

Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly March 16, 2019

Uchucklesaht Tribe People's Assembly Saturday March 16, 2019 The Thunderbird Port Alberni, BC

Attendance:

Scott Coulson	Charlie Cootes Sr.	Ryan Anaka	Carla Halvorsen
Sabrina Crowley	Thomas Rush	Jason Titian	Marie Samuel
Ellen Gonzales	Ethan Gonzales	Cole Gonzales	James Robinson
Gina Laing	James Martin	Wilfred Cootes Jr.	Susan Cootes
Gloria Jean Frank	Regina Frank	Austin Snoek	James Cootes
Chris Cenname	Laurissa Jimmy	Martha Titian	Serra Cootes
Rainna Rush	Rhianna Rush	Cory Howard	Beulah
Tammy Howard	Susan Lauder	Zoey Cootes	

Call to Order: Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes

Facilitator: Scott Coulson

Prayer: Marie Samuel

Agenda:

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

Moved: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

Seconded: Susan Cootes

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried

Budget:

Motion #02: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to discuss the 2019-2020 Budget.

Moved: Carla Halvorsen

Seconded: Regina Frank

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried

Administration: Increased the rent revenue here due to the Redford School. In the construction year UTG will gain more revenue. Gymnasium will also create more space for our members.

Ucluelet rents an additional office as well for \$15,000

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UTG also pays rent for The Thunderbird Building and Redford School to their businesses that own those buildings.

Negotiating the FFA still and more funding should be coming into the nation from that. Cost of Living increases will be set at 2% and added into the budget.

Added a full time maintenance person to the budget since we now have two buildings to care for.

We are also adding two full time HS Clerks since our department is growing and will be moved over to the Redford Building at some point. UTG will be taking back over our services that we currently purchase from NTC.

We will also add the Education Coordinator and a Health Nurse for UTG full time.

Council: We have an increase in this department for youth representatives and legal expenses. Small increase to the intergovernmental relations for any special gifts we need to purchase and also to council monthly expenses/remunerations/communications.

Elections: Coming up this year in November and so we added the \$20,000 into the budget for that work.

Peoples Assembly: Honorarium will go up to \$45 from \$20

Question: Elections – we have quite a few Americans voting in our Canadian election. How is it they are able to vote in a Canadian Election? It doesn't seem quite fair. I notice only a few candidates make it to the states information meetings each year.

Reply: The Uchucklesaht Tribe Constitution notes who can vote and so the Americans are also allowed to vote in the election. It would be hard to change your constitution. The candidates also have the ability to send out all of their campaign materials to all membership including those that live in the states. You will not get your constitution amended to only permit the Canadians to vote for your chief and council – you have to also allow the American Citizens to vote.

Comment: Training is very important to our tribe, will you be creating a job/training plan for positions that come up?

Reply: Yes, water training opportunities will come up and a plan is in the works there.

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Note: Adult Education budget was doubled in 2017.

Question: The Adult Education/Training form is restrictive and we would like it to be less restrictive.

Reply: UTG has their own services now so we can create our own guidelines.

Question: Education, will we have to meet NTC requirements still or will UTG create their own requirements? My daughters were told by NTC that they needed to meet certain requirements before they could be accepted for their educational funding for certain courses.

Answer: UTG will develop their own policy. NTCD will no longer deliver the program.

Question: Can we name our road to Hineous? The Main Road connecting to the village does not have a name.

Answer: Yes, the Executive Council will make note of that.

Question: Medication – only generic is being covered and sometimes I have to pay for the medication on my own. Medicine is expensive and I needed to pay for my epi-pen as well.

Answer: We had meeting with someone from FNEESC. Pharmacies don't understand the system. If there is something on the medication list then they need to enter a different VIN. There is a process to follow, follow up with the Human Services Department.

Question: Does UTG need a driver for elders? Do you need certification? Can you help us get first aid?

Answer: Yes, you can get first aid training. You do not need a certificate to drive the elders to appointments. You just need your drivers license.

Village Operations: We will be determining replacement values on UTG buildings and assessments will get done.

Question: I cannot stay in my house at the village and would rather stay in one of the rentals but the rates are much too high. Can you consider dropping your rates to \$100/week for UTG enrollees to rent in the village? We need the rate a lot lower and all want to come home to visit.

Answer: UTG will look into any special rates.

Question: Can UTG fix our house roof? Is there a warranty on that roof?

Answer: If it was UTG's house then yes they could fix it. We are not aware of any warranties.

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Question: Housing – I've wanted to move home for so long but all of the apartments were rented out at the time due to the loggers. I want to place to live in down in the village. We have UTG members are homeless and that issue needs to be addressed. The tribe needs to help our people.

Reply: Yes, we will put that item of concern on the next Council Agenda.

Treaty Right Fisheries – UTG will be issuing more food fish this year due to the increased budget. We will have more options.

Comment: Can we get herring eggs?

Reply: It all depends on availability.

Treaty Loans are being forgiven and paid back to the Maa-nulth First Nations. There are a lot of funds coming into UTG for programs and services this year.

Question: Can we start to pay some of our UTG membership money from profits yet?

Answer: No, we are in the middle of FFA negotiations and need to spend the funds on programs and services for the members. We can increase our programs and services. UTG successful businesses in the future can consider those types of distributions.

Motion #03: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the Annual Budget 2019-2020 as presented.

Moved: Sabrina Crowley

Seconded: Carla Halvorsen

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried

The Thunderbird Spirit Water

NEDC Funding has been received to complete the Water Reports. Data Collection was done out at the Henderson Lake. Water Licenses are complete and Trademarks/Copyright work is done. Logo has been created and bottle design is done.

Website, Facebook, Instagram and Snap Chat is set up for Water. There are two water trucks and two water tanks. Bottling Plant will be developed and there is a future for UTG employees. This year we see some revenues and a possible large purchaser of water.

Annual Reports – Director of Human Services, Director of Operations, Director of Lands and Resources (everyone take the updates home).

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Adjourn:

Motion #04: Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to adjourn the meeting of the day.

Moved: Regina Frank

Seconded: Gloria Jean Frank

(All in Favor – 19)

Motion Carried