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Port of Kennewick Commission recognizes Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as “2017 Friend of the Port”

Kennewick, WA—On Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Port of Kennewick honored the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as their **2017 Friend of the Port**. The Port of Kennewick’s Board of Commissioners presented CTUIR Board of Trustees’ Chairman Gary Burke with a plaque recognizing the Tribes for their friendship and partnership in helping the port transform Kennewick’s historic waterfront; and for their investment and support in helping create The Gathering Place art installation.

According to Tim Arntzen, CEO, the port chose to recognize the CTUIR for the generous investment of their members’ time, talents, and ongoing involvement in port projects. “We especially thank the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for their friendship and their patience during the past seven years; as we worked to ensure that the story of their heritage and culture in this part of the Columbia River was told in a respectful and accurate manner through authentic artwork and educational panels.”

Port of Kennewick Commissioner Skip Novakovich, who also serves as a board member for the Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, thanked Chairman Burke for the CTUIR’s efforts to help transform Clover Island. “We are grateful for the Tribes’ support of the Port and our projects. From the many letters they’ve sent endorsing our grant requests; and for helping us restore the shoreline. From engaging in regular meetings with our Commission; to helping bring renewed vibrancy to the waterfront. All along the way, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation have been our champions...our allies...and our friends.”

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The Port of Kennewick is a municipal corporation serving taxpayers in Kennewick, Richland, West Richland, and portions of Benton City and unincorporated Benton County. The port’s economic development mission is focused on growing, improving, and sustaining regional employment, tourism, and quality of life for port district residents & visitors.





Port staff and Commissioners honored the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation as their 2017 Friend of the Port. A plaque was presented to CTUIR Board of Trustees Chairman Gary Burke in recognition of the Tribes' involvement in and support of port projects, and for their efforts in creating The Gathering Place on Clover Island.

From left to right: Port of Kennewick CEO Tim Arntzen; Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Board of Trustees Chairman, Gary Burke; Port Commission Secretary, Skip Novakovich; Port Commission President, Thomas Moak; Port Commission Vice-President, Don Barnes.