

**General Body meeting  
January 27, 2007**

Open forum, interrupted with honors for David Whitener, Sr.

**Comments by Vicki Kruger**

Why does the Council feel that financial details should not be shared with the community, especially during times of change, do they not trust that we will understand the information?

Not giving the community the facts leads to gossip.

What was the original loan amount?

Did we as of yesterday have enough money on the loan to finish the hotel?

Whose responsibility was it to oversee the fiscal responsibility of the casino?

Did LCOB ask the CEO the right questions? Even if the CEO lied, why were the LCOB members not able to ask the questions to get the truth?

At the last General Body meeting request for an enrollment committee, why has not action been taken on it.

Seeks support for four fluent language teachers

Concern regarding the failing pump in the sewer system.

Need nursing facilities for elders in place of a nursing home.

Concerns of lack of emergency planning for elders when power goes out.

Hosting the 2012 canoe journey, why is there no planning being done to accommodate up to 10,000 people?

**Comments by Rick Peters**

Speaking on behalf of unnamed individuals who are afraid of retribution from bosses, including tribal administrator.

Health care to Indian tribes – no effort to provide health care services. If we can incur \$55m loan to build a golf course why not provide health care for 1000 people?

Skookum Inlet is only approved shellfish grower. SIT poses the largest threat to environmental health. Tribe's contribution is greater than all others combined.

Expel member, yet hire another six figure salary under no-fire contract, guilty of the same crime. The biggest sin is that this Council has allowed this to occur.

Mike Peters, was told "You will now be the hotel manager or you don't have a job." Teat something that poorly, that dedicated. Find unacceptable.

On this Council only 2 of 7 have a college degree, yet it is posting job position that require a bachelor's degree. I consider that condescending.

Allowed Salish Seafoods to go to Squaxin Island harvest inter-tidal planted by sub-tidal. Yet Brian Phipps digging geoduck on the Island. Seen by others.

Who are we protecting and who are we providing for?

Feel like I've been raped, to allow DNC and Salish to dig those clams, when each and every one was seen doing it.

Cultural resources director must go out and find funds on her own to support her program. You, on the Council must stand up and portray that: people of the water and/or culture is important.

Tribal elders – clam dig at Church Point, yet made Seniors load onto a skow, cold, and sad. Instead of driving.

Why purchase DND Seafood, didn't need equipment, license, competition – "just good old boys taking care of the good old boys."

Truly afraid that someone will come up to them Monday and tell them their job is done.

If I've offended, then just look into the mirror.

### **Cal Peters comments.**

Keep receiving phone calls – why are they doing this – why can't they live up to what the General Body/Council tells us.

You are the boss: whether by majority or a quorum (30%). People may not be happy with what we vote on, to discuss it, why aren't they here.

No reason why the Council, I told the Council, and all new managers, you have a responsibility, you are going to be living in a glass house.

It is about time that the Council stood up and took their actions.

On the Mike Peters issue. Mike appointed by direction by the General Body. Need to hire a SIT member, so that when that GM left, that trainee could take over. When he gets up there, they force him to go to a job that he doesn't want. Other tribes have more respect for what. Lot of people appreciate what he was doing. The action that was taken was illegal. Who gave them the power to take him off the job that he was training for.

This Council has rumours going on around them. We all have had. Rumors go around. Time to get behind Council. Gave them direction. And order them to do it.

Not going to repeat what Ric had to say.

What do the elders want: respect and honor. They have done a lot of work – [Cal listed some elders].

Get up and do the job that you are elected to do. If not, you can be replaced.

Sorry if I have hurt any feelings but I feel strongly about these things.

### **Vicki Kruger again**

Trying to start her own business – blackberry jams, MWBE. Go to your tribe and get a business license. Hope that Bobby can help accomplish license. Asking Bobby to take care of that.

Terminated Doug Boon. Want to personally thank the TC, somebody had to be responsible. Also want to encourage the Council, 5 or 6 applicants for the position, any one of those people would not have put us in the position that we are in today. If we can't find someone from that group, steal Ray.

Mom has a basket, think that it is horrible, that her mother cannot sell her own baskets. Go to our casino, run around, Mom gets ripped off. Makah are able to do. Need to apologize to Cameron, re: selling basket. Apologized to Cameron.

Tamika Green (Donna Penn's daughter) comments.

Police enforcement issue. Lot of activity in our cul de sac. Why aren't you there, to deal with stuff. No one at the police station. Doesn't make sense and need to do something about that.

**Rocky Bloomfield comments.** Squaxin/Skok. Good visions and sometime getting ahead of the vision. Better to have some vision rather than no vision.

Drug problem is a nationwide program, not just a reservation problem. Cleaned up my act about 20 years now. If I can do it, anyone can do it.

Sewage treatment plant. Concerns regarding logging out. Don't understand chipping over logging. Didn't make sense to not use tribal loggers and excavators. Had some jobs thrown our way but should have had more. Lost opportunity for training, for example, dump trucks.

Events Center, an awesome facility but a lot of empty seats in the box seats. If Council isn't going to go, then let some of us go.

General Body, lot of people that don't show up, nothing ever comes of it, need to get to the word out, appreciate opportunity that the Tribe has given me.

Like vision, hope we can slow it down on some of it.

**Chuck Bloomfield comments.**

Tried to get in on some of this construction. Falling timber for 15 years, purchased equipment and tried to get on, tough to stand by and not get an attitude. Wish there was better oversight on these projects. Wish there was an opportunity.

**Marcello Castro comments.**

Need access to education money.

Requested having a clam barge at the senior beach, so that the elders don't have to wait.

Not enough clam digging during Christmas time. Only 2 digs. Starving and hungry. Food lost.

Oakland Bay might be shut down; need to push on it.

Why are we doing it [hotel, golf course] what we are doing when our people aren't taken care of.

**Sis Brownfield comments.**

Hurt wrist, even though they say it didn't happen their and I can't get anything done for it. Now working for OSPI, Center for Improvement of Student Learning. Looking at academic achievement gap.

What will happen to our community if we are so far in debt.

Senior parking only at Suquamish but no such benefit for the elders at LCCR.

Casino. Place is run on fear and threats. Sad that it is run in a way that treats people in this way.

**Margaret Henry comments.**

Question for housing. Tribal members might be able to build their own home, or houses might become available. She and Vinnie are considering building. Would tribe buy our house so that we would have some money to put down on this?

**Barb Whitener comments.**

Compliment re Sylvan Learning Center. Annabeth is a success story.

**Cal Peters comments again.**

Young adults that are asking for support are going to be our leaders. We need to follow through with our K-12 people. They will be following.

**Ricki Ramage's comments.**

Work on the LCCR. Need customer service at the KTP.

**11:54 Jim Peters responding.**

Some rumors are viscous. We do our best to react to the rumors.

Work environment at the Casino. Went down and confronted the issues. Going through with the LCOB to make sure things that corrected, policies strengthened, and procedures.

Gave the benefit of the doubt before but we are no longer doing that.

First time that I have heard about Skookum Inlet pollution.

Commented on water quality. Commented on Oakland Bay matters.

**12:09 Ray Peters responding**

Consider a Chairman letter  
Do not tolerate failure to abide by rules  
Open door policy.

**Cameron Goodwin responding.**

Vicki raises questions about what is LCOB responsibility. Jim mentions failure to disclose, lack of understanding about responsibilities,

**Charlene comments.** Strengthening LCOB, Gaming Commission, some uncertainty about exactly what its role is.

Cal Peters wants to know what sort of authority LCOB has. Cal suggests that we designate Council members to particular assignments.

Ray proposes that we publish assignments – which Council member to go to.

**Andy responds.** LCOB's role to bounce ideas, open dialogue, get very frank at times, however it cannot hire and fire CEO.

CEO thought he could do it, numbers weren't always accurate, thought he could have done it.

Cameron to talk about numbers.

Hotel, 30 million dollar investment. With Joe Calabrese assisting, it is right on budget. Right where Joe said it was going to be, where BOA thinks that it is, and on time.

Golf course, not a lot going on right there. Very large investment. To get \$20 – 24 million. At \$22 m right now. Most of the investment is into hotel, casino, and bingo.

Bank has decided to give us the money, focus on performance, personnel issues, gaming issues, excited to be with us.

October and November struggled. Property did well. Every month has been getting better. Joe has us back on track. Exceeded budget again for December what we told Council and BOA what we were going to do.

Cal Peters disappointed that there is no mention of SI in the advertising.

Cameron reacted to advertising priorities and then deferred.

**Russell Harper commenting.** Compliment re creative thinking. There have been significant developments at SIT. 4 member director; 25 members in supervisory roles. Leader should be a tribal person.

Drive, intellect, difficult questions.

Health care issues. 700 + employees, \$11 -15 million year. \$17 million generally. Need to prioritize. It is not an empty well. Need to make those choices. There are stronger choices.

Language. Canoe journey. The Tribe needs to come to the language meetings. Show up, and we can justify something more.