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TOQUAHT NEWS

Please Take Note

PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

* **Sat. December 5th, 2015**

* **Port Alberni, BC**

⇒ **Barclay Best Western Hotel**

⇒ **11:30am to 4:30pm**



Meet the Newly Elected Members of Council for the 2015 to 2019 Term



**Noah Plonka
Naomi Mack
&
Kirsten
Johnsen**



Message from Chief Anne



In recognition of
your dedication.

We Thank You!

We are now beginning our second term for our elected Members of Council and I would like to give a give a big hip-hip-hooray! to Noah Plonka, Carlos Mack & Naomi Mack for all the work you've done over the last four years! You three will go down in history as the first elected Council for the Toquaht Nation. You made it through a very challenging period as we embark on this journey implementing the Maa-nulth Treaty. We developed, amended, and enacted new laws, created regulations from these laws, and are now a self-determining and proud Nation. moving forward in our vision that encompasses seeing citizens' move home.

Over the last four years Council and administrative staff have been diligently laying the foundation in order to pave the way for greater growth and expansion at Macoah and throughout the greater Toquaht area. Our new water treatment system called Tuq^waa[?]ath^{iic} λ^utsitu[?]ap is "Keeping the Water Clean" out at Macoah. The next large capital project Toquaht is developing is the community waste water/sewage treatment system. Once built, this system will allow Toquaht to construct more housing and other structures. New housing is not possible until this groundwork is completed.

{ Looking forward to the next 4 years }

To the new Members of Council, I congratulate Noah and Naomi on being re-elected, and Kirsten Johnsen on her first term as a member of Council. Naomi and Noah retain the Community Services and Lands, Public Works and Environmental Protection, and Natural Resources portfolios respectively. Kirsten is taking over the portfolio for Chairperson and I am taking on the Finance portfolio. I look forward to another four years of good work.

Fall has proven to be a full and productive season. Regional Health Board meetings take place about twice a year and the Gathering Wisdom conference takes place every year and a half in Vancouver. Our University of Victoria Project on Sustainable Economic Development is coming to a close and we will retain a tool that will help us develop and choose viable and sound economic projects far into the future.

Following the election the Toquaht Administration hosted a two-day governance training session with Brent Lehmann from Ratcliff & Co to provide a refresher course for our new members of Council. All staff attended as well.

The Council of Hawiith meeting took place in Tsaxana, Gold River in early October. Fishing activities are a priority for all Nuu-chah-nulth communities and this table diligently drives this agenda.

I also sit at the Directors table for the NTC and as alternate Director for the Maa-nulth Treaty Society which meet monthly.

I wish all the government staff, Council and all citizens good health for the rest of the year.

Chuu! Wii-tsuts-koom, Chief Anne Mack.



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Lucky Creek Hydro Project



Noah Plonka and Rick Shafer presenting updates on the Lucky Creek Hydro Project for Toquaht Nation.



Lucky prize winners at the July People's Assembly



Colleen Mack

Rodney Mack



Traditional Basket Weaving:
Charlotte & Sheryl McKay showing us how it's done.



July People's Assembly:
Citizens were able to spend some time learning to weave cedar head bands, cedar rope and cedar roses. Thank you both for your teachings on cedar weaving



K—12 Toquaht Students



Building Self-Esteem and Confidence in Children

Self-esteem and confidence are very important factors in children's progress at school. A child who is generally confident and who has high self-esteem is more likely to ask questions, participate actively, express ideas, and take on new challenges. Confident children are also better able to learn from mistakes, handle constructive criticism and to generally push themselves harder in learning. Conversely a child with low self-esteem is more likely to be negative, withdraw and more often experience failure.

How can you help your child to grow in confidence and higher self-esteem?

Here are some suggestions:



- help your child to set realistic goals and then support them in achieving those goals.
- give your child responsibility and chores at their level at home, and don't forget to thank them and to compliment them on a job well done.
- as much as possible, provide a range of different enriching experiences for your child. These don't have to be expensive – a simple nature walk can be a great experience.
- tell friends and relatives about your child's achievements and positive qualities, and let your child overhear.
- leave encouraging notes or letters for your child.
- let your child be the "family expert" on subjects that interest them.
- let you child know when you are proud of them and say so.
- make time for your child in your busy days and give them the gift of your undivided attention, if even just for a few minutes per day.
- set clear boundaries and expectations for your child. This provides a sense of security and lets them know that you care enough to be consistent and clear.

DO YOU NEED A STATUS CARD?

To process a paper laminate card I need the following:

Must Provide 2 pieces of ORIGINAL AND VALID ID - such as Provincial identification, Drivers Licence, status card (not expired longer than 6 months), passport, fire arms certificate, employee id, student id etc.

AND

Your Birth certificate and Medical health care card



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Certificate Program in Aboriginal Language Revitalization (CALR) Winter 2016, Port Alberni

LING 182: Language Learning, Language Revitalization and Social Action (1.5 units)

The emphasis of this course is on strategies for mobilizing social and political forces for language maintenance and revival.

Dates: Jan. 15–17 and Jan. 29–31, 2016
Time: 9 am to 5 pm
Location: Port Alberni
Instructor: TBA

LING 187: Special Topics in Language Revitalization: Language, the Land and the Ocean (1.5 units)

This course will be a mixture of classroom and outdoor activities with a focus on seasonal rounds of harvesting.

Dates: Feb. 19–21 and March 4–6, 2016
Time: 9 am to 5 pm
Location: Port Alberni
Instructor: John Rampanen

LING 159: Indigenous Language I: Northern Nuu-chah-nulth (1.5 units)

As an introductory course in the Northern Nuu-chah-nulth dialect, this course focuses on basic conversation, sentence formation, storytelling and fluency development.

Dates: April 8–10 and April 22–24, 2016
Time: 9 am to 5 pm
Location: Campbell River
Instructor: TBA

Fee per course: \$526.20 + \$100 program fee (includes materials) = \$626.20 total

For more information and to register, please contact:

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Toquaht Nation People's Assembly

Saturday October 17th, 2015

Port Alberni—Barclay Hotel

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Chair: Lisa Morgan

Guest(s): Matt Murphy, Lorenzo Magzul,

Hosted by the Finance Department

People's Assembly convened 11:47 a.m.

Anne Mack welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced Angela Polifroni, Juliet Van Vliet and Asma Antoine

Agenda adopted by consensus

Approved July 11 meetings minutes by consensus

1) Welcome new Council

- a) Kirsten Johnsen – Chairperson
- b) Naomi Mack – Community Services
- c) Noah Plonka – Lands, Public Works, & Environmental Protections and Natural Resources
- d) Anne Mack – Finance
- e) Kevin Mack – Support

2) Introducing new staff

- a) Angela Polifroni has taken on the role of Director of Operations

3) Finance Update – Robyn Rea

- a) Has been some difficulties in the reporting requirements so we are redesigning them to suite Toquaht's needs and values
- b) The audited financial statements will be presented at the December People's Assembly

4) OCP Update – Juliet Van Vliet

- a) The draft Official Community Plan (OCP) is undergoing a review and redesign
 - i) Adding new policies and targets that Toquaht wants to meet into the future
 - ii) Including the new developments Toquaht is working on now like the Waste Water Treatment system and the Hydro project
 - (1) The OCP will be the document we go to for developing priorities for projects
 - (2) If interested, please stop by the Lands Department to review the draft
 - (3) Toquaht will be hosting an Open House in the near future for citizens to review and comment on the plan

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6) Housing Authority – Asma Antoine

- a) Asma, Kelly Johnsen, and Tamara Plonka are the current Housing Authority directors
- b) They are busy reading and getting to know the laws and policies for the Housing Authority
- c) Houses #110 and #120 were transferred to the Housing Authority to manage the rentals
- d) Please contact Asma if you have any questions: asma.antoine@hotmail.com

7) UVic Toquaht Sustainable Economy Project – Matt Murphy & Lorenzo Magzul

- a) Developing tools and processes to assess the Social and Cultural fit for potential Ec Dev opportunities
- b) Over the year and a half they have attended several People's Assemblies and other Toquaht gatherings and workshops
- c) This tool will consider Environmental, Community, Economic and Cultural Well-being
- d) Once in its complete format they will be back to present the tool

8) Denis Hetu showcased his Wolf Family with Moon carving

- a) Titled Loyalty: it is a tribute to Mothers

Next People's Assembly

- ✓ Saturday December 5th, 2015 at the Barclay Best Western
- ⇒ The 4th P.A. will need to be in March, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

Charlotte McKay
Dennis Hetu
Joseph Webber
Asma Antoine