

Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday September 20th, 2025

Virtual Video Conference

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Chair: Kevin Mack
Virtual attendees: Noreen Frank, Kirsten Johnsen, Cait Wills, Brett Freake, Alicia Mack (Harry), Angela Mack (Charlie), Asma-na-hi Antoine, Colleen Mack, David Johnsen, Donna Monteith, Debbie Mack (Weir), John Nelson, Kevin Mack, Kristine Brown, Lisa Morgan, Malysa Mack, Noah Plonka, Robyn Rea

People's Assembly convened 10:00am

Opening Remarks – Kevin Mack

- Kevin Mack welcomed all attendees to the meeting.
- Kevin Mack offered the opening prayer.

Minutes prepared by Kirsten Johnsen

Law Clerk



Date

2025-12-08

Quick recap

The meeting began with opening ceremonies and updates from participants, including welcoming new staff and announcing community improvements with Kevin facilitating in place of Ann Mack who was away at a poll raising event in Haida Gwaii. The main business focused on reviewing the audited financial statements for fiscal year 2024-25, which showed positive results with increased surpluses and infrastructure development. The conversation ended with presentations on community planning initiatives, including the Toquaht Community Master Plan and Excellence Awards, along with discussions about housing development plans and the scheduling of the next People's Assembly.

1st Door Prize

Kirsten Johnsen

1) Adoption of Agenda:

September 20th, 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 June 15th, 2025:

September 20th, 2025 People's Assembly MOVED: David Johnsen SECONDED: Brittany Morgan
THAT the People's Assembly adopt the Meeting Minutes from June 15th, 2025.

Motion Carried

3) 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements Review

a. Toquaht's Unqualified Audit Report presented by the auditor, Johnsen Nelson

i. John presented the audit results for Toquaht's March 31st, 2025 fiscal year end, explaining the audit process and delivering an unqualified opinion on the financial statements. He noted that the audit was completed by July 29, 2025, meeting the required deadline under the Financial Administration Act. John emphasized that Toquaht has been maintaining good internal controls and policies, and while auditors can make recommendations for adjustments, final approval always rests with Toquaht's management.



ii. John presented Toquaht's financial position as of March 31st, 2025, highlighting a \$6.6 million increase in accumulated surplus to \$88.2 million compared to the previous year. He explained that financial assets decreased to \$56 million while tangible capital assets increased significantly to \$52 million, representing infrastructure development across the community. The organization reported a current year surplus of \$6.4 million with revenues of \$13.9 million and expenses of \$7.5 million, though John noted that infrastructure construction costs of \$11 million were not reflected as current expenses under accounting standards.

iii. John presented a summary of Toquaht's financial statements, focusing on key points due to the extensive nature of the documents. He explained the \$16 million investment in government businesses, primarily from Toquaht Holdings, and noted that there was a very slight loss of \$13,000 for the year. Kevin clarified that the companies operate on a calendar year end, which differs from the nation's fiscal year end.

2nd Door Prize

Kirsten Johnsen

4) New Hires

a. Donna announced several new staff hires across departments, including Kayley Hollyer, Niamh O'Reilly, Sharon Mack, Lisa Strereath, and Kristine Brown

5) Toquaht Community Master Plan Overview

a. Brett Freake presented on the Toquaht Community Master Plan project, which aims to develop a cohesive vision for Macoah, Secret Beach, and Section 38 (recently purchased lands above Macoah). The plan will be created in parallel with the Toquaht Housing Strategy, focusing on housing needs for citizens returning to the community over the next 10 years. Community engagement opportunities are scheduled for October 14th in Macoah and October 15th in Port Alberni, with online engagement tools also being developed to reach citizens living further away. The current housing waitlist has several people, and one non-citizen-occupied home was noted as being occupied by a long-term community partner.

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- b. Check out the information in the links below.

<https://toquaht.ca/community-development/community-master-plan/>

<https://toquaht.ca/community-development/toquaht-housing-strategy/>

Question: When will 2nd stage housing start? Within next few years? Next decade?

Answer: Housing strategy project is happening now and this will help set out a schedule of potential future builds.

We are actively chasing funding opportunities to develop the sec 38 subdivision.

Toquaht Nation, along with the other self-governing indigenous governments, are still negotiation with Canada on securing housing funding.

Hopefully within a year we will have some solid plans in place.

6) 2025 Toquaht Excellence Awards Ceremony

- a. Lisa presented the 2025 Toquaht Excellence and Achievement Awards, recognizing winners in community service, academic excellence, and athletics. The winners were Talon Morgan-Banke (youth athletics), Koya Morgan-Banke (academic excellence), Asmanahi Antoine (academic excellence), as well Lance Mack and Burton Mack (community services).

7) Question/Comment Period

Q/C: Debbie Mack suggested implementing a respectful behavior policy for the office, similar to what they use in their building, to address abusive or aggressive behavior.

Kevin acknowledged the suggestion and noted that while management will consider implementing something, respectful behavior should come from all citizens.

Grand Prize

Kirsten Johnsen

Decision on date of next virtual People's Assembly:

Kevin Mack

Dates to be considered: Saturday, December 6th, 2025

Saturday, December 13th, 2025

September 20th, 2025 People's Assembly MOVED: Debbie Mack SECONDED: Asma-na-hi Antoine
THAT the People choose, Saturday, December 6th, 2025, for the next People's Assembly to be held
virtually.

Motion Carried

8) Closing Remarks

Kevin Mack

Kevin extended his thanks for everyone who attended the meeting and wished them a great rest of the weekend.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:15am