

# General Council briefed on Tribal investments

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The Tribal membership was briefed in executive session on the Tribe's investment portfolio during the Sunday, Oct. 2, General Council meeting held mostly in executive session in the Tribal gym.

Two representatives from Robert W. Baird & Co. – San Francisco-based Managing Director John Fitzgibbons and Milwaukee, Wis.-based Director of Institutional Consulting Patrick Cronin – gave a presentation that lasted slightly more than an hour.

The two Baird representatives also fielded about 10 questions and comments from Tribal members.

Since the meeting was held in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot report on any of the financial details discussed. However, Tribal members who were unable to attend can contact Tribal Council Chief of Staff Stacia Martin at 503-879-2304 or stacia.martin@grandronde.org to request a free copy of the meeting on compact disc.

The meeting started with an invocation from Tribal Elder and former Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. and cultural drumming and singing was performed by the father-and-daughter team of Brian and Kailiyah Krehbiel and Brian's nephew, Kaikanim Mercier.

Tribal Council Chairman Reyn Leno struck a different approach at the General Council meeting, encouraging the membership to make motions and seconds to approve the minutes of the previous meeting instead of Tribal Council members doing so as had been the previous practice.

He also said that Tribal members wanting to provide the invocation at future General Council meetings should sign up when they arrive and a person will be picked.

In other action, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, in the Tribal gym to review the proposed 2017 budget.

Winners of the \$100 door prizes were Lise Alexander, George



Photo by Dean Rhodes

**Patrick Cronin, front, and John Fitzgibbons of Robert W. Baird & Co gave an approximately hourlong presentation on the Tribe's investment portfolio during the Sunday, Oct. 2, General Council meeting held in the Tribal gym. Here they are seen on the computer monitor used by the Tribal Information Systems staff to record the meeting. Most of the General Council meeting was held in executive session.**

McEachren and Ernest Norton, and the winners of the \$50 door prizes were Toby McClary, Stephanie Wood, Maxine Clements, Dorothy Leno and Laura Gleason. McClary donated his winnings to the Elders.

In addition, two beaded necklaces created by Tribal Council Secretary

Jon A. George and five donated items from Tribal member Veronica Gaston were raffled off.

An edited version of the meeting, without the executive session, can be viewed on the Tribal website at [www.grandronde.org](http://www.grandronde.org) by clicking on the News tab and then Video. ■

## Water Partnership wins cultural resources award

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. – The Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership received a national award for outstanding accomplishments relating to cultural resources and Tribal outreach at the 22nd annual meeting of the American Cultural Resources Association held in Palm Springs, Calif.

The partnership is constructing new drinking water infrastructure for the cities of Lake Oswego and Tigard and it hired Archaeological Investigations Northwest Inc. to conduct the archaeological and historical studies for the project and identified ancient Native American artifacts dating back more than 11,000 years.

The association award recognized the partnership's communication and collaboration with local Tribes, which resulted in the installation of the sculpture "The Man from Kosh-huk-shix" in George Rogers Park that was created by Grand Ronde Tribal member Travis Stewart. The sculpture pays tribute to Grand Ronde ancestors. ■

Family Movie Night  
11.10.16  
5:15pm  
Tribal Gym

Come eat dinner & dessert and watch a movie with Youth Prevention. If you have any questions call Shannon Stanton 503-879-1489  
Thank you for respecting our Grand Ronde Community & Culture by not displaying gang affiliation and by not bringing drugs, alcohol, or weapons to this event.

## Indigenous Peoples' Day



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

**From left, Tribal Elder Greg Archuleta, Chris Rempel, Tribal Cultural Education Specialist Brian Krehbiel, Tribal Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier and Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George drum and sing at the beginning of the Portland City Council meeting held in Portland City Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 5. Watching is Commissioner Amanda Fritz, third from right, Mayor Charlie Hales, second from right, and Commissioner Dan Saltzman. Tribal members attended the meeting to show their support for the signing of a resolution declaring the second Monday in October — Oct. 10 this year — Indigenous Peoples' Day. It is the second consecutive year that the Portland City Council has issued the proclamation.**



**Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George testifies in support of a resolution declaring the second Monday in October — Oct. 10 this year — as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the city of Portland during a Portland City Council meeting held in Portland City Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 5.**