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## **Statement from Puyallup Tribal Council on the passing of Lawrence W. LaPointe**

PUYALLUP RESERVATION, TACOMA, Wash.—The Puyallup Tribal Council gave the following comment on the recent passing of Lawrence W. LaPointe: “Our hearts are heavy as we announce the passing of a beloved Elder, colleague and friend, Lawrence LaPointe. Most of us knew him as Larry. Larry served his people for decades, including more than 20 years on Tribal Council. He grew up in Tacoma, graduated from Lincoln High School and served a tour of duty in Vietnam with the U.S. Marine Corps. Later he went to work for the Tribe, including several years as administrative manager. Larry was there for the Land Claims Settlement, the Emerald Queen Riverboat, the opening of our first casinos and so much more. He was always dependable. Beyond his work, many of us remember growing up with him and getting to know him. All of us remember his devotion to his family. Please join us in prayers for his family in this difficult time.”

### **About the Puyallup Tribe of Indians**

The Puyallup People have lived along the shores of what is now called Puget Sound since time immemorial. The Puyallup Tribe of Indians is a sovereign nation of more than 5,000 members and one of the largest employers in Pierce County. It serves its people and neighbors with generosity and is committed to building a sustainable way of life for future generations. [Learn more about the Puyallup Tribe.](#)

### **About the Puyallup Tribal Council**

The Puyallup Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. The council consists of Chairman Bill Sterud, Vice Chairwoman Sylvia Miller, Annette Bryan, James Rideout, Anna Bean, Monica Miller and Fred Dillon.

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