

**Community Notice**  
**Nisqually Spirit House Construction Project**

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The Nisqually Tribe is starting site work for a community Spirit House facility. The 7,000 square foot, 6 million dollar community Spirit House is a project that has been in the works for a long time at Nisqually.

The Elders have reminded the Tribe for many years about the need for a church in the community, a place to gather, place to worship, a place to celebrate, and a place for comfort.

Through the hard work of Council, staff and community folks, this vision is becoming real. The Tribal Council in the 2023 budget allotted funds to actually design and build a basic Spirit House building for the community.

The location for the Spirit House is in an available wooded area between the cemetery area and the old youth center. Programming for the facility has included a full-service kitchen area to support the mission of the Spirit House as a center for healing, worship and community togetherness. The facility will also include a sanctuary, social area, offices, parking, outside play area, and a covered porch area.

Site work on the project has begun as of February 23, 2023. Site work should last up to six weeks followed by actual building construction. The Nisqually building department is overseeing the construction work. The site work contractor for the project is Lasher Timber, and the general contract is local contractor Construct, Inc.

The Spirit House project should be completed by late 2023.