

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETING
October 11, 2007**

Attendance:

Tribal Council

Jim Peters	Chairman
Arnold Cooper	Vice Chairman
Vince Henry, Sr.	Secretary
Russell Harper	Treasurer (<i>absent noon – 1:20</i>)
Will Penn	1st Council Member
Pete Kruger	2nd Council Member
Charlene Krise	3rd Council Member (<i>sick</i>)

Executive Director

Ray Peters

Deputy Director

Whitney Jones

Legal Counsel

Kevin Lyon

Recording Secretary

Melissa Puhn

Jim Peters called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Russell Harper offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Russell Harper moved to approve the October 11, 2007 Council agenda as amended. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Arnold Cooper moved to approve the September 26th Council minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried five in favor and zero against.

TRAVEL REPORTS AND PLANS

October 16: Intertribal Voc-Rehab Ability Awareness Dinner held at the Little Creek Resort Events Center.

October 17-19: Journey to Healing & Coast Salish Gathering, hosted by the Lummi Tribe.

October 20: Port Gamble S’Klallam auction, held at the S’Klallam Longhouse in Kingston, WA. Council agreed by consensus to donate \$100 for this auction.

October 23-29: National Indian Education Association, held in Honolulu, HI. Will Penn plans on attending.

October 30-31: “One Nation Economic Forum,” Vancouver, B.C. Arnold Cooper will attend if necessary. The conference information will be forwarded to Island Enterprises.

November 3: SPIPA Art Auction held at the Little Creek Casino Events Center. Council agreed by consensus to purchase twenty tickets.

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November 6-8: Native Wellness Conference, held in Coeur D'Alene, ID. Will Penn plans to attend.

November 6-7: Reasonable Alternatives to Blood Quantum Requirements, held at the Quinault Beach Resort. Arnold Cooper, Charlene Krise, Pete Kruger, and the newly formed Enrollment Committee will attend.

November 11-16: National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), held in Denver, CO. Arnold Cooper, Vince Henry, Pete Kruger, Ray Peters and Glen Parker plan to attend.

November 13-15: G2E Global Gaming Expo, held in Las Vegas, NV. Jim Peters will attend in Ray's place, and Russell Harper will attend.

November 17: Potlatch Fund Annual Gala, held at the Grand Hyatt Seattle. Charlene Krise and Will Penn plan to attend.

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Council Salary: This discussion will be tabled until the next meeting when a full Council is present.

Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA) update: Russell Harper provided a report on the WIGA meeting he recently attended. He handed out a copy of a letter from the gaming commission and will forward to the Casino as well.

Indian Health Board update: Will Penn provided a brief report from the Indian Health Board Meeting he attended. He reported on the diabetes funding for 2008, and recommended that tribal members submit letters of support for the Squaxin diabetes program. Jim would like to have a sample letter provided for tribal members to submit. Whitney will coordinate and the letter will be sent in the bulk mailing and the Klah-Che-Min. Will also briefly reported on funding sources for long term care. Jim would like to meet with the tribal elders and their families to discuss this issue.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Membership: Ray Peters presented **Resolution #07-76** which authorizes the payment of the annual NCAI Membership dues; and designates a delegate and alternates with instruction to become Individual Members in Good Standing in NCAI. Russell Harper moved to approve Resolution #07-76 and appointing Arnold Cooper as the delegate, Vince Henry and Pete Kruger both as alternates. Vince Henry seconded the appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

Donation request: Council agreed by consensus to donate \$500 to Representative Mike Armstrong.

Council agreed by consensus to purchase a basket made by Connie Napoleon for \$150.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE *(continued)*

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Upcoming Council Meeting dates: October 24th is the full scale Emergency Management Exercise, the scheduled Council meeting with Island Enterprises and Little Creek Casino will remain scheduled at that time. The second Council meeting in November falls in the Thanksgiving Holiday therefore will be moved to November 29th. There will be only one Council meeting in December; December 13th. Jim asked Council to communicate their holiday schedules.

The winter per capita checks will be distributed Tuesday, December 4th.

The All Staff Christmas brunch will be held at the Casino on December 21st.

The Mid-Year General Body Meeting will be held in the gym January 12th.

Passport update: Ray provided a letter from the Department of Licensing regarding travel to Canada. The Department of Licensing will begin an Enhanced Drivers License and Identification Card pilot program in 2008. This Enhanced Drivers License will meet federal security requirements for border crossing and is an approved alternative to a U.S. Passport for re-entry into the U.S. borders from Canada and Mexico. Tribal Enrollment cards and BIA Identification cards will be acceptable documentation for proof of identity when applying for the Enhanced Drivers License.

Education Commission appointment: The Education Commission forwarded a name of an interested tribal member to temporarily fill the student representative vacant position on the commission. This interim appointment would ensure the needed quorum for the meetings. Council agreed by consensus to appoint Daniel Kuntz as the interim student representative, while the notice of vacancies for the Committees and Commissions are being advertised.

SPIPA TANF Budget: Whitney Jones presented the SPIPA TANF Budget. Council agreed by consensus of the 50/50 split with the budget.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Mike Evens provided an update on Law Enforcement. The upcoming Haunted House, co-hosted by the Learning Center will be October 27th, with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

The Community Safety Conference went well. Mike and the Mason County Sherriff were commended for their excellent working relationship. They have been invited to a national jurisdiction conference in November to showcase their achievement; has taken a long time for tribal and city enforcement to work together.

Mike updated on the dog issue; he recently met with Brian Thompson regarding funding for the County animal control officer to assist. Mike will provide Council with an ordinance regarding pit bulls at the next Council meeting.

LAW ENFORCEMENT *(continued)*

The Public Safety Building Open House will be tomorrow, Friday October 12th from 12:00 to 2:00.

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Council had concern of officers working traffic at the casino for events. Council stated they do not want Squaxin Officers directing traffic, Mike reported that he will take care of it.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford reported on the Enrollment Conference she attended at Suquamish. Tammy has been working with Kevin Lyon on the formation of the Enrollment Committee and their first meeting will be October 30th.

Tammy presented the following enrollment resolutions:

Resolution #07-77, enrolling Mini Maree Gamber with full benefits;

Resolution #07-78, enrolling Katheryn Marie Keithley on the five year wait;

Resolution #07-79, enrolling Beth Ann Robinson (Armas) with full benefits;

Resolution #07-80, enrolling Hannah Lucille Forcier with full benefits;

Resolution #07-81, enrolling Tia Marie Jordan and Taylor Jeffery Porad with full benefits;

Arnold Cooper moved to approve all of the enrollment resolutions. Russell Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against. Pete Kruger was out of the room.

Tammy presented **Resolution #08-82** which denies enrollment for individual listed because the individuals do not meet the requirements for membership as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Squaxin Island Tribe. Arnold Cooper moved to approve Resolution #08-82. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against. Russell Harper was absent during this vote.

TRIBAL MEMBER CONCERNS

Tribal member reported to Council a theft of equipment from one of the Health Clinic offices. There was a concern regarding the lack of follow-up on this case. Council will look in to this matter and would like to see an internal report filed.

The tribal member had a complaint about an individual who regularly speeds on reservation roads and through yards on an ATV. The concern was in regards to children who could get harmed from this individual. This individual also has a dangerous dog that has bitten people. The tribal member wanted to know why this individual is still allowed to ride the ATV, and why the dog is still on the reservation. There was question regarding the policy behind dog bites and dangerous dogs.

Ray and Whitney will both look in to these incidents and make sure the situations are dealt with. Ray will also check in to the dog licensing policy.

Council directed the tribal member to contact Ray or Whitney the next time an instance is not dealt with and followed through immediately.

LEGAL

Kevin presented **Resolution #07-83** stating that the Tribal Council agrees and/or ratifies the purchase and sale of the real property belonging to Wayne L. Clary. Arnold Cooper moved to approve

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Resolution #07-83. Pete Kruger seconded the motion. The motion carried four in favor and zero against.

Kevin handed out a joint response letter on behalf of Multimedia Games and the Squaxin Island Tribe, to the Washington State Gambling Commission; in regards to the electronic gaming device utilizing the pooled wagering concept contained in Appendix Colville. For information purposes only, no action was taken.

Kevin provided a list of potential candidates for the business administration board.

Kevin Lyon provided an update on Franks Landing.

Russell Harper returned at 1:20.

Jim would like to discuss the Packwood property at the next Council meeting.

Russell reminded Council that October 13th the Canoe family is hosting dinner.

Council salary: Kevin will provide Council with charts outlining the eight tribes he researched in regards to a paid Council. Typically most Tribal Councils have a paid chairman with stipends provided for the council members. This will be included first thing on the November 8th Council agenda for further discussion. Ray will prepare and present the council financials and show different scenarios of what would be affected with a paid Council.

Herb Wes Moorland from the Bureau of Indian Affairs arrived to introduce himself. He was recently promoted to Superintendent of the Olympic Peninsula BIA Office. Jim invited him to come back out for a more in-depth tour.

June Krise invited Council to the Intertribal Vocational Rehabilitation Dinner, October 16th at the Casino.

Being no further business the October 11th Council meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.