



**Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley
addressing the crowd at the Grand
Opening of Chinook Winds.**

CHINOOK WINDS GAMING CENTER OPENS

On Saturday, May the 27th, I called on Jessie Davis, the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Gaming Committee, to cut the ribbon for the Grand Opening of the temporary Chinook Winds Gaming Center. Two days earlier, I called on Jessie to cut the ribbon to open the facility for tribal members, their families and friends for a preview of the gaming center.

The Grand Opening was a historic event for our Tribe and an emotional one for all of us who struggled long and hard to achieve this goal.

It is hard to believe that this attractive, efficiently designed 10,000 square

Chairman's Report

From Delores Pigsley

foot facility, is only temporary. It could easily serve as our permanent gaming center.

We still have a permanent, 140,000 square feet gaming and convention center to look forward to. Preliminary sketches by our architects, Kane and Johnson, reveal that it will be a beautiful and magnificent structure, ready for another ribbon cutting ceremony by this time next year.

We are filled with pride because of our successful launching of Chinook Winds and the many economic and social opportunities that gaming will open up for us.

Please refer to the Jessie Davis' Gaming Report following the Chairman's Report for more information.

GENERAL COUNCIL ISSUES THE TRIBAL COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY WORKING TO RESOLVE:

There has been a tendency for some Tribal members to launch personal attacks against certain Council Members and staff - and to demand that tribal officials be recalled or staff be terminated based on single issues.

Some members complain that the Tribal Council refuses to address members concerns. As Tribal Chairman, I place on the agendas of Tribal Council meetings all items of concern requested by the members and have provided ample opportunity for those issues to be discussed, some of which are simply aired, others brought to a vote.

It must be remembered, however, that according to our Tribal Constitution, the votes taken by the General Council are advisory. A vote of the General Council does not constitute a mandate. The responsibility of the Tribal Council is to carefully evaluate those advisory actions and to decide accordingly. It may not be in the best interest of the Tribe to follow the recommendations of the General Council.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

What an honor it was for me to be called on by Chairman Dee on May 26th to cut the ribbon opening the Chinook Winds Gaming Center for tribal members, family and friends! I was honored again on May 27th when Dee invited me to cut the ribbon for the Grand Opening.

I was given the ribbon which I will keep and treasure! It will remind me of one of the proudest days of my life. As I circulated among the crowd, the faces of all our tribal members were also beaming with pride. It took the cooperation of many people to accomplish this. It will take cooperative effort to make the permanent Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center a reality.

Planning for the Permanent Facility

Designing the 140,000 sq. ft. Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center has been contracted to Kane and Johnson of Minneapolis Minnesota. K&J is an architectural firm with an outstanding track record in the designing of Indian gaming

Sometimes they are advisory actions that do not follow personnel procedures.

But the basic principle that we must abide by is to conduct business according to our Constitution and Ordinances. The Tribal Council is our governmental body delegated with the authority to conduct the business of the Tribe. It would be impossible for the General Council to conduct tribal business. That is the constitutional role of the Tribal Council.

There are many ways members can participate in our tribal government process. Serving on committees and special projects of particular interest is one way. The general elections are also another avenue for members to be involved. There was more participation in the last general election than there has ever been, including the constitutional election and that was good.

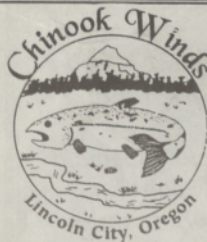
I want to state clearly that I support the right of our members to use the referendum process.

BONNIE PETERSEN SPOKE FROM THE HEART ABOUT TRIBAL ISSUES

Bonnie Petersen spoke from her heart at the General Council meeting on May 6th. Bonnie has been an excellent and valued member of our staff now for many years. Hers was a constructive message, reminding all of us of the need to come to these meetings with a positive attitude not just to tear down and criticize.

She appealed to our members not to be preoccupied with firing people but to devote our energies to strengthen our Tribe and our employees.

We are grateful to Bonnie for reminding us, in the midst of so much negativism, what we must do to maintain our basic values and cohesiveness as a Tribe.



Gaming Report

By: Jessie Davis,
Ad Hoc Gaming
Committee Chairman



**John Douglas of Comstock and Jessie
Davis at the Chinook Winds Grand
Opening.**

centers. The architects have prepared preliminary plans based on tribal input and will be refining these plans as the tribal consultation process continues.

The actual construction of the facility has been contracted to PCL, the firm that did the construction of the temporary facility. Despite problems including adverse weather conditions and an extremely tight time schedule, PCL did an outstanding job of completing the work on schedule.

The construction of the permanent facility will also be on a fast-track, design/build basis. It was exciting to watch the construction of the 10,000 sq ft temporary facility. But just think of it! Our Chinook Winds Gaming and Convention Center will be fourteen times larger.

Owner's Representative

Creative Designs and Engineering of Newport was contracted to be the Tribe's Owner's Representative. Deitmar Goebel, architect, and Dennis Lowry, engineer, of Creative Designs are responsible for overseeing the