

SUQUAMISH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2026 (first Thursday of the month)

In person only – Suquamish UCC Church

18732 Division Avenue NE, Suquamish

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Land Acknowledgement was read.

Suquamish Council Members Present: Ed Mullaney, Stuart Scadron-Wattles, Bruce McCain, Korum Bischoff, Steve Warnert, and Tom Curley

Suquamish Council Members Absent: Brian Hegre, Martha Burke, and Patty Charnas

Quorum: Yes/No (6 TOTAL members, 6 for quorum)

Kitsap County Staff: Commissioner Christine Rolfes; and James Bunn, Kitsap County Commissioner's Office

Community Members: Fourteen were present

■ Introductions were made by Council members

■ **Initial Public Comments:** There were none.

■ **Commissioner's Comments:** Commissioner Rolfes stated that more effort was needed to better understand the policies and rules regarding speed tables.

■ **Guest Presentations**

- **Suquamish Police Chief Mark Williams** reported that his department has a staff of 15 and that there may be the addition of two more. He also stated that his department continues to cooperate with local communities, and that lately there has been a slight increase in vehicular collisions. He is expecting a nation-wide change in how crime data is reported. Regarding the defective electronic speed limit sign on Totten Rd., he said that it would be too expensive to fix the sign, so they will lower the speed limit during school hours. He summarized that speed tables tend to significantly lower vehicular speeds, and that the county will likely lengthen the 35 mph speed zone on Augusta Avenue. Lastly, he said that the World Cup organizers have asked for Tribal support, but that the Tribe would need additional funding to do so.
- **Marian Allen**, with the Kitsap Environmental Coalition (KEC), announced that KEC will be presenting a program lead by Brian Footen of the Earthviews Conservation Society who will discuss his organization's plan an oceanographic survey of over 2,700 miles of Puget Sound's coastline. The event will be held at the Village Green facility in Kingston on January 18, 2026, 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

- **Claire Ward**, with the Kitsap County Public Utility District, described their broadband fiber internet network. The network is 100% fiber optic with a speed of 100/100mpbs, works with six service providers, and is connected to 3700 residential locations. One example of this program is happening in Suquamish along George Lane. The project funded in part by the Tribe began in 2024 and currently provides fiber to 20 homes. Another recent aspect of the network is the establishment of telecom nodes across Kitsap County. These nodes increase network capacity and speed. One such node has been completed in Suquamish, and will be operational in 2026.

■ **Ongoing or Old Business**

- Minutes from the December SCAC meeting were modified and approved.
- Election of the SCAC Co-chairs and Secretary for 2026 were held, and Steve Warnert and Stuart Scandron-Wattles were elected to continue serving as Cochairs, and Bruce McCain was elected to serve as Secretary.
- The next SCAC meeting will be on February 5, 2026.

■ **New Business** --- There was no new business.

■ **2026 SCAC Work Plan: Working Session** --- The focus areas were briefly discussed, and the Council decided the next step is to find possible owners for each area. Remarks were as follows:

Focus Area: Comp Plan

- SCAC Co-chairs are owners.

Focus Area: Community Outreach and Sponsored Events

- Stuart SW, Patty C., and Korum Bishoff are owners

Focus Area: SCAC Membership

- SCAC Co-chairs, James Bunn, and Christine Rolfes are owners.

Focus Area: Traffic Calming and Street Improvements

- Now Tom C. is an owner.

Focus Area: Public WiFi

- Patty C. is a possible owner.

Focus Area: Parks and Trails Development and Maintenance

- Martha B. and Ed M. are possible owners.

Focus Area: Expand Public Transportation Options

- Bruce Mc is one owner.

Focus Area: Encourage and Improve More Community Engagement

- One aspect of this area is a branch of KRL in Suquamish, Steve W. is a possible owner.
- Other possible owners: Korum B. and Stuart S-W.

■ **Public Comments** -- One member of the public suggested that the SCAC should work with the Fire Department to determine the locations of speed tables. Another public member

suggested that the SCAC should have a “Tribal Ambassador” working with it. (Tom C. mentioned that he is employed by the Tribe, and the Co-chairs stated that all residents of Suquamish are welcome to join the SCAC.)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

The next meeting will be on February 5 at 6:30pm at the UCC Church, 18732 Division Ave. NE. This meeting will include a quarterly update by Suquamish Police Chief Mark Williams, a presentation by the Tribal Department of Community Services, and a discussion of the County budget.

Minutes submitted by Bruce McCain