

SNOQUALMIE INDIAN TRIBE

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Quarterly Update May-August 2022



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Robert M. de los Angeles

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Secretary-

Shauna Shipp-Martinez

Treasurer-

Christopher Castleberry

Tribal Council Statistics

Meetings

Tribal Council from January to present has held 67 (sixty-seven) meetings ranging from Regular, Emergency, Special, and Snoqualmie Entertainment Authority (SEA) Board.

Along with One (1) Special General Membership meeting called by petition in February 2022 and the Annual May General Membership meeting was a two (2) day in person event of the general membership.

Additional meetings not accounted for would consist of work group meetings for special projects like the Casino Expansion Project, Cannabis Project, Legal Updates, Federal and State Legislation updates, Policy discussions and Community Engagement with Local, City, State or Federal agencies.

Resolutions

Tribal Council has approved 162 resolutions to date. Consisting of:

Grant submissions and/or Grant Renewals, Contracts and/or Renewals, Policy changes, new job descriptions, Budget, Investments, and Delegation to vote and attend yearly conferences with other tribal governments such as All Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). We have membership with these organizations to help move joint venture legislations or policies. Yearly Tribal Council Officer appointments and check signers for bank accounts. Appointment selection of committees and the commissions who work with Tribal Council. This list is a snap shot of some of the resolutions routinely done throughout the year.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the quarterly report is to provide accurate information between the Tribal Council to the General Membership

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NEW HIRES who report to Tribal Council

Chief Financial Officer, Vu Nguyen, started in May



Enrollment

Tribal Council has held Twenty-three (23) executive sessions in a regular or special meeting to approve or deny enrollment applications.

Number of New Enrollments

	March	April	May	June	July	August	Total
Adults	68	64	46	56	16	23	273
Elders	7	2	6	8	27	1	51
Minors		33	45	61	34	47	220
Grand Total	75	99	97	125	77	71	544

Legislative & Community Support

- Charitable Donations- Opened January 1 to March 31, 2022
- Nine (9) Categories consisting of:
 - Art & Culture
 - Family Services
 - Salmon Habitat
 - Veterans
 - Native Services
 - Environmental Education
 - Snoqualmie Valley
 - Elder Services
 - Event Sponsorship
- 169 Applications Received and Processed
- 73 Applications were Awarded across the Snoqualmie Valley and surrounding neighborhood.
- Total Amount donated for FY 2021 \$1,107, 362.25

Tribal Council has supported the following:

In July the tribe submitted items to be placed in the City of Issaquah's Time capsule, that will be dug up twenty-five (25) years from date placed in the ground. Location is yet to be determined and the plan is to be bury it this fall after the Salmon Days festival. On August 1, 2022, Tribal Council sent a letter to US Environmental Protection Agency, for a formal Consultation to discuss proposed changes to the national allocation of Indian General Assistance Program funding (GAP) and the draft 2022 Revised GAP guidance document, prior to finalizing any decision or actions.

The Tribal Council authorized the Tribes name to be added to Native American Rights Fund (NARF) Amicus Brief "Haaland v. Brackeen that will defend Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) this is pro bono and will be no cost to the tribe.

Tribal Council motioned on August 25, 2022 for Governmental Affairs and Special Projects Department Staff, Federal Lobbyist, and Legal Counsel to attend the proposed Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) work group meetings with helicopter operators, with reports back to Tribal Council, this is for protection of the tribe's Sacred Site, Snoqualmie Falls and Salish Lodge.

Special Projects:

Casino Expansion: Project led by Shauna Shipp-Martinez.

The Casino expansion project has taken many turns including a new architect, Bergman Walls & Assoc.; owners rep, Cummings; General Contractor, Skanska and Financing with a native owned banking relation, PNC. We have been able to narrow down the project to align it with what General Council is good with spending on the project. The additions include a Valet garage with a tunnel to and from the Hotel porticushare, 22,000 square foot convention center with 6 additional break



out rooms, a 4 star hotel with pool/fitness room/ spa, sundries, coffee

shop and restaurant. The Casino floor will also expand into the current ballroom to centralize the nonsmoking section to include sports betting, high limit area, table games with a dedicated cage and Crescent Club.

As for the project itself, it is in full force with changes happening all over the Reservation. The East road MSE wall is in progress to provide a new ramp down to the parking garage at the bottom of the hill.

The west side of the parking garage received a new entrance/ exit that will allow for an easy transition



There is a new temporary exit for trucks at the Valet garage construction site for easy access on the east side of the parking garage, while the construction progresses.



Sewage Agreement was approved in May 2022, Amendment # 5 is more flexible and has no expiration date on renewal. This project was led by Christopher Castleberry & GASP Executive Director, Jaime Martin.

Crescent Market Tribal Council approved in July 2022, the new vendor “Cougar Den” for the Fuel of the Crescent Market and the owner is a Yakama Tribal Member owned business and supporter of our Treaty Rights Case.

Cannabis Project: in March of 2021 Tribal Council approved the name “Over the Moons” for the tribe’s Cannabis Store which will be adjacent and on the east end of the Crescent Market. Also known as the Liquor Cave. In May 2022 Tribal Council selected “The Whitener Group” to be lead consultant on this project. Design work is being drafted at this moment. Project led by Steve De los Angeles & Christopher Castleberry.

The Snoqualmie Tribe’s Early Development Center located on the Administration property has been a project followed by Schrier, Murray and Cantwell and have placed a legislation bill in the amount of \$1.5 million dollars to help the tribal community on this specific project that is on high demand in the Snoqualmie Valley area. Project led by Staff, General Resources Manager, Audrey Castleberry.



Laws Enacted

- TERO Action Updated, approved on July 29, 2022, Resolution 146-2022.
- Business License Act, Approved on July 28, 2022, Resolution 145-2022.
- Taxation Act, approved on July 28, 2022, Resolution 144-2022.
- New Moons Tribal Charter Approved on August 25, 2022, Resolution 160-2022.

Boards, Commission and Committee:

Snoqualmie Entertainment Authority Board (SEA Board) is the seated Tribal Council. This board meets monthly.

Snoqualmie Gaming Commission (SGC) is a regulatory body a branch off of the Tribal Council that helps protect the assets of the Snoqualmie Casino Enterprise. We currently have 3 tribal members who sit on this commission and are appointed yearly by way of resolution for 3 year terms.

The tribe currently has the following committees appointed by way of resolution:

Enrollment (ten committee members)

Constitutional Amendment Committee (five committee members)

Financial Review Committee (FRC) on July 21, 2022 by way of resolution as directed by the General membership in May of 2022. (5 committee members)


Previous Events

July 13 – 15, 2022, Roberts Rule's Training with Trainer Brenda Brainard. Attendees All of Tribal Council (Mandatory within 90 days of elections, Completed)

August 13-15, 2022, Budget Review Process started with CFO of the Administration, and Tribal Council Direct Reports. Attendees All of Tribal Council (ACTIVE)

August 18, 2022, Road To Healing with the City of Seattle, President Debra Juarez, this meeting was to provide the tribes input and in hopes of having Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland select the Pacific Northwest as a stop in the tour. If not selected as a stop City of Seattle would like to provide a space for survivors and descendants of to heal. Attendees were Jolene Willaims & Suzanne Sailto. (ongoing)

August 24, 2022, met with Congressional Representative Bruce Westerman from Arkansas at the Salish Lodge, attendees was Tribal Council. (completed)





Upcoming Events

September 8, 2022, at 10 AM, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) meet at I-90/SR -18 Interchange Improvements and Widening Project, attendees Tribal Council and Casino Staff.

September 18 – 22, 2022, All Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Conference, held at Tulalip Resort. (Hybrid Option) Jolene Williams, Suzanne Sailto, David Maddock

September 28, 2022, Snoqualmie Valley Governance Association (SVGA) held in the City of Duvall.

October 3 & 4, 2022, National American Finance Officers Associations (NAFOA) held at Foxwoods Resort. Christopher Castleberry was asked to be a Featured Speaker to talk about “Developing & Retaining Talent After the Great Resignation”.

October 12, 2022, Date Reserved for the Kokanee Release in the City of Issaquah. Tentative Jolene Williams

October 24 & 25, 2022, the 33rd Annual Centennial Accord Meeting with Governor Inslee, held at Tulalip, (in person). All of Council

October 30 – November 4, 2022, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), held in Sacramento, CA. TBD

May 2023 will have seven(7) seats up for election, five council member seats and 2 alternate seats.

