



**Chief Executive
Officer Report**
Kurtis Barker

Metro Grant

The CTSI Portland Area Office received a \$15,000 grant from Metro in the first quarter of 2026 that will focus on "Connecting to our Culture." The grant will support community events at the office throughout the year. The event for February was salmon canning that was held on February 18, 2026.

Watch for other events being hosted in Portland and all of our area offices by viewing the digital office newsletter on the CTSI website.

Planning Community Meetings

The Planning Department would like to thank all the Tribal Members that participated in the community meetings hosted at each area office and in Siletz during the first quarter. The planning meetings will help guide the development of the next comprehensive plan.

We need your input on tribal programs, transportation, long term development, etc.

The final meeting is focused on the out of area membership, living outside the 11 county service zone. That out of area community meeting will be hosted on Zoom on March 11, 2026. A link is available on the website and contact the Planning Department for a link to the survey.

Project Updates

CTSI has a number of large projects in the works and some near completion.

Clinic Basement

The Siletz Community Health Clinic basement expansion is complete. Watch for ribbon cutting and an open house announcement.

Eugene Area Office

The new Eugene Area Office is scheduled for completion at the end of April. Watch for a ribbon cutting event date and open house.

Recreation Center

The Siletz Recreation Center is advancing quickly and scheduled to open in the third quarter. Watch for announcements and more updates in the coming months. The new rec center will be a great opportunity for

the community to gain access to a healthier lifestyle.

Broadband

Our work to provide broadband access to unserved households in the Siletz valley is underway and we hope to provide a more comprehensive update in the April issue.

Museum

The Request for Proposals for architecture and engineering, along with exhibit design have been issued. Tribal staff will evaluate and rank the responses and present to Tribal Council for consideration in the coming months.

For information on Siletz Tribe, including employment opportunities, visit our website at ctsi.nsn.us.

Elders Council Meeting

The Elders Council will host an in-person/Zoom hybrid meeting on Saturday, March 14, at 1 p.m. at Ace's Bar & Grill.

Elders Health Fair is on Wednesday, March 18, starting at 11 a.m. at Chinook Winds Casino Resort, in the Takelma Room.

If you have any questions, please contact the Elders Program at 541-444-8212.

Dear Tribal Elders

Stay connected with us!

Your safety matters to us. To make sure we can reach you quickly during an emergency or natural disaster, the Elders Department kindly asks you to update your contact details and communication preferences with us.

If your phone number, address, emergency contact, or preferred way of being contacted has changed, please let us know. Keeping your info current helps us check in and support our elders when it matters most.

Call us at 541-444-8225, or email siletzelders@ctsi.nsn.us.

Thank you for helping us stay connected and prepared.

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Deadline for the April issue is March 10, 2026. Submission of articles and photos is encouraged.

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