

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Sunday June 15th, 2025

Virtual and in-Person Meeting

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Chair: Anne Mack
Virtual attendees: Noreen Frank, Kenzie Bilyk

People's Assembly convened 1:00pm

Opening Remarks – Chief Anne Mack

- Chief Anne Mack welcomed all attendees to the meeting.
- She acknowledged the presence of Council members and the Director of Operations.
- Kevin Mack offered the opening prayer.

1st and 2nd Door Prize

Kirsten Johnsen

1) Adoption of Agenda:

June 15th, 2025 People's Assembly MOVED: Kevin Mack SECONDED: Kirsten Johnsen
THAT the People's Assembly adopt the agenda as laid out in front of them.

Motion Carried

2) Adoption of Minutes from March 29th, 2025:

June 15th, 2025 People's Assembly MOVED: David Johnsen SECONDED: Brittany Morgan
THAT the People's Assembly adopt the Meeting Minutes from March 29th, 2025.

Motion Carried

3rd and 4th Door Prize

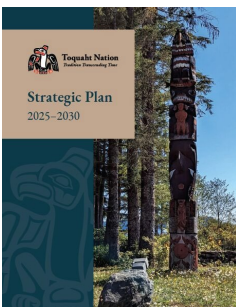
Kirsten Johnsen

3) Department updates and Info Displays

a. Administration

Donna Monteith

- Donna thanked all department directors and pointed out the progress that has been made with the Government Building over the past year. Thanks were also extended to the administration and finance team members.
- The onboarding of intergovernmental staff has been a success, with Joey Rotenberg and Sophie Gonthier working hard to implement the treaty through negotiating collateral policy work and negotiating funding with Canada and BC.
- The strategic plan was completed and will guide TN over the next five years. Housing was identified as a priority in the strategic plan, and we are seeking large funding to provide a variety of single and multi-family homes to citizens.



Strategic Plan 2025-2030

Staff capacities were extended to meet the growing needs of the government. Furthermore, we are providing professional development opportunities for staff and are improving our onboarding procedures. Offering short-term contracts for citizens has been a wonderful opportunity to dive into a job for short period of time.

- iv. Toni Buston was welcomed to Toquaht as she was recently hired as Education and Programs Coordinator.
- v. Donna referred to the job boards that were created by all departments to give a sense of what type of jobs the nation offers and welcomed attendees to have a look.

b. Community Services

Lisa Morgan

- i. The newly revamped telehealth room is ready, and Lisa invited citizens to explore its features. It was designed to bring essential services to Macoah for those unable to travel, but it can also support online learning and help families stay connected.
- ii. The West Coast Primary Care Initiative was recently signed and will bring more services to Macoah, the newest one being regular monthly visits by a General Physician. The department is gathering citizen demographics and locations to help expand services beyond Macoah. Uu-stak-yuu has been awoken, to reintroduce traditional medicines to the community.
- iii. Elder support is a focus for the department and grants are available to help with travel to see family, but also for minor home repairs or accessibility upgrades around the house.
- iv. Kenzie Bilyk was welcomed as the new Elder and Home Care Worker, providing daily living support through home visits within and beyond Macoah.
- v. Monthly food programs are offered to promote healthy habits among citizens that have low mobility. It includes 5 meals per month of home cooked meals and the delivery of fresh produce with recipes for inspiration.
- vi. Physical activity programs are a focus in the summer alongside offering craft programs such as the recent basket weaving course. Lisa invited citizens to give feedback on what programs they would like to see happen in the future.
- vii. There are many ways to support families in need and citizens are encouraged to inquire so that the team can tailor services according to needs.
- viii. Numerous educational support programs are available, including tutoring, school supplies, scholarships, and coverage for post-secondary education costs for youth under the age of 26.

c. Lands and Resources

David Johnsen, Aline Carrier

- i. The Lands and Resources Department is gathering solutions for shoreline erosion that is happening in Macoah. Citizens will be able to review different mitigation options and give feedback.
- ii. The Macoah Zoning and Structures Act is being amended to better reflect needs of residents and support new developments.
- iii. A community masterplan is in the works to portray the future layout of Macoah, proposing locations of housing, community services buildings and other amenities. Citizens play an intricate part in constructing this masterplan and are encouraged to share their ideas.
- iv. The team is finding solutions to protect burial cave sites from disturbance in

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- conjunction with the Yuułu?it?atḥ Government.
 - v. Wildlife monitoring in partnership with Redd Fish Restoration Society and YG continues, with focus on elk herds in Toquaht Territory.
 - vi. Assessment and monitoring of herring, clams, kelp and other species is taking place in partnership with DFO and other Nuu-chah-nulth Nations. Furthermore, the Marine Stewardship Program patrols TN's waters and educates visitors on sensitive areas.
 - vii. Locally sourced foods are provided to citizens as well as foods from other nations that were traded for.

Q: Can we get access to whole salmon and not only filets?

A: Yes. We will make sure this happens this year.

Q: How can citizens living on the mainland get access to our food?

A: On an individual basis we can discuss getting fish delivered to them.

d. Assets

Jackie Arsenault

- i. Jackie welcomed the new hires Don McKinnon as Asset Manager and Mardin Lopez as general laborer to her team.
- ii. An application for FireSmart Coordinator with UBCM was recently submitted. This program will create a fire safety plan for the community and is fully funded.
- iii. There will be heavy equipment training provided for staff soon.
- iv. The construction of the Qiyuus lodge is finally completed and open for business.
- v. Ben Beens and Chris Bozman have joined the housing committee and will settle into their new roles before taking part in selecting new tenants for the duplex units.
- vi. The MET-Team has been receiving extensive training in tsunami preparedness and fire safety to keep the community safe.
- vii. Both the community health and safety plan and the mandatory fire inspection at the Ucluelet Office were successfully completed.

Q: When will the duplex unit be filled with new tenants?

A: Within 1-2 months.

Q: Can you view the applicable housing policies online?

A: Yes, they can be reviewed on the website under assets.

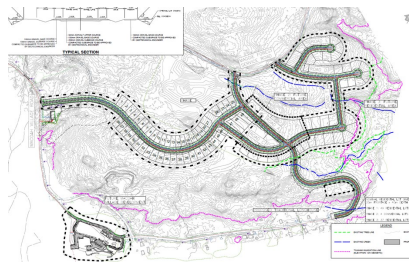
5th and 6th Door Prize

Kirsten Johnsen

e. Capital Projects

Rick Schafer

- i. There are 14 different projects totaling \$15M that align with Toquaht's long and short-term objectives outlined in the Strategic Plan.
- ii. The Lucky Creek Hydro Project is recently becoming more attractive to pursue due to lower interest rates and an extended hydro connection that this project can connect to. Furthermore, we have successfully created a water



Section 38, Overview Plan, December 2024

power development plan.

- iii. Two breakwater blades were installed at Secret Beach Marina, with annual maintenance covered by the corporation. TN is currently negotiating with BC to reduce the previously unaffordable foreshore tenure fee.
- iv. Section 38 was established based on a vulnerability study to reduce the impacts of tsunami, erosion and sea level rise with a multi-generational plan in mind to relocate citizens above the tsunami zone.
- v. The Toquaht government building was blessed today, with the concrete foundation nearly complete. Rick and the team of Tectonica aim for substantial completion—90% finished and move-in ready—by Christmas 2026, with some final work to follow.



TN Government building rendering



Aerial view of planned location



Construction progress May 2025

- vi. Two new bay doors and a backup generator will be installed at the Public Works Yard this summer. The power pole on the building’s left side will be relocated to create more parking.
- vii. The newly constructed public washrooms in Macoah – featuring showers and toilets with sinks – will be ready for the 2Rivers Music event this August.
- viii. The Archival Practice for Indigenous Organizations training, led by the Archives Association of BC, will be held in Macoah this year. Staff will learn how to catalogue materials and monitor humidity levels to preserve historical items. The session is funded through a Heritage Infrastructure Grant, which also supported new archive display cabinets in the community building.
- ix. Two EV charging stations—each equipped with two chargers—will be installed in Macoah, potentially located on both sides of the community building.
- x. Upgrades in the Macoah residential area this year will include new streetlights, improved landscaping, and paving enhancements around the neighborhood.
- xi. Negotiations with BC for the remediation of the old campground are ongoing. The transition of the forest license from volume-based to area-based has been successfully completed, but the issue regarding DL2220 submerged lands persists.
- xii. The concrete foundation for the taayii ḥawit House (B21) is completed, with



taayii ḥawit House (B21)

- framing starting shortly and roofing expected by the fall.
- xiii. Secret Beach Phase 1 has completed underground services, paving and streetlights as well as rough lot grading. Phase 2 is awaiting hookup to underground services.
 - xiv. Sewer, water, and hydro extensions are underway from Macoah to Secret Beach, with plans to eventually reach the log sort and sawmill.

7th and 8th Door Prize

Kirsten Johnsen

4) Question Period

Chief Anne Mack

Q: When will we get telephone services?

A: Unfortunately, Telus won't extend existing lines to Macoah. Hopefully in the future we can get fiber optics installed. As of right now, that line is out of reach as well.

Q: Will the Ev-Chargers be ready for the 2Rivers Event?

A: Possibly.

Q: Can we use the budget for paving in Secret Beach and around Macoah residential area for something else this year?

A: No, it is tied to capital project funding.

Q: Is Section 38 meant as a residential subdivision?

A: Yes, it is. It will be available for Toquaht citizens only.

Q: Is it possible to pave even more areas than suggested in Macoah?

A: Yes, this is possible if we find more funding streams. We can consider paving more areas at the same time as we plan on paving Secret Beach and around the government building. It will be cheaper to do it all at once.

Q: The streetlights are installed, but when will they be in use?

A: Hopefully before the end of the summer.

Kevin invited citizens to share their vision for the future of this community—whether it be local shops, restaurants, or other ideas that contribute to building a desirable place to call home.

Anne emphasized that there is not only the opportunity to work for the Nation, but also to start your own business.

5) Announcements

a. Updates on Government Building

Donna Monteith

b. Movable Feast Date

Lisa Morgan

i. August 22nd – 23rd, 2025

ii. Exact location is yet to be determined

iii. 2Rivers will make announcement after June 21st

c. Welcome/Returning Home Event Date

Lisa Morgan

i. July 11th – 12th, 2025

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- ii. Families are invited to come and meet leadership and staff to get a sense of what it means to live in our community.

Grand Prize

Kirsten Johnsen

Decision on date of next virtual People's Assembly:

Chief Anne Mack

Dates to be considered: Saturday, September 13th, 2025

Saturday, September 20th, 2025

Saturday, September 27th, 2025

June 15th, 2025 People's Assembly MOVED: Kirsten Johnsen SECONDED: Jackie Arsenault
THAT the People choose, Saturday, September 20th, 2025, for the next People's Assembly to be held.

Motion Carried

6) Closing Remarks

Chief Anne Mack

Chief Anne extended her heartfelt thanks for a truly wonderful and memorable two days.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:33pm

Minutes prepared by Tina Gammel

Law Clerk

Kirsten Johnsen

Date

2025-10-06