



**City of Saxman  
Totem and Tourism Committee  
Meeting  
March 14, 2024  
3:30 PM**

**MINUTES**

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**Call to Order**

Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 3:50pm.

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Frank Seludo  
Vice Mayor Billy Joe Thomas  
Council Member Woody Watson  
Council Member Norman Natkong Sr.  
Council Member Gabe Blair  
Council Member Denny Blair

**ABSENT**

Council Member Rick Makua

**ALSO PRESENT**

Marissa Medford, City Administrator

**Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**New Business**

**1. Rock Oyster Totem Pole & Funds for Party**

Background: Status update on the Rock Oyster pole and further discussion of totem raising and party logistics.

Discussion: Council Member Denny Blair passed along a message that Adrianna Oliva-Parks with Cape Fox is willing to help and support this community event.

Council Member Gabe Blair brought up having invitations created.

Mayor Seludo will follow-up with Jon Rowan and ask if his dance group would to come over for the celebration. This brought about discussion of how many dance groups to have at the event. It was settled that it would be nice to have three dance groups (Jon Rowan, Cape Fox, and another dance group from Ketchikan). Council Member Woody Watson knows Jon Rowan typically does a Carver/Pole raising dance and mentioned he will speak to Mr. Rowan when he goes over to Klawock.

**2. Painting of Totems**

Background: Further discussion of necessary personnel and funding.

Discussion: Mayor Seludo believes there will be enough funds in Totem Pole Restoration to have two seasonal employees start on or around April 16th to assist in the Public Works Department, including painting totems when weather permits.

### **3. Contract for Nathan Jackson Eagle/Beaver Totem**

Background: Status update and discussion on the Eagle/Beaver Totem contract.

Discussion: A recommendation was made to contact Nathan Jackson to move forward with a contract for the Eagle/Beaver Totem.

### **4. Totem Wings Norman Natkong Jr.**

Background: Status update and discussion on having Norman Natkong Jr. fix totem wings.

Discussion: A recommendation was made to contact Norman Natkong Jr. to move forward with an agreement to fix totem wings.

### **Council Comments**

Council Member Gabe Blair: Inquiring about head fees/land use fees and agreements for the new Cape Fox tours.

Council Member Denny Blair: Reminder to reach out to Adrianna Oliva-Parks regarding assistance Cape Fox can provide for the totem pole raising event.

Mayor Seludo: The next Totem & Tourism meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th at 5pm.

### **Adjournment**

There was a motion made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Council Member Denny Blair. Seconded by Council Member Gabe Blair.

All in favor.

None oppose.

*Motion passes.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:22pm.

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Frank H. Seludo, Mayor

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Marissa Medford, City Administrator