



**City of Saxman  
Totem and Tourism Committee  
Meeting  
June 10, 2022  
5:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

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**Call to Order**

*Mayor Seludo called the meeting to order at 4:44 PM.*

**Roll Call**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

Committee Member Rick Makua  
Committee Member Gabriella Blair

**Public Comment**

Richard entered the meeting at 4:52 PM. Richard N., requested to speak at the meeting to speak on behalf of the ongoing investigation. He presented a letter to the Council to apologize for his actions.

The Council reviewed the letter.

*A motion was made to hold an executive session for "Matters required by law to be kept confidential, such as an ongoing investigation." Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Vice Mayor Thomas, Seconded by Committee Member Watson.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Vice Mayor Thomas, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong Sr., Committee Member Watson

Question was called for Discussion from the Council.

Vice Mayor Thomas requested that the Clerk makes a note that the Council received an apology from Richard N., and made the decision to not escalate the said incident. The parts have been returned with no wrong doing. There was a statement from the chair to accept the apology and the letter will be attached to the minutes.

Councilor D. Blair will thank all parties involved in this situation on behalf of the Saxman City Hall and the Council.

*A motion was made to come out of executive session. Motion Passed at 5:06 PM.*

Motion made by Committee Member Watson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Vice Mayor Thomas, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong Sr., Committee Member Watson

### **Consideration of the Agenda**

*A motion was made to accept the agenda as guideline. Motion Passed.*

Motion made by Committee Member Watson, Seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Vice Mayor Thomas, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong Sr., Committee Member Watson

### **Old Business**

#### **New Business**

1. Totem Parts Returned

Background: Councilor Denny Blair will present. Totem parts were returned to the City of Saxman after being taken off site.

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### **Council Comments**

### **Adjournment**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion Passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 PM.

Motion made by Mayor Seludo, Seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas.  
Voting Yea: Mayor Seludo, Vice Mayor Thomas, Committee Member Blair, Committee Member Natkong Sr., Committee Member Watson



Frank H. Seludo, Mayor



Lori Richmond, City Clerk

TO whom it may concern,

I Richard nemanic am writing this letter to apologize for removing the two pieces of the fallen totem pole from the city of saxman parking lot. My intent was to save the pieces from completely rotting away by stabilizing the pieces and attaching them back together to hopefully preserve the pieces from further decomposition.

Until today I was unaware of the traditions that coincide with the totems, knowing now after having it explained the traditions of a fallen totem it is clear to me why it is so important to leave the totems in there fallen/resting place.

I truly am sorry I meant no disrespect I thought I was doing some thing positive but I was clearly wrong

Again i apologize to all I have offended I am very sorry.

Richard Hulse Nemanic