

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday March 28th, 2025

Virtual

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anne Mack

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

Welcome by Chief Anne Mack

- o Anne shared information about the birds and animals she sees in February and March, including their names in the ncn language.
- o Kevin provided an opening prayer in both the ncn language and english

1st Door Prize

Agenda adopted (moved by Shryl Tate, seconded by David Johnsen)

Approved December 7, 2024 meetings minutes approved (moved by Kelly Johnsen, seconded by Naomi Mack)

Presenters: Donna Monteith, Jackie Arsenault, David Johnsen, Rick Shafer, Robyn Rea, Lisa Morgan

Council Members present: Kirsten Johnsen, Kevin Mack, Anne Mack, Lisa Morgan

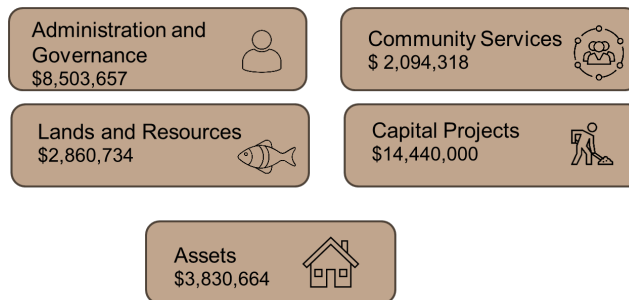
1) REQUEST FOR DECISION

a) Introduction from Kevin Mack, Finance Portfolio holder

i) Approval of the Toquaht Annual Budget Act 2025/2026

Robyn Rea, Dir of Finance supported by dept managers

Total Budget: \$31,729,367



- (1) Robyn provided a high-level overview of the whole proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and how staff and management came up with the numbers based on the work anticipated over the coming year
 - (a) We held a budgeting workshop late last year to go over the projects and work each department wants to accomplish
- (2) Donna thanked Kathy Waddell for her valuable work for the Toquaht Nation over the span of her contract which ended on March 31st. She will be missed but we are able to call on her for special projects as required. She is not gone forever.
- (3) Each department head presented their plans for the new year
- (4) Some highlights are as follows:

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- (a) Update the TN Health Plan and Education Policies, increase types of services in Community Services, enhance services for elders, increase holistic well-being, offering land-based activities and providing access to traditional foods, increasing numbers of land & water patrols, collection of data, assessing watersheds and other habitats, develop Toquaht Heritage Conservation legislation, seek trade and barter opportunities, increase staffing levels in the lands and assets departments, opening of the new qiyuus citizen short term lodging, continue improving our emergency preparedness and management, maintenance and renovations on both new and older rental units, key Capital Projects for 2025-2026 include construction of the new Toquaht Government Building, continued development of Secret Beach, advancement of the Section 38 subdivision (Homelands), and construction of taayii ḥawit house.

Questions

Q- when will the qiyuus rental units be open for reservations?

A- They will be open in April.

Q- are there any job openings now?

A- There are a couple job posting on the website www.toquaht.ca/job-postings/

Q- Who has the contract for the government building construction?

A- Tectonica Management is the main contractor.

Q- What is the timeframe for the construction of the new government building?

A- Approximately 18 months.

Q- Will there be more lighting installed along Tiickin Drive?

A- Yes, there will be.

Q- Why are we spending money on buildings/infrastructure in the tsunami zone?

A- We are prioritizing safety while balancing spending between tsunami-prone areas and safer locations. As the new subdivision above Macoah is surveyed etc. more infrastructure will be focused there but it is not ready yet.

March 28, 2025 People's Assembly	MOVED: Debbie Weir	SECONDED: Kelly Johnsen
THAT the People's Assembly recommend that Toquaht Council adopt the draft Toquaht Nation Government Annual Budget Act 2025-2026.		
Motion Carried		

2nd Door Prize winner

2) Strategic Plan – 2025-2030 -

Donna Monteith

- a) The creation of this strategic plan grew out of the collaboration of Toquaht citizens, staff, Council and the Executive and is the document that will help guide the Nation's work over the next five years.

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- b) Executive approved the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan on March 20th, 2025
 - i) <https://toquaht.ca/governance/strategic-direction/>
 - ii) If you would like a copy of the Strategic Plan mailed to you, please email general@toquaht.ca. There will also be copies made available at the Summer People's Assembly in Macoah, which will take place June 14 -15, 2025.

3) Announcements and Question Period

- a) New Legislation
 - i) Administration of Justice Act (replaced the Enforcement Act)
 - ii) Administration of Justice Regulation (replaced the Compliance notice and Ticket Regulation)
 - iii) Annual Budget Act 2025-2026
 - iv) Five-Year Financial Plan Act 2025-2026 to 2029-2030
- b) New qiyuus Lodge Opening in Macoah (qiyuus means- a place to stay for a short time)
 - i) qiyuus is a new, 10-unit beachfront lodge located in the heart of Macoah with three suite sizes, all with kitchenettes, including two dedicated accessibility units and two dedicated pet-friendly units.
 - ii) Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, with prioritization to Toquaht citizens during Toquaht Nation-sponsored events.
 - iii) The qiyuus rental policy is available for review if you have any questions about eligibility, by holding your camera up to the QR code. The information is also available on the Toquaht website's homepage.
- c) Citizen Distribution Information
 - i) Toquaht Council have elected to provide \$750 to Toquaht citizens again in the summer and in December this
 - ii) Last June a number of citizens requested an larger distribution to come out of the monies Toquaht received from the Logging on Former IRs $\text{t}\text{i}\text{i}\text{k}\text{y}\text{a}\text{q}\text{i}\text{s}$ 2 & Macoah 1 (1950-52) specific claim
 - (1) As part of this settlement, Toquaht Council have agreed to provide a one-time distribution to citizens—ensuring that the benefits of this resolution are shared with our people and recognizing the lasting impacts of the past.
 - (2) Please go to <https://toquaht.ca/programs-services/administration/citizen-distribution/> to access the application form.
- d) Toquaht and Yuu $\text{u}\text{f}\text{u}\text{?}\text{i}\text{f}\text{?}\text{a}\text{t}\text{h}$ Cultural Collaboration
 - i) Toquaht citizen are invited to Join Yuu $\text{u}\text{f}\text{u}\text{?}\text{i}\text{f}\text{?}\text{a}\text{t}\text{h}$ for Cultural Practices on Wednesday evenings in hita cu to practice songs, dances, learn protocols with our relatives of hita cu



Draw for Grand Prize

Chief Anne thanked all who attended and is proud to see citizens participating in our governance. The People's Assembly is a place where citizens can ask their questions or provide comments etc. four times a year.

The next People's Assembly will be held in person at Macoah on Saturday June 14th and 15th (moved by Kirsten Johnsen and seconded by Anne Mack)

- Come out to our beautiful territory and enjoy some fun activities

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by K. Johnsen

Law Clerk

Kirsten Johnsen

Date

2025-10-06