



Puyallup Tribe of Indians



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Dear Puyallup Tribal Members:

The Tribal Council is constantly looking for ways to advance Tribal interests and improve the lives of Tribal Members. One area needing attention is communication. We have now taken steps to explore a variety of opportunities to elevate and strengthen how the collective voice of our Tribe is heard locally and across the State of Washington.

As part of this ongoing effort to revamp the Tribe's communications channels to better serve our more than 5,000 members, the Puyallup Tribal Council has directed staff to assume all operations of the *Puyallup Tribal News*. Although you may notice a disruption of the newspaper's publication, we intend to print a paper by mid-October and consistently thereafter.

The plan is to move newspaper operations to an internal Tribal news team. This transfer allows changes to be made to the newspaper's look and presentation as well as create opportunities for more substantive content and jobs for our members. We would like to thank the Pierce County Community Newspaper Group and their staff for their years of service to produce the *Puyallup Tribal News*.

We are asking Tribal members for input regarding the future direction of the newspaper via an online survey created on *SurveyMonkey*. This survey asks for your input on what Tribal Members would like to see changed or improved in how we communicate emerging issues, events, policies and Tribal Member opportunities. This may include changes to our newspaper, website, social media, internal communications and more. The survey is available at the following locations:

- online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVJJPS8; or
- a link on Facebook Group page, Puyallup Tribal Members Only; or
- a link on the Tribe's website, www.puyallup-tribe.com; or
- a hardcopy from the Council Offices.

The deadline for responding to the survey is Friday, October 5, 2018.

The Tribal Council welcomes your ideas and suggestions to improve our Tribal newspaper and other communication forums. Should you have any questions, please contact Lynda Squally with Council Offices at lyndasqually3@gmail.com or (253) 573-7833. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation for your patience and understanding while we work through this transition.

Sincerely,

Bill Sterud, Chairman
Puyallup Tribal Council