



NEWS ADVISORY

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Missoula City Council and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Tribal Council Hold Historic Meeting

More than a century after the founding of Missoula, the Missoula City Council will meet Monday evening with the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes for the first time in a formal setting.

The meeting symbolizes the mutual respect for the lands, plants and animals of the Missoula Valley shared between the members of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and the citizens of Missoula and the recognition that the prosperity of both are intertwined.

“By hosting this meeting, the City of Missoula acknowledges the sovereignty of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and commits to ongoing dialogue and cooperation with the tribes,” said City Councilman Dave Strohmaier. “This is a new day for relations between the CSKT and Missoula.”

The meeting will take place at 5 p.m. in the sixth-floor conference room at Garlington, Lohn & Robinson at 350 Ryman St. Topics of discussion will include economic development, preserving and interpreting tribal culture and more effectively engaging and serving Missoula’s urban Indian population. A resolution the Council passed in December formally recognized the CSKT’s sovereignty and committed to the meeting to begin discussion and work on mutual interests.

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