

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
February 14, 2008**

**Attendance:**

**Tribal Council**

**Jim Peters  
Arnold Cooper  
Vince Henry, Sr.  
Russell Harper  
Will Penn  
Pete Kruger  
Charlene Krise**

**Chairman (arrived at 10:30 a.m.)  
Vice Chairman  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
1<sup>st</sup> Council Member  
2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member  
3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member (*absent*)**

**Executive Director  
Deputy Director  
Legal Counsel  
Recording Secretary**

**Ray Peters  
Whitney Jones  
Kevin Lyon  
Melissa Puhn**

Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ray Peters reported that he is working with the tribal member who has requested time on the agenda. Law Enforcement will be added to the agenda to provide a hunting update. Will Penn would like to add a Human Resources issue. Will moved to approve the February 14<sup>th</sup> agenda. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vince Henry moved to approve the January 31<sup>st</sup> Council minutes as amended. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS**

**February 15: SPIPA TANF Program Lunch**, Little Creek Casino Ballroom. This is a celebration lunch of the signing renewal of the inter-governmental agreement with SPIPA TANF.

**February 15: Franks Landing Grand Opening**, 4-6pm.

**February 15: Sa-He-Wa-Mish Dinner**, 7pm at the Little Creek Events Center

**February 16-17: Sa-He-Wa-Mish Days Pow Wow**, Little Creek Events Center. The juried art show on will be Saturday, and the art auction will begin at 7pm. Glen Parker inquired about the Veterans auctioning off a print for the benefit of the memorial. Ray will check and make sure that it gets included with the auction.

**TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS** (*continued*)

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**February 26-28: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Finance Conference**, Las Vegas. Russell, Ray and Deb will be attending.

**February 26-29: Economic Training**, Denver, CO. Will is attending with Bobby Whitener and Jennifer Ulrich. IEI is funding.

**February 27-29: Annual Coast Salish Gathering**, Tulalip, WA. Jim, Arnold, Pete and Charlene will be attending.

**March 3-5: NCAI Executive Winter Session**, Washington DC. Jim, Arnold, Ray and Russell will be attending.

**March 4-8: “Rez 08” Economic Development Trade Show** in Las Vegas. Will is attending.

**March 24-27: Council Work Session**, Quinault Beach Resort.

**April 21-24: EPA Tribal Leaders Summit**, Little Creek Casino.

**April 27-May 1: 2008 Self Governance**, Las Vegas. Arnold, Russell, Will, Pete, Ray, Deb and Ed will be attending. Ray stated that they will bring the tribal flag this year and participate in the parade of flags.

**May 3: General Body Meeting**, Little Creek Casino Events Center.

**May 19-22: NAFWS Conference**, Yakima, WA. Jim, Arnold and Pete will attend.

**June 4-5: “Building Tribal Culture,”** Bow, WA. Charlene will attend.

### CHAIRMANS UPDATE

Capitol Land Trust Conservation Breakfast is February 26.

State Legislative Reception is February 27, Whitney will attend.

MLRC Art Auction is this Saturday. Council will bid up to \$2000.

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Simmons Road update:** Ray briefed on the Simmons Road project. The two options that Department of Transportation (WSDOT) was looking at were: overpass at Ryan road, or a connection to Simmons Road. The tribe has always been supportive of a fix for the safety of their tribal members. The total cost of the project is about six million. The state has allocated one million, the county is proposing one million and they are asking the tribe to propose one million. Ray explained the potential strategies; land swap or accessing BIA funding. Brian Thompson was present and shared

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *(continued)*

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the data for the Safety Improvement project. Ray asked Council for direction in regards to supporting this project. Arnold would like to table this decision until Jim arrives.

**Housing report:** Ray and Brian shared that all of the houses have tenants with no pending evictions

**Next Council Meeting date:** The second meeting in February six council members and Ray will be out of town on travel. Council decided to cancel the February 26 meeting. Ray will check with Cameron Goodwin to see if he needs to meet with Council; if he does Council will meet with him next week.

**On Island Acquisition (OST, BIA):** Ray stated that he met with Herb Wes Moorland from BOA and the lead appraiser from OST. The initial land appraisal was questionable, so a second appraisal was done. Ray inquired about why the second appraisal came in significantly higher. Initially the appraisal did not consider the Tribe's Forest Practice Plan. This was a mistake on the appraisal and will reconsider. Brian Thompson, Esther Fox and Natural Resources will meet with BIA and OST to discuss this tomorrow at 10:30.

**Kamilche Dental:** Ray updated that a contract will be done with Steve Peters for access to dental services six days a week. Ray wanted to affirm that Council agrees and would like to move forward on this. Kamilche Dental does not provide preventive services, so the Clinic will still be utilized for those services. Steve will be getting a new building this April and will be down for about three weeks. In the meantime he will be able to utilize the Clinics dental facility. As soon as his contract is signed the tribe can begin utilizing his services. Lease arrangements were discussed and approved.

Ray provided an update on the Clary property.

**Bond update:** Ray stated that the process is moving forward on going through governmental certification for tax free bonds.

Pete Kruger reported that he was approached by a tide land owner who is interested in someone to dig her clams. She owns land in Oakland Bay. Ray will contact her.

Ray provided an update on the golf course.

Ray provided an update on the wellness center, which is still in architecture state.

**Cemetery request:** Rhonda had requested that Jim, Vince and Arnold assist with the removal of gravesites. Arnold would like to see the rest of Council participate as well.

Glen Parker shared that Anne has kept an album on obituaries of tribal members. She would like to have it on display at the Museum, so it can be accessed easily by tribal members. Jim feels it would be appropriate for the Museum staff to continue collecting this information.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** *(continued)*

**UA Policy:** Brian Thompson read a section of the handbook stating that different testing can be applied for different needs. A grant through Department of Transportation requires a broader policy;

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states that bus drivers and supervisors will need to attend training and have broader testing. The policy will be changed to reflect the requests of the grant.

Glen provided an update on the Veterans Memorial; they are planning a dedication for July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim would like to extend invitations to elected officials, all tribal chairs, agencies, donors and veteran tribal members. All of the art work is ready to be installed. Petroglyph is ready for transport. Dan Neelands is confident that completion would be before Memorial Day.

Will inquired about the security equipment. Cameras are installed and Glen received a request from Desi Smith yesterday about placing a camera on the petroglyph as soon as it is in place. Mike Evans and Glen have been working together on security systems.

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Andy Whitener presented a hunting regulation change. The annual regulation states the season ends February 28<sup>th</sup>. This year is a leap year; they would like to extend the season to February 29<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed by consensus.

### NORTHWEST INDIAN TREATMENT CENTER

June O'Brien presented **Resolution #08-10** which approves the Organization Compliance Policy for the Northwest Indian Treatment Center. Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #08-10. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

### PLANNING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Brian presented the revised utilities ordinance that was tabled at the last meeting. Russell Harper moved to approve **Resolution #08-11** which approves the Squaxin Island Utilities Ordinance. Arnold Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried five (5) in favor and zero (0) against.

Council went in to executive session to discuss a housing tenant. Coming out of executive session; Council will have Kevin Lyon review this, then Council will set up a hearing for this situation.

### ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford reported that the enrollment committee recently met and went over the enrollment applications. The committee recommended all eight applicants. Jim stated that Council would like to review the enrollment committee by-laws at the Council Work Session. Tammy presented the following resolutions; **Resolution #08-12** enrolling Fawn Patricia Ann Tadios, **Resolution #08-13** enrolling Julie Rose VanHorn, **Resolution #08-14** enrolling Alexander L. and Alynana Rose

### ENROLLMENT *(continued)*

VanHorn, **Resolution #08-15** enrolling Hope Victoria and Faith Elizabeth Pughe, **Resolution #08-16** enrolling Judah Krise Thale, and **Resolution #08-17** enrolling Donald Lee Daniel III. Arnold Cooper moved to approve all the applicants. Russell Harper seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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### LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mike Evans reported on the Skookum Creek Tobacco case. Tighter controls of the factory have been directed. Council directed Mike to perform an audit of the controls.

Mike reported on a hunting case.

Mike updated on the State Commissioned Bill which is looking good so far.

Vince and Will inquired about the bus stop at the Child Development Center. Whitney stated that the CDC Board has not heard any complaints recently since the bus has begun pulling off the road. She also stated that Island Enterprises will be constructing a bus shed.

### CHAIRMANS UPDATE *(continued)*

**Totem Pole:** Charlene provided pictures and information on the totem pole. Jim suggested sending out a questionnaire to tribal members at the general body meeting asking them how they feel about the tribe potentially acquiring the totem pole.

**Franks Landing:** Ray briefly updated on Franks Landing. They will be moving to have the three individuals dismissed from the case. Kevin felt that a separate Counsel should represent those three, and Ron Whitener has agreed to do so.

**Simmons Road update:** This was tabled earlier for Jim's arrival. Jim would like to not commit at this point, but still would like to be able to show a design of the intersection at the general body meeting. He would like to hold a public hearing for the community input. Council agreed to support the appropriations but not commit any funding as of now.

Will had an inquiry of Human Resources policy. He stated that he was denied answer when asked what jobs were being interviewed. He would like to see that policy stating the confidentiality of that information. Ray explained that the jobs advertised and day of the interviews are not confidential, although once in to the interview situation the interview process is confidential. The names of the interviewees are confidential. Ray stated that if any Council member would like confidential information to ask him, rather than asking staff.

Will also asked if while he is on travel for Council business if he could get life insurance. Ray will check on that. Jim would like to discuss Council benefits at the work session.

### TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Whitney spoke with a tribal member who is behind on rent. Until his rent is caught up the repairs on his house cannot be done. Whitney explained there are programs that can assist him. Council agreed by consensus that what is not covered by that program they will donate the balance (approximately \$56).

Will would like to look in to a unified housing agreement; this will be discussed at the work session.

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Whitney stated that she requested the directors get their data and reports submitted by March 10<sup>th</sup> in order to be compiled for the Council Work Session.

There being no further business the February 14, 2008 Council meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.