

Tribal Council OKs transit agreements for service to Salem

By Dean Rhodes

Smoke Signals editor

Grand Ronde residents will continue having public transit to Salem after Tribal Council approved an agreement and memorandum of understanding during its Wednesday, Sept. 25, meeting.

The two agreements with the Tillamook County Transportation District renew arrangements for 21 months for daily transit service between Lincoln City, Grand Ronde and Salem three times daily, as well as approves a two-year purchased transportation agreement with the district for four round-trips Monday through Friday between Grand Ronde and the Salem Transit Mall. The latter service also makes a stop in Rickreall.

The Tribe will provide a \$208,400 cost share in transit funding for the first agreement and \$334,560 from the Tribe's public transit funds for the second agreement.

In other action, Tribal Council sent amendments to the Tribal Council Ordinance out for a first reading, which will allow Tribal members to comment on the proposed changes before they return to Tribal Council for possible adoption. Among the three proposed

amendments is moving the regular Tribal Council meetings to 4 p.m. year-round. Currently, Tribal Council meetings are held at 5 p.m. and change to 4 p.m. during the shorter daylight hours of November through March.

Tribal Council also approved applying for a \$30,000 Oregon Department of Land Conservation technical assistance funding for workforce and affordable housing planning and approved harvest licenses for 2020 on 13 properties. The Tribe made \$57,258 in harvest licenses in 2019 and estimates it will make approximately \$54,000 in 2020.

Tribal Council also approved the agenda for the Sunday, Oct. 6, General Council meeting in the Tribal Community Center. The presentation will be the annual Baird financial update on the Tribe's investment portfolio. Tribal Council also appointed Jack Giffen Jr. as the Tribe's principal delegate to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and paying the \$7,500 annual dues.

The entire meeting can be viewed by visiting the Tribal government's website at www.grandronde.org by clicking on the Government tab and then Videos. ■

Clothes Closet open Friday mornings

The Clothes Closet is open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. all other Fridays on the Tribal campus near the Elders Activity Center at the end of Blacktail Drive.

The Clothes Closet accepts clothing, small appliances, small pieces of furniture, electronics and household goods that are clean and in good condition. It does not accept books, large TVs or large furniture, but there is a community board where people can post those items.

Donations are accepted during regular business hours.

For more information or emergency clothes, contact Lori Walker-Hernandez at 559-847-7565. ■

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Wednesday Oct. 9, 2019

Health & Wellness Certified Health Assister from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Flu shots will be offered from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tacos will be served from 3 - 6 p.m.

Tribal ID from 3 - 6 p.m.

First-time home buyer presentation from 4 - 6 p.m.

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Indian gaming revenues up 4.1 percent in 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Indian Gaming Commission said on Thursday, Sept. 12, that gross gaming revenue for Indian gaming in fiscal year 2018 totaled \$33.7 billion, an overall increase of 4.1 percent over the previous fiscal year.

The 2018 gross gaming revenue is the highest in Indian gaming history and, unlike in previous years, all of the National Indian Gaming Commission's administrative regions showed growth.

The Portland region showed the highest growth, with an 8.2 percent increase, followed by the Oklahoma City region with a 7.3 percent increase.

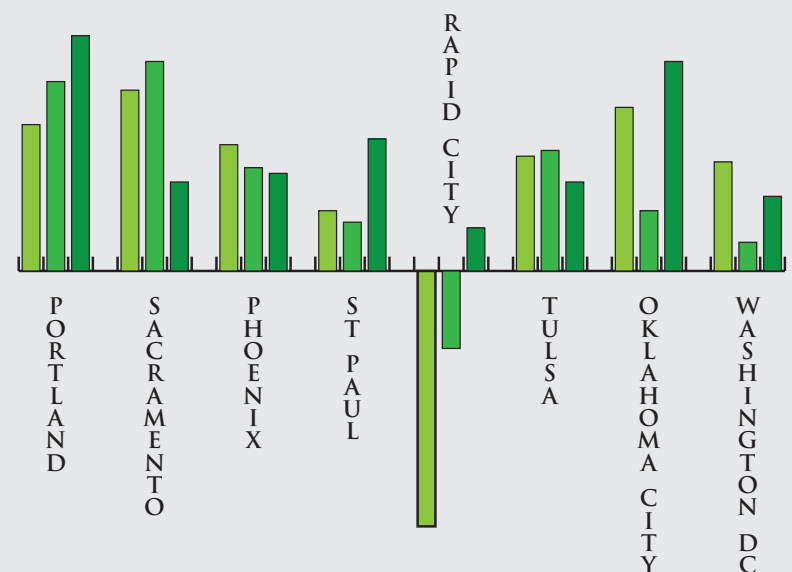
Revenues are calculated based on 501 independently audited financial statements from 241 federally recognized Tribes in 29 states. The gross gaming revenue is based on the amount wagered minus winnings returned to players.

"The annual gross gaming revenue tells a positive story about Indian gaming's economic success and the industry's ongoing contribution to a strong economy," said National Indian Gaming Commission Associate Commissioner E. Sequoyah Simermyer. "It also tells the story of how collaboration among Tribes, industry and the regulatory communities can build a strong reputation for reliability and integrity in the gross gaming revenue calculation."

"These numbers reaffirm the industry's health as a stable economic driver for Indian Country," said commission Vice Chair Kathryn Isom-Clause. ■

GROSS GAMING REVENUE BY REGION

THE PORTLAND REGION SHOWED THE HIGHEST GROWTH, WITH AN 8.2% INCREASE



THE GROSS GAMING REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 IS THE HIGHEST IN INDIAN GAMING HISTORY; AND, UNLIKE PREVIOUS YEARS, ALL OF THE NIGC'S ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS EXPERIENCED POSITIVE GROWTH IN 2018.

2016 VS 2015 2017 VS 2016 2018 VS 2017

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Health & Wellness Center Entrance

Reminder: The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only.

The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind.

If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces.

Thank you,
Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center Administration