



**City of Saxman
Totem and Tourism Committee
Meeting
April 08, 2025
3:00 PM**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Prayer/Land Acknowledgement

Public Comment

Consideration of the Agenda

Old Business

1. Code Talker Totem Pole

Background: The City of Saxman is proposing the commissioning of a Code Talker Totem Pole to honor the Tlingit Code Talkers who played a crucial role in World War II. These brave individuals used the Tlingit language to develop an unbreakable code, aiding U.S. military operations and contributing to the war effort. Despite their invaluable service, the contributions of Indigenous Code Talkers remained unrecognized for decades.

This totem pole will serve as a lasting tribute to the Tlingit Code Talkers, ensuring their legacy is preserved and honored for future generations. The pole's design will incorporate traditional Tlingit form line art while symbolizing the strength, resilience, and intelligence of these unsung heroes. the project will be developed in collaboration with local carvers, elders, and historians to ensure cultural and historical accuracy.

The City of Saxman seeks to move forwards with approving the initial design concept, identifying funding sources, and determining the location for this significant symbol to honor our Code Talkers.

New Business

Council Comments

Adjournment