a lunch prepared by a local caterer, using crab, halibut and salmon that was supplied by Toquaht Nation. We distributed 10 door prizes as thank you gifts to citizens who attended the People's Assembly. The next People's Assembly will be on Saturday, September 7th on Zoom, so mark your calendars!



*Cedar weaving instruction was provided by Charlotte Carpenter.*

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**Minutes from the  
People's Assembly are  
available at the end of  
the newsletter.**

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# TOQUAHT NEWS

*Excerpt from the article "Ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the official completion of the 40-km West Coast Multi-Use Path" by Nora O'Malley, Ha-Shilth-Sa Newspaper, June 7, 2024.*

## Ribbon-cutting ceremony marks the official completion of the 40-km West Coast Multi-Use Path



It was an all-hands-on-deck effort to finish the 1.2-kilometre missing link between the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve ʔapsčiiik ʔašii Trail (pronounced ups-cheek ta-shee) and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) Multi-Use Path (MUP) that begins at the Junction and connects to Ucluelet's MUP.

On a sun-soaked June 7 afternoon, representatives from Yuuʔuʔiʔath Government, Toquaht Nation, ACRD, Government of British Columbia, Government of Canada, Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) and the District of Ucluelet gathered on the minted path to officially celebrate its completion.

This has been a long time coming. It's been nice to have the continuation and the safety that comes with completion of the multi-use trail into the park. It's a great opportunity for a lot of our citizens and the locals to enjoy the trail," said YG President McCarthy.

Toquaht Chief Anne Mack expressed happiness for the team effort it took to complete the missing link. “We are doing what we should be doing, collaborating and getting what we need for each other,” she said.

Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government (YG) President Charles McCarthy welcomed guests to the haḥahuuʔi of Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Chiefs, and had the honour of cutting the cedar ribbon to commemorate the milestone day.

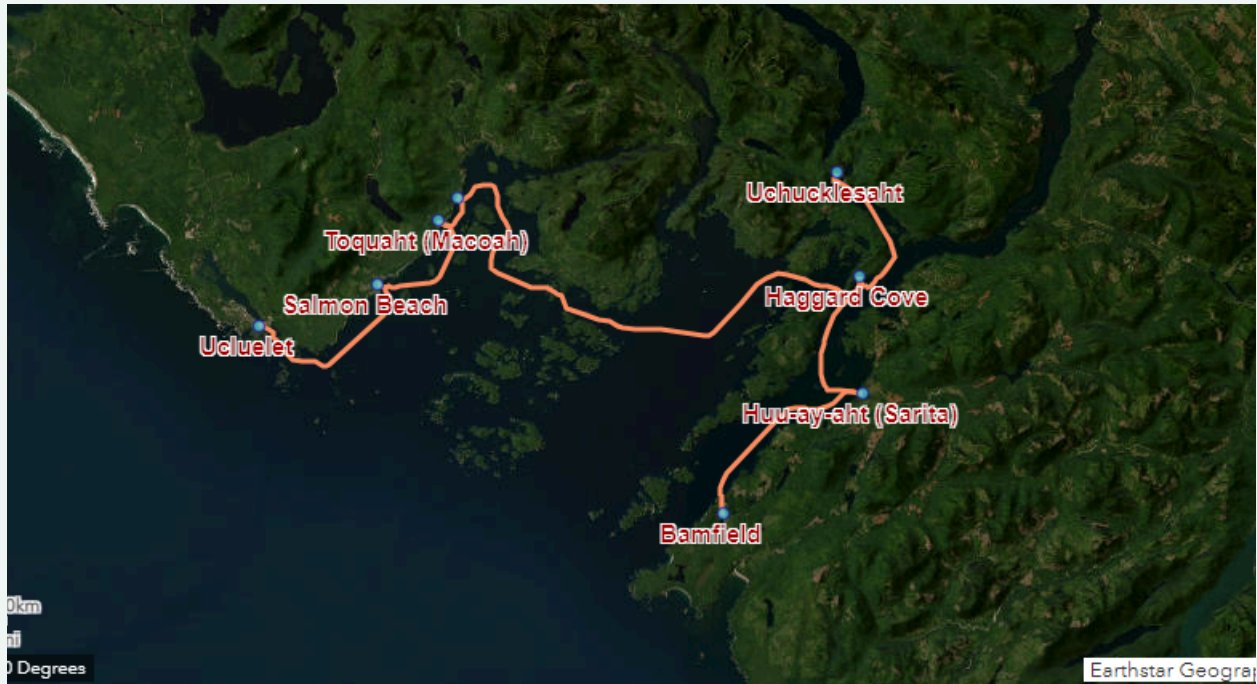
## Toquaht Leadership advises Prime Minister at forum



Earlier this spring, taayii ḥawit (Chief Anne Mack) and čaamaʔa (Kevin Mack) met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other Indigenous and First Nations' leaders in Ottawa at the Prime Minister's Intergovernmental Leaders Forum.

There, discussions centred around strengthening relationships and self-governing with modern treaty partners, including the announcement of the establishment of a Modern Treaties Implementation Review Commission, an independent body that will report directly to Parliament on all matters related to modern treaty implementation.

## Connected Coast Project to bring Internet and telephone services to Macoah, Secret Beach



If you have been in community recently, you may have noticed some activity around Macoah and Secret Beach. Connected Coast has been commissioned by Toquaht Nation to start the process of improving connectivity and acquiring consistent, strong and reliable high-speed internet and telephone services to Macoah, as part of the Toquaht Strategic Plan. To that end, Connected Coast has been working to select sites where the fibre-optic cable to be stationed, in order to then be distributed to homes in the community. According to Connected Coast, access to reliable high-speed Internet means that residents will be able to access online learning and health services, emergency notifications, news and participate in online discussions and sharing. It will also open new economic development opportunities for residents who will be able to work remotely and participate on e-commerce and online business development.

For Toquaht Nation, this achievement is another Goal (Grow the Economy) laid out in the current Strategic Plan that benefits masčim. This fall, a review of the current Strategic Plan will take place, as we work toward developing new goals and objectives.





# TOQUAHT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Administration Update

### *It's time for smart estate planning*

Have you got your will sorted out yet?

This relatively simple process is available free to all Toquaht citizens. All you need to do is speak to Kirsten Johnsen, Law Clerk, to receive a questionnaire that will help you create your will. A team of professionals will create a will for you based on the responses in your questionnaire, after which arrangements will be made for you sign the document, which can be changed any time you wish.

To learn more or receive the questionnaire, contact Kirsten at [kirstenj@toquaht.ca](mailto:kirstenj@toquaht.ca).



**Please submit your application immediately!**

### SUBMIT YOUR CITIZEN DISTRIBUTION APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZEN DISTRIBUTIONS OF \$750 PER CITIZEN 18+ (MINOR CITIZEN DISTRIBUTIONS WILL BE HELD IN TRUST) ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR TOQUAHT CITIZENS.

TO LEARN MORE OR ACCESS THE APPLICATION, GO TO [TOQUAHT.CA](http://TOQUAHT.CA) AND SEARCH FOR **CITIZEN DISTRIBUTION**. SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO [NAOMIM@TOQUAHT.CA](mailto:NAOMIM@TOQUAHT.CA)



## Keep your information up to date!

Toquaht citizens, please let us know if you have recently moved!

Send your updated mailing address to Naomi at [naomim@toquaht.ca](mailto:naomim@toquaht.ca)

# TOQUAHT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Assets Update

*Director of Assets Achieves Academic Excellence*



On May 24, Toquaht Director of Assets Jackie Arsenault was recognized for her achievement in completing the Fundamentals of Water and Wastewater Operations certificate program at BCIT. As one of nine graduates of the program, Jackie's dedication to expanding her wealth of experience benefits Toquaht Nation and falls within the nation's strategic priorities in capacity building and supporting mas̓cim growth. This opportunity was created as the direct result of funding through BCIT for Indigenous students and is structured so that students can complete their coursework remotely.

Congratulations Jackie on this remarkable achievement!

*If you are interested in learning more about BCIT's Associate Certificate in Fundamentals of Water and Wastewater Operations, please email [Andrea\\_Dusanj@bcit.ca](mailto:Andrea_Dusanj@bcit.ca).*



# TOQUAHT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Assets Update

*Emergency Management Training Ongoing*



In June staff attended two days of Emergency Management training centered around a mock earthquake and tsunami exercise in Ucluelet and surrounding areas. We practiced survival skills within the Ucluelet office, damage assessment, first aid, and opened the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). We then practiced how to evacuate the EOC team safely to the muster station at Tugwell fields with limited supplies and equipment. The EOC provides response and recovery from major emergencies or disasters and will aid the Macoah Emergency Team supporting Macoah residents. To find out more about Toquaht emergency preparedness please contact Jackie Arsenault at [jackiea@toquaht.ca](mailto:jackiea@toquaht.ca)

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# TOQUAHT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Lands and Resources Update

*Featured Projects summer of 2024: Biologist Tom Balfour*



*Trail cams capture adolescent elk in Toquaht territory.*

This year has been particularly productive for the Department of Lands and Resources. In addition to help mapping, eel grass surveying and elk and other wildlife monitoring, biologist Tom Balfour provided the following update:

### **Toquaht Steelhead Study:**

The Toquaht River traditionally supported an exceptional run of both winter and summer steelhead. However there has been very little work done to understand the current state of the population and how much fishing pressure these sensitive populations are facing.

This spring we have been conducting bi-weekly snorkel surveys to understand current population dynamics. In addition, we are planning to increase signage around key access trails help educate anglers on fishing regulations. We will also set up multiple cameras on these trails to monitor the quantity of anglers using the resource as well as to try and catch poachers.

This is the first year of the program, but I would love to expand the work as these steelhead are a very rare and unique resource to the Territory.

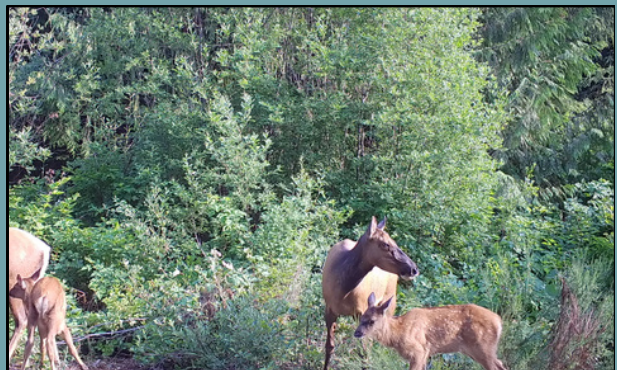
### **AHRF Restoration Strategy:**

The goal of this funding is to assess Toquaht and Maggie watersheds to better understand habitat conditions, disturbance history, and limitations to fish and wildlife within these watersheds and develop restoration project opportunities.

The landslide inventory is now completed; the Draw Creek Riparian assessments are completed, and the channel restoration designs are complete.

This summer we will be working on river habitat mapping, estuary surveys and vegetation mapping, and the Toquaht riparian assessments.

The expectation is that the final document will be completed by March 2025.



# TOQUAHT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Lands and Resources Update, con'td

### Maggie River Fish Ladder/Draw Creek Coho

The Maggie Fish ladder is key in allowing fish access to the Maggie/Draw watershed. And generally, works well; however, when we get extended fall droughts the ladder become a barrier to fish, trapping them at the base of the falls. In Fall 2022 we had to carry out emergency works to dam the falls and reactivate the ladder to get the fish up. We did not have to do this in 2023 thankfully, but I have been working to keep pressure on DFO to find a long-term solution to the problem, while ensuring we have funds and a plan in place to repeat the emergency dam project if needed. DFO engineers visited the site in early June and will be conducting assessments this summer to look for solutions.

We have also been working with DFO and Thornton Creek to develop a small-scale Coho enhancement project for Draw Creek coho. This effort is using very modern hatchery techniques to preserve the wild genetics as much as possible, while boosting the struggling run. The first fish were released this spring.

### Chenatha Restoration Maintenance

Since the early 2000's Toquaht Nation, Redd Fish Restoration and Thornton Creek Salmon Enhancement society have worked together on a holistic and multi-faceted approach to salmon recovery that has combined small scale salmon enhancement with watershed restoration actions. Restoration between 2014-2017 included road deactivation, fish passage improvements, riparian thinning and planting, and placement of large wood structures. Enchantment has been carried out using a transplant of little Toquaht river chum, and has been ongoing since 2014. In 2023 Chenatha received one of the highest chum returns in recent history.

For 2024 we received some funding to continue on restoration efforts in the Chenatha watershed. This project will occur over 2 weeks in August and will focus mainly on:

- 1) Removal of a collapsed bridge that is blocking fish access,
- 2) Maintenance of existing large wood structures
- 3) Building addition in-channel wood structures (hand built)
- 4) Fall restoration effectiveness monitoring



# TOQUAHT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Lands and Resources Update, con'td

*Kelp surveying with Redd Fish Restoration Society*



We teamed up with Redd Fish Restoration Society and West Coast Kelp to conduct a unique kelp restoration pilot project. On a classic Ucluelet cold, snowy, rainy, and sunny day in early March, the crews braved the elements to seed kelp at four different sites throughout tukʷaaʔath (Toquaht) territory in Barkley Sound.

The nursery lines of baby kelp have begun growing in their natural element and the team will continue to monitor and document the journey along the way.

We are so proud to partner with Redd Fish Restoration Society on so many projects, but the kelp restoration project is one that is particularly important.

Our work all comes back to what we can do to help local salmon populations. Kelp forests can be critical to early marine survival.

When juvenile salmon leave freshwater and enter the ocean, they rely on complex nearshore habitats to seek refuge from predation and forage for food before they brave the open water. Kelp forests provide this perfect habitat to hide and seek.

Thriving in cold, nutrient-rich waters, kelp forests have been facing challenging impacts from climate change and warming waters, which has been tracked through years of monitoring work.



*Drone surveillance in Toquaht territory.*

*Kelp surveying in Broken Islands Chain.*

# UPDATE ON CAPITAL PROJECTS

## Lucky Creek Hydro

Early in 2024, Toquaht received funding from the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Fund to advance the Run-of-the-River hydro development project to “construction ready.” This will position Toquaht to respond promptly to commercial renewable energy opportunities as they arise. The plan is to complete the “Waterpower Development Plan” and submit that to BC this summer.

## Secret Beach Marina

Work to move the parking lot for vehicle and boat trailer parking for the Secret Beach Marina continues with the completion of the final design and the falling and clearing of the new parking lot area. The new marina parking lot is located on the high side of the road, above the marina, and is expected to be ready for use this summer.



## Macoah Water Reservoir

The new Macoah Water Reservoir came online last winter. The project is currently wrapping up with the replacement of electronic controls and the upcoming placement of the Toquaht Nation logo on the tower.

## New Government Building

Active and meaningful conversations on the direction for the design and construction of the New Toquaht Government Building have been had over the past several months. Toquaht’s comments have been incorporated into a revised design that will be reviewed with Toquaht prior to finalizing the design and budgets. It is still anticipated that the foundation construction will begin before the end of the 24/25 fiscal year.

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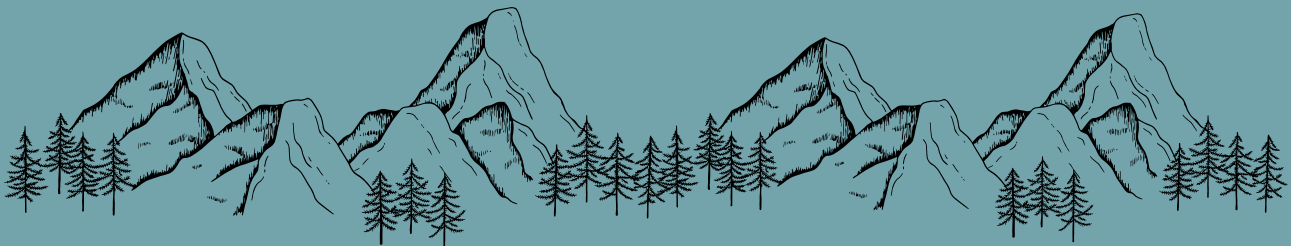
*Marine Stewardship Building Drawing, MHA, 2023*

## **Qiyuus – 12 Plex Gathering House**

The Gathering House was given the name Qiyuus which means staying as a guest. Qiyuus is steadily moving towards completion. Finishing touches are underway and the lodge is expected to be ready to enjoy this year.

## **Macoah and Secret Beach Playgrounds & Exercise Facilities**

Clearing and groundwork for the both the Macoah and Secret Beach Playgrounds & Exercise Facilities began in May. The Playground and fitness equipment installation will begin in July and is expected to be completed and ready for use by late-August.







# UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY SERVICES



**IT'S TIME TO  
NOMINATE!**

**THE TOQUAHT ACHIEVEMENT AND  
EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINATIONS  
ARE NOW OPEN**

**Nominate a Toquaht citizen who goes above and beyond in the  
areas of community service, academics, athletics and sports.**

Learn more about the Toquaht Achievement and Excellence Awards at  
[www.toquaht.ca](http://www.toquaht.ca) or scan the QR code.



***2024 graduates***

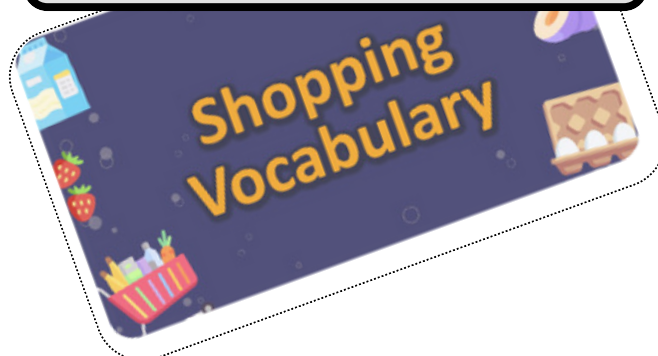
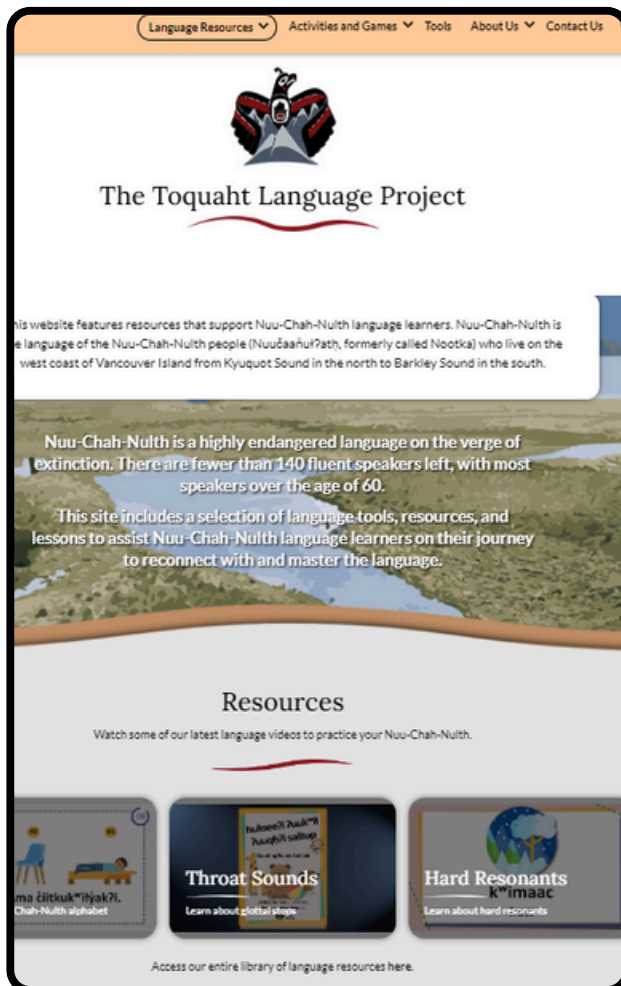
**Congratulations**

**Ian Heintz and Devlin Amos!**

# UPDATE FROM LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



## TOQUAHT LANGUAGE WEBSITE UPDATED



By Gale Johnsen

Exciting News! Check out our new language website!

We are very happy to present our brand new language learning website designed to help you learn the language!

Whether you're a beginner or looking to enhance your skills, the website has got you covered! It has interactive Lessons, videos, a dictionary to help you find words or phrases, an introduction to the alphabet, voices of Barb Touchie, Bob Mundy, Henry Kammler and Adam Werle to guide you through pronunciations.

Some of the new videos include nuučaañuł words and phrases to describe our jobs and work days.

Other videos shares nuučaañuł words and phrases to describe a car trip to the store, as well as nuučaañuł words and phrases for making tea and coffee to share with a friend.

There are more than a dozen new videos to enjoy, so check them out today!

# Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
tuk<sup>w</sup>aaʔathiic hišimyiyak

Macoah

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

**Chair:** Anne Mack

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

## Welcome by Anne Mack

- Kevin provided an opening prayer and čiiqʷyak (prayer, chant)
- Introduced Donna Monteith as our new Director of Operations
- Special guests: Ucluelet Fire Chief Rick Geddes and Constable Yannick Harry

## 1st Door Prize winners

Agenda adopted (moved by Stanley Bob, seconded by Jackie Arsenault)

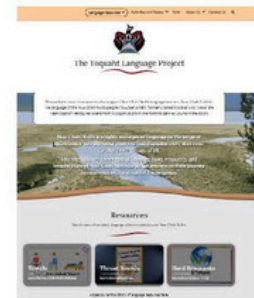
Approved March 23, 2023 meetings minutes approved (moved by David Johnsen, seconded by Naomi Mack)

Presenters: Donna Monteith, Rick Shafer, David Johnsen, Jackie Arsenault, Aline Carrier, Brett Freake, Lisa Morgan

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

## 1) General Department Updates - introduction from Donna Monteith

- a) Community Services – Lisa Morgan (email [lisam@toquaht.ca](mailto:lisam@toquaht.ca) for more information)
  - i) Toquaht holds a weekly soup day with the company of the NTC nurses and their Quu'asa team.
  - ii) NTC nurses focus on vaccinations, immunizations, blood pressure and sugar checks and offer health support to residents.
  - iii) Our telehealth room is equipped with over-the counter medication for emergencies.
  - iv) Check out the schedule for acupuncture, massage, and chiropractor. Homecare support and footcare services are available for residents who are elderly, ill, or have mobility issues.
  - v) There are opportunities for offer small contract employment for citizens and students
  - vi) Macoah language classes are monthly hosted by our knowledge keeper and Elder in residence. Visit [www.toquahtlanguage.com](http://www.toquahtlanguage.com)
  - vii) Citizen Achievement Awards: Nominate a Toquaht citizen:
    - (1) Community Service, Academic Excellence and Athletics and Sport Award:
    - (2) Three awards for K-12 for \$150/each and Three awards for adults for \$500/each
  - viii) Coming Soon:
    - (1) Financial support for families who are 'in-need' e.g. food, diapers, appointments and 'Culture kits' for Toquaht children.
  - ix) We support this year's Tlu-pitch games and will fund supplies and activities.

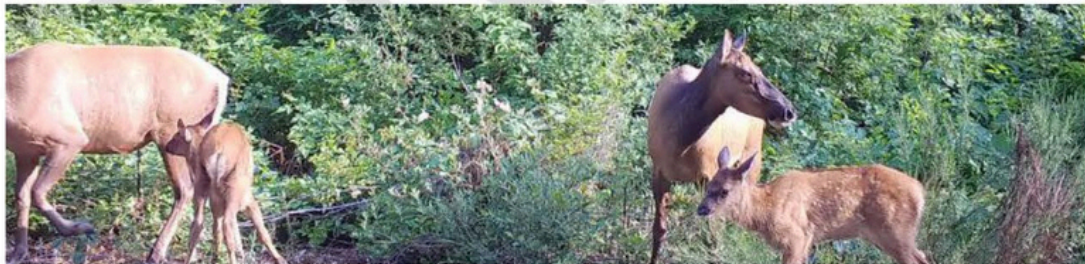


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- x) Contact Lisa for information on K-12 supports ex. School supplies, youth recreation, tutoring etc.
  - xi) Contact Lisa for information on Post Secondary education supports ex. Tutoring, Community-based training opportunities, Financial assistance and/or reimbursements to help with bus transportation or parking fees can be considered.
  - xii) Bi-weekly culture afternoons and evenings hosted at Macoah and Port Alberni.
  - xiii) The Department of Community Services would love to gain input from citizens on what kind of workshops you would like us offer and/or provide for citizens.
    - (1) We are looking for opportunities to create land-based healing activities for citizens.

**Question/Comment.** Are there travel supports to get students to school and back?

**Response.** Lisa responded that SD70 does have budget for this.

- b) Lands and Resources – David Johnsen, Brett Freake, Aline Carrier
  - i) Halibut and Sockeye and prawns have been caught and are being processed and frozen. Distribution should happen in July. Callouts will begin shortly.
  - ii) A lot is happening within the marine stewardship program; new marine stewardship/public works building at Macoah, data collection through land and marine patrols and assistance with food fish programs.
  - iii) Aline gave an update on the kelp project we are partnering with West Coast Kelp
  - iv) We are continuing with the aquatic habitat restoration project in the Maggie and Toquaht River watersheds.
  - v) The European Green Crab is still an invasive species found in our waters but be sure to recognize the local indigenous species before trying to eliminate any crab you find on the shore
  - vi) Brett Freake showed pictures of elk and other animals captured on our camera traps.



- vii) Written report from our biologist, Tom Balfour
  - (1) Assessing Toquaht and Maggie watersheds to better understand habitat conditions, disturbance history, and limitations to fish and wildlife within these watersheds and develop restoration project opportunities.
    - (a) Tasks to date: Landslide inventory = Completed, Draw Creek Riparian Assessments Completed, Channel restoration designs= complete.
    - (b) This summer: River habitat mapping, Estuary surveys and vegetation mapping, Toquaht Riparian assessments.

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(c) Complete final document by March 2025

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    - (a) For 2024 we received some funding to continue restoration efforts in the Chenatha watershed.
- b) Assets – Jackie Arsenault
- i) Joint Health & Safety Plan updates well underway with a consultant
  - ii) Occupational Health & Safety Committee being created
  - iii) Hiring new staff in progress
  - iv) Macoah road has been graded 2 times this fiscal, more as necessary
  - v) Work with Finance team to start preparing for CityWide Asset Program
  - vi) MET team has completed Hover Entry/Exit training
  - vii) EOC team training end of June
  - viii) Macoah Volunteer Fire Team recruitment process in development
  - ix) Asset Management Plan being updated

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Door Prize winners

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## 2) Toquaht Business Update – Noah Plonka

- a) TOQUAHT DEVELOPMENTS
  - i) Sawmill is now operating in its the new building
  - ii) Lumber products are all custom dimensions & firewood products vary in size and species.
  - iii) TDLP has began some storage of products at the Ucluelet office. New products such fence panels and benches are being built on site.
  - iv) New mill site will look to tie in hydro extensions to support facilities later in 2024 which will allow kilns, and value-added equipment needed such as green chains, infeed/outfeed decks, chop line and additional lumber storage as required.
- b) Toquaht Industries & Toquaht Forestry
  - i) 2024 operations consisted in planting & engineering of Cataract mountain, Toquaht Valley and Lucky Creek.
  - ii) Salvage operations were at a minimum and may have some shake and round log harvesting fall of 2024.
  - iii) Toquaht Industries operations were minimal as well due to no harvests from Toquaht Forestry.
  - iv) Transferring our current volume based forest license to a (FNWL) First Nation Woodland license, giving Toquaht better controls on our resources and long-term planning, is currently in process.
  - v) 2024 FSP (Forest Stewardship Plan) is complete and on the shelf to support our new forestry initiatives and a comprehensive management plan to support operations. Harvesting 2024 will be minimal.
- c) Toquaht Marina & Campground LP
  - i) New water services are connected at the kayak launch and new office with hydro connections July/Aug this year.
  - ii) Replacement and upgraded playground construction is underway and will be complete Aug 2024 built by habitat playgrounds.
  - iii) 2024 season is now open and in operations as of early May.
  - iv) Additional Tent platforms are now built at the kayak launch. (12) in total becoming very popular for our overnight kayak guests and outdoor explorers.
  - v) At last, services have been installed at the Kayak launch to support a new washroom facility and location has been prepped. Construction to commence this summer.
- d) Barkley Sound shellfish LP
  - i) Geoduck farm tenure 2024 will be introducing new geoduck seed to the site Nov/Dec. Site preparation are under way this summer with anchors and farm layout. Purge harvest completed site May 2023.
  - ii) Current Tenure sites 1409671,1411099, 1411086 have had site clean up commenced early this February in preparation for new rafts and long line set ups. New rafts and tray systems are being built for oysters and scallops adding value and simplicity to the farm site.
  - iii) BSSLP vessels Focal raider and Tla-sa-ta have been refitted to accommodate as dive platforms and transport vessels.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Door Prize winners

## 3) Capital Projects – Rick Shafer

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- a) Toquaht has a lot of projects on the go
  - b) Early in 2024, Toquaht received funding from the BC Indigenous Clean Energy Fund to advance the Run-of-the-River hydro development project to “construction ready.” This will position Toquaht to respond promptly to commercial renewable energy opportunities as they arise.
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  - d) Macoah Water Reservoir - The new Macoah Water Reservoir came online last winter. The project is currently wrapping up with the replacement of electronic controls and the upcoming placement of the Toquaht Nation logo on the tower.
    - i) The old reservoir was decommissioned. It was dismantled and removed in April
  - e) New Toquaht Government Building- Active and meaningful conversations on the direction for the design and construction of the New Toquaht Government Building have been had over the past several months.
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  - c) Old Campground Contaminated Site- Toquaht will continue the comprehensive review of the Draft Remediation Action Plan (RAP) being developed by BC. This document will form the basis for the remediation Detailed Design.
    - i) BC will release a Request for Proposals (RFP) to qualified engineering firms to complete the detailed remediation design. Toquaht will have an opportunity to review and comment on this design at every stage in its development.
  - d) Public Works Yard/Marine Stewardship Building - The building is nearing lockup with the sanitary and water servicing connections also completed. The building is expected to be ready for occupancy this fall.
  - e) Section 38 Subdivision - The design for this new housing development above Macoah is now under review. There is no construction planned for the 24/25 fiscal year.
    - i) The objectives of the 24/25 fiscal year are to complete detailed design reviews, take the design to 100%, and then pursue various funding opportunities in support of the construction phase of this project.
  - f) Secret Beach Offsite Services - The work to install the new BC Hydro line from Macoah to Secret Beach continues. This section of the line should be completed early this fall.
    - i) Clearing of the hydro Right-of-Way to extend power from the Secret Beach Marina to the Log Sort began in the spring. Tree felling has been put on hold until after the bird nesting season and will commence this fall.
    - ii) The rock from the BC Hydro Right-of-Way blasting will be utilized to construct the new marina parking area.

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- g) Secret Beach Developments - The underground services for Phase 1 are now substantially complete. The objectives of the 24/25 fiscal year are to complete Phase 1 hydro service (35 lots), construct Phase 2 (41 lots), and pave both Phases at the same time in spring 2025.

**4<sup>th</sup> Door Prize winners**

**Question/Comment.** Are there any concerns regarding heavy rains for the wastewater treatment ponds?

**Response.** Rick responded that until the population increases heavy rainfall can be helpful for diluting the ponds.

**4) Question Period**

**Question/Comment.** It was announced at a previous PA that the Nation won a large claims settlement for logging done on our lands back in the 1950's. Can a portion of the settlement be in the form of a \$5,000 distribution to citizens?

Naomi Mack moved and Bonnie Mack seconded the following motion:

THAT Toquaht Nation Council consider providing Toquaht citizens with a \$5,000 distribution out of the settlement.

**Draw for Grand Prizes**

The next People's Assembly will be held virtually on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.**

**Delicious Lunch and fun activities until 4:30 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen  
Chairperson

Law Clerk

Date