

**Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly**  
**THE THUNDERBIRD**  
**Saturday August 17, 2019**

**Attendance:**

Carla Halvorsen	Charlie Cootes Sr	Sharon Styan Sr
April Thompson	Martha Titian	Marie Samuel
Thomas Rush	James Cootes	Austyn Snoek
Ellen Gonzales	Wilfred Cootes Jr	James Martin
Gina Laing	Sabrina Crowley	Regina Frank
James Robinson	Cole Gonzales	Ethan Gonzales
Zoey Cootes	Moriah Cootes	Devon Robinson
Hailey Robinson	Brianna Lambert	Scott Coulson
Emmitt Wellman	Hunter Cootes	

**Agenda:**

**Motion #01:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the agenda of the day as may be amended.

Moved: Thomas Rush                      Seconded: Regina Frank

(All in Favor – 16)

*Motion Carried*

**Audit:**

**Motion #02:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to discuss the UTG Audit.

Moved: James Cootes                      Seconded: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

There is an accumulated surplus of 19.9 million and that makes it a very successful year.

Consolidated Statement of Operations – increased rental income, 4 million plus in expenses within this last year and increased amortization expense. Increased professional fees as well. Travel Fees went up due to attending the trade shows for water.

**Question:** What are the details of this bad debt?

**Answer:** The total is \$15,925 but not sure who owes us for that one until I look into my lap top. It is a debt that someone owes UTG.

**Question:** Can we get a copy of this audit?

**Answer:** Yes, ask us anytime and we will get you a copy.

1.4 million increase – governance funding – financial statements are fairly presented.

**Motion #03:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the 2018/2019 UTG Audit financial statements ended March 31, 2019.

Moved: Moriah Cootes

Seconded: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

**CAO Update:**

**Motion #04:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to discuss the CAO Update.

Moved: Thomas Rush

Seconded: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

(All in Favor – 16)

Motion Carried

The Thunderbird Spirit Water – we would like the thunderbird spirit water at our events in the future – such as here the Peoples Assembly.

**Question:** What was the water competition?

**Answer:** It was a competition regarding high end water from around the world and The Thunderbird Spirit Water won and did great.

**Comment:** Very happy that the UTG people decided to add Water as one of the priorities in the UTG Economic Development Plan. It is because of the members that our nation went through with all of this hard work for water sales. The members have some great ideas, thank you.

**Question:** We would like to highlight the community and clips of our members with the water commercials and advertisement – when can we get clips of our community and dancers/singers?

**Answer:** Yes, we do want to do this with the community members, that is important. We would like UTG members to share their culture and stories and also include the other elders in the nation.

**Comment:** Our nation is there for one another and that is great. Our water is spiritual for us, it has always been very important to us. Our people spoke about the idea of selling this water many years ago and now we are number one around the world. It is so awesome that we can all work together like this for the nation. We should all be very proud of our community and where we come from.

UTG is able to sell water at the industrial level and this is something that is being discussed at the provincial level.

**Question:** Have we thought about the environmental impact of shipping? It is not good to ship in small containers.

**Answer:** Yes, it doesn't make sense to do that. We want to send larger bulks of water to plants.

Water/Investors: UTG could be well off in the future when water really takes off.

**Question:** Where in the lake is this water coming from?

**Answer:** It is a spring out at the very end of the lake.

**Question:** There is land around the lake, how much of this do we own? What is up for grabs? We should make sure we protect the area.

**Answer:** UTG owns a lot around it but nothing is preventing us from buying more. No industry or homes will destroy the area.

**Question:** What are the levels of the lake? Were any studies done and do we have records of that? Has the lake risen?

**Answer:** Yes, more water is there to date.

**Note:** We should always be aware of climate change and watch the highs and lows and how that impacts our salmon.

Economist Report: was done on the water. We are creating a charity to provide fresh drinking water as well for first nations across Canada.

Water Plant is capable of up to 60 bottles per minute and has a hand filler. The water plant is currently being assembled and should be ready in about two weeks. 10 jobs will be posted. It will all be based on qualifications. Fork Lift Operators, Shipping/Receiving, Training, Experience.

UTG will also look at carbonation as well as boxed water for sale. We will add a water plant at the village in the future. Stainless Steel tanks were also purchased.

**Question:** Can we put water in the medical field as well in the future?

**Answer:** Yes, in the future.

**Question:** Is there a deposit on the bottles?

**Answer:** Yes, there will be, but we would like the bottles back.

Exciting News and announcements will be out next week. In the Fiscal Finance Agreement, nations are finally being funded properly. It is being negotiated amongst all of the MFN's to increase the funding. We will be provided funds that we must provide services for. There are 10 different areas of funding and the first one that the Maa-nulth Nations and legal negotiated was for governance.

**Other:** UTG is trying their best to bring in a nurse. We might have to temporarily buy some services back until we get that in place.

**Question:** At one of our last Peoples Assemblies we mentioned that our nations village homes needed work and renovations. Can we please fix our homes in the village so we can finally visit and move back home one day? We used to have a program where all of our homes got free renovations, can we do a program like this again.

**Answer:** Uchucklesaht just did inspections of the residential homes in the village and so you do not need to make a motion to fix the homes as we are already working on plans for all of that. We are working on a program to get all that important work done and will keep you updated.

Phase I – Inspect all the residential homes

Phase II – Fix the homes

Phase III – Application and Funding to go in and hopefully we get the funding for the work.

Funding Source: GAP Funding between indigenous and non indigenous and identifying that cultural gap and connection to the land is the basis of this funding. We have a consultant working on our application and we have 8 weeks to get this done.

**Question:** Also, we would like to see Kildonan village alive again, not just rental units to loggers. We want affordable areas for our members to live. Will that happen in the future?

**Answer:** Yes, the executive will be looking at creating discounted rates for the UTG Enrollees/Citizens to rent out in the future.

Redford School Building: there are six offices in that building right now being rented.

**Question:** Will we change the name of the Redford Building like we did with The Thunderbird?

**Answer:** Yes, at some point we will do that.

**Adjourn:**

**Motion #5:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to adjourn the meeting of the day.

Moved: Gina Laing

Seconded: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

(All in Favor – 16)

*Motion Carried*

**END OF MEETING**