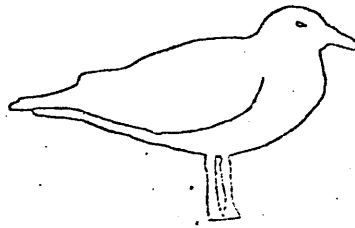


SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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JUSTIFICATION NARRATIVE FOR PURCHASE OF SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL CENTER KAMILCHE

General Information:

Squaxin Island was designated as an Indian Reservation by the Medicine Creek Treaty of December 26, 1854. Squaxin Island is located in Mason County, five miles north of Olympia, Washington. The Island is slightly over four miles long and varies from somewhat over three tenths of a mile to almost nine tenths of a mile in width.

Most of the Indian people who once lived on the Island have returned to the Skookum Inlet area (Kamilche) because of adverse living conditions. There is no electricity on the Island and no developed domestic water source. Furthermore, the Island may only be reached by boat, a condition which complicates the transportation of school children and working people, especially during the winter months. At the present time, no Indian people live year around on the Island, however, some families do spend time there in the summer months.

The majority of the enrolled members of the Squaxin Island Tribe live in twenty-four homes in the Kamilche vicinity, a small community on the mainland, ten miles southwest of Squaxin Island.

BACKGROUND:

The Indian population of the Kamilche Village realized the need for establishing a facility to effectively deal with the affairs of their tribe. A physical facility with an adequate amount of floor space is necessary to insure the continuation of vital programs, reflective of a progressive Indian society.

The opportunity to acquire such a structure then presented itself in the form of the Kamilche Valley School and property adjacent to the school (3.91 acres).

The Kamilche Valley School had been used in the past for tribal affairs (i.e., Tribal Council meetings, General Council meetings, ...), educational programs (i.e., summer school, adult Indian education, ...), and recreation programs. During that use period we noted that the structure was well suited for the purposes and needs of the Tribe, both now and in the projected future.

Today the Kamilche Valley School is being rented by the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe, and on June 28, 1974 our Business Office will move into the building. Not only is there room for our Business Office, there is room for our coming Manpower program, our proposed Squaxin Island Enterprises project, and our Low Rental Housing project. Then there is room left over for any other economic development programs, as prescribed by our Overall Economic Development Program.

The Tribe's capacity for providing meaningful recreational outlets for its active youth would receive a substantial boost through the acquisition of the property adjacent to the school itself, which includes a soft-ball field, and playground equipment.

In sum, the centralization of the various administrative units, to the projects now underway at Squaxin Island, would provide a more convenient and efficient operation in which to manage our Tribal affairs. The fact that this structure can serve as a community center only tends to increase its value to our Tribe.

PURPOSE:

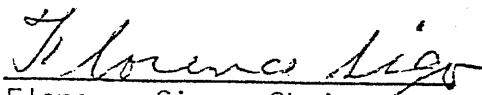
With respect to the foregoing narrative, the Squaxin Island Tribe requests your support in helping the Tribe to acquire a grant in the amount of \$35,000.

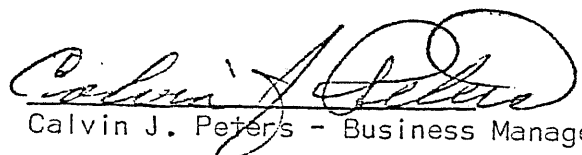
The grant will provide financing, in the amount of \$30,000, to purchase the Kamilche Valley School and related property (3.91 acres), from the Shelton School District #309. The remaining \$5,000 of the grant will be used for the repair and renovation of the property, as deemed necessary.

The Squaxin Island Tribe would appreciate any immediate action on this proposal. We remain

/respectfully yours,

THE SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE


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Enclosure