

**Peoples Assembly  
The Thunderbird  
November 16, 2019  
Cedar Hall  
Port Alberni, BC**

**Attendance:**

Helen Robinson	Steven Robinson	Brianna Lambert
Dorothy Cootes	Chris Cename	Clifford Charles
Carla Halvorsen	Sabrina Crowley	Samantha Robinson
Austyn Snoek	James Cootes	Ryan Rush
Wynona Martin	Kelly Martin	Dianna Martin
Rachael Mathiassen	Ellen Gonzales	Jason Titian
Ryan Cootes	Thomas Rush	Charlie Cootes Sr.
Lorraine Cootes	Jane Jeffrey	Regina Frank
Brianne Jimmy	Gloria Jean Frank	Marie Rush
Tina Robinson	Susan Leask	Serra Cootes
Wilfred Cootes Jr.	James Martin	Jaylene Sam
Gina Laing	Cam Cootes	Charlie Cootes Jr.
Angela Jeffrey	Stephanie Rush	Sammi Fregin

**(Main Motion)**

**Motion #01:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly accepts the agenda of the evening.

Moved: Wilfred Cootes Jr.

Seconded: Thomas Rush

(All in Favor – 39)

*Motion Carried*

**Brief Informational Update:**

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Legislative Council had a total of 6 Legislative Meetings between April 1 2018 and March 31, 2019.

The Uchucklesaht Tribe Executive has had a total of 17 Executive Meetings between April 2018 and March 2019 (First and Third Tuesday of Every Month) and various other political meetings throughout the year.

There are four Executive Portfolios:

1. Chief Councillor/Economic Development
2. Human Services
3. Secretary/Treasurer
4. Lands & Resources

The last two Peoples Assemblies between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2019 were on: August 17, 2019 Peoples Assembly :  
Audit - No recommendations were made at this meeting

November 9, 2019 Yakima, WA Information Session/Voting Day/Dinner : Overview of UTG and also Water Project Video :

Voting Online in Room next to Information Session/Dinner

November 16, 2019: Peoples Assembly & Election Day:  
Overview of UTG/Updates/Reports

The following Acts have been sent to UTG for the Legislative Council consideration and review:

Emergency Preparedness Act	Goods & Services Tax Act
Land Act Amendment Act Regulation	Titled Lands Transfer

**Question:** What lands to the Emergency Preparedness Act Cover?

**Answer:** UTG Lands.

**Comment:** No one even lives in our village, or only a couple people.

Specific Claims Overview

**Question:** What happens with the money for those claims?

**Answer:** We will have to ask the Director of Finance Scott where those funds were put aside.

**Question:** Our members want dividends from businesses that made profits. Why can we not ask our council for dividends?

Answer: Yes, you can ask the council and you could make motions at peoples assemblies requesting council consider your recommendation.

**Comment:** We were asking for the lotto money at the last peoples assembly and we were told no.

**Answer:** That certain pot of money cannot be distributed to the membership.

**Comment:** Why don't we use that money in different ways for our members such as fun trips, etc...

**Reply:** You can make recommendations on budget at the March peoples assembly as well for council to consider.

## Human Services Overview

**Question:** Why are there so many human services positions now? What has changed? Why the need?

**Answer:** There are new programs coming up and we need them to help us out in different areas such as mental health and addictions for example.

**Comment:** We also bought back some services from NTC so we added Education Clerk and Nurse to the mix. Not sure main

focus of the other two human services clerks. Director of Human Services has that information.

**Question:** Can we try and hire as many of our own people as possible? We should be trying to get Nuuchahnulth people as well.

**Answer:** I do not sit on that HR hiring committee but I do notice we do have a quite a few Uchucklesaht members working for us.

Our members would prefer that instead of information sessions, you allow everyone from other areas to link into our Peoples Assemblies via Skype and various types of equipment. There are ways they can listen to our actual assemblies and also participate and contribute.

Comment: Huuchahnulth has the same sort of set up.

**Motion #02:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly recommend that in the budget, it includes the video conference equipment needed in order to include members from around the different areas such as the states to participate in our actual Peoples

Assemblies throughout the year.

Moved: James Robinson                      Seconded: Ellen Gonzales

(All in Favor – 39)

Motion Carried

## **Election Results and Count**

Paper Ballots 72

Online Ballots 68

Scrutineers are: Brianna Lambert and Ryan Cootes

Charlie Cootes Sr 37 paper ballots and 46 electronic ballots totaling 83 votes in his favor.

Sabrina Crowley 35 paper ballots and 22 electronic ballots totaling 57 votes in her favor.

## **Adjourn:**

**Motion #03:** Uchucklesaht Tribe Peoples Assembly agrees to adjourn the meeting of the evening.

Moved: Brianna Lambert

Seconded: Ryan Cootes

(All in Favor – 39)

Motion Carried