

Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly March 18, 2017

Uchucklesaht Tribe People's Assembly Saturday March 18, 2017 Echo Center Port Alberni, BC

Attendance:

Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes	Scott Coulson	Carla Halvorsen
Thomas Rush	Jason Titian	Maria Titian
Wilfred Cootes Jr.	Chase Crowley	Sabrina Crowley
James Robinson	Colton Crowley	Dorothy Cootes
Brianna Lambert	Lorraine Cootes	Angela Jeffrey
Sharon Styan Sr.	Susan Leask	Clifford Charles
James Cootes	Ryan Anaka	Tina Halvorsen
Eva Robinson	Grant Watts – Audio/Video	
Megan Cootes	Martin Sam	

Call to Order: Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes

Facilitator: Scott Coulson

Youth Rep – Brianna Lambert

Agenda:

(Main Motion)

Motion #01: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the Agenda as may be amended>

Moved: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

Seconded: Martin Sam

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

3 Year Financial Plan/Annual Budget:

(CAO/DOF Scott Coulson) Gives overview of the budget

Administration: Audited separately and there is an increase in the audit fee here. Insurance has also been increased due to also insuring the entire government. There is also an increase in rent for The Thunderbird but revenue is also coming in for rental of the boardrooms, office space and patient travel short term accommodation.

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Council: budget is down another \$2000 and youth representatives are now also invited to legislative meetings and peoples assemblies. Legal expenses has been increased to \$25,000

Education Services: Increase in NTC services. Other items covered in this department are post-secondary, student allowances and awards, adult education, scholarships and activities.

FNESC: funding is received in this department and then used for the annual UT Christmas Party.

Marine Transportation: New 26 foot UT boat has been purchased and the lowrider has been sold. UT members will get to name the boat. The boat has GPS and Radar as well.

Health Services: Elders Hamper, assistance, new position in human services department, medications, supplies, special needs, treatments, swim tickets, maintenance work.

Social Development: on UT treaty settlement lands only. Currently no one on social assistance.

Family and Child Services: picnic and travel for children in care.

Medical Travel: Uchucklesaht tops up this patient travel amount from their own funds because INAC has lowered that cost again.

Culture and Heritage: Canoe Carving Grant \$20,000, Cultural Activities have doubled to \$25,000

Village Operations: Fuel, Insurance, Maintenance, Roads, Bridges, Danger Trees and Rocks will be removed from the lands.

Information Technology Maintenance: internet services. Modem did end up burning out and the nation did also lose the booster cell service but will fix that issue.

Water Sampling: testing is done by UT staff. Government gets the funding for that work.

Rentals: Cabin, Lodge, Six-Plex, Mobile Home, Maintenance House

Question: Can we take care of the old dam in the village in the case of any future water emergencies? What have you done with that dam?

Answer: No, due to drinking water standards that water would have to be treated.

Question: When did Canada put that policy in place?

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Answer: 10 years ago after the walkerton issue in Ontario where some people died from consuming their water source. UT follows safe water standards. UT village water is treated.

Treaty Right Fisheries: catch costs and processing is covered in this department. There is a low somas sockeye return estimated so UT will focus on the Ocean Chinook and Coho instead. Also donating \$2000 to the Ky/Check Fish Habitat work (they also donate towards UT Henderson Sockeye run each year)

Question: Can Uchucklesaht also start to get food distributions of crab?

Answer: Yes, UT will be looking a different types of fisheries for food distribution.

Economic Development: there are 2 old growth parks and trail work being planned. Feasibility studies for water and updating of the 5 year economic development plan are also in the works. Bottled Water ended up being moved to the top of the list in the plan. UT got a \$30,000 loan from NEDC to complete the business plan for water.

Forestry: transfers of funds over to the Economic Development for the extra work.

Land Use Planning and Emergency Preparedness: communications in the emergency preparedness plan is being updated and residential interests work is also being done.

Capital Projects: trail building, dock repairs, dock blocks, solar upgrades, back hoe, pick-up trucks.

Budget is a balanced budget.

Question: Will you have a switch board soon in the telephone system and a better music selection for when you are put on hold?

Answer: Yes, UT has this system now in addition to the phone system. I will look into alternate music. Shaw will also be in soon to fix the network and phone issues.

Question: Does UT have a capital reserve?

Answer: Yes. UT has an account for operating and capital reserve.

Motion #02: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the budget as presented.

Moved: Clifford Charles

Seconded: James Robinson

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

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Motion #03: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to take a 15 minute break.

Moved: Thomas Rush

Seconded: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

Annual Reports:

(Review of Legislative/Executive Council Annual Report)

Question: Do we have any agricultural areas?

Answer: Through the village it would be a residential garden.

Motion #04: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the Legislative/Executive Annual Report 2016-2017.

Moved: James Robinson

Seconded: Clifford Charles

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

(Director of Lands and Resources Update (Ryan Anaka))

Question: Do we also record our recreational license catches in our area?

Answer: No, just the domestic MFN catch efforts and catches.

Forestry: 2016 we had heli-wood in the Clemens area, H520 and at the Henderson Lodge Area
Forestry: 2017 we have planned the Uchuck Lake area and 1508 Road which has not yet been harvested.

Fish and Wildlife Reporting: ideas such as a lottery or incentive for reporting in order to help people understand the importance of reporting.

Question: Does UT have a fishing boat that we can use to harvest our crab, prawns, salmon – and can we train our members to harvest for us?

Answer: Yes, we are looking at a youth traditional food harvesting program but we do not have a boat identified for UT fisheries. DLR is looking into this.

Question: We have had this ATV company staying at our lodge, do we get any discounts as nation members?

Answer: No.

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Question: Will UT get welcome signs in our territory?

Answer: Yes, it is in the budget.

Human Services Annual Report (Thomas Rush)

No questions.

CAO/DOR Annual Report (Scott Coulson)

Water Bottling:

Question: When we water bottle will it interrupt our pleasure use of the lake?

Answer: No. There is no access issue. We will protect the lake.

Question: Could members have shares and opportunities?

Answer: Yes, I believe so but we do not know how yet.

Question: This will not impact our fishing and salmon runs correct?

Answer: No. We will protect all fishing and environmental aspects.

Question: How many jobs will this create?

Answer: In stage one this will create between 6-10 jobs in the village and a few positions in Port Alberni.

Tiitskin Pawatts UT/BC Parks Presentation (Ryan Anaka): No questions.

Adjourn:

Motion #05: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to adjourn the meeting of the day.

Moved: Jason Titian

Seconded: Carla Halvorsen

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED