

You spoke. We heard.



Responses to feedback about the Ko-kwel Wellness Center Project

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The Ko-kwel Wellness Center Project inspired strong turnout and great participation at the Tribal Council's March 30 community meeting. Here's a summary of some recurring topics and how we're addressing them:

You asked about ... **LOCATION**

- One question that arose was whether the former cranberry bog would definitely be the building site. Yes, the Tribal Council voted on that last fall.
- There are several good reasons: (1) Low cranberry prices have made our farming venture unsustainable. So the land is prime for development. (2) As reservation land, it's eligible for some special financing. (3) Utilities are readily available there.
- Most importantly, (4) it's at the very heart of Kilkich, the hometown we built for Tribal families and Tribal services.

You asked about ... **TRAFFIC**

- During peak morning and evening drive time, Miluk Drive near Cape Arago Highway currently averages 84 vehicles per hour. We expect that to rise to 99, which is still fairly light traffic.
- But we want Kilkich as safe as possible. We'll look at changing the traffic pattern in front of the Learning Center.
- We're also talking with Tribal police about other traffic safety ideas.

You asked about ... SECURITY

- It's true that the Wellness Center will bring more non-Tribal visitors to Kilkich. But the Tribe has the authority to decide who is and isn't welcome.
- Comprehensive security measures will be incorporated into the design.
- Only patients who can pay will be accepted.
- Technology will be used to protect patients, employees and the community
- We'll consult further with our Tribal police and Kilkich residents.

You asked about ... NEW SERVICES

- We plan to add a "mid-level provider," such as a nurse practitioner or physician assistant. This person will offer same-day care without need for an appointment.
- That step will increase the availability of our existing health-care providers.
- We intend to add dental services..
- Mental health services also are in the plan.
- The plan is to add other services such as chiropractic, acupuncture and massage, after the new facility has been staffed and operating for at least a year.
- Sorry, but diagnostic imaging (MRI, CT, etc.) is unlikely. We're too small to support the investment.

You asked about ... INPUT

- Although the general location has been chosen, many project details remain undecided.
- We need the community's advice on what elements to include, the site layout, design features, landscaping, parking, street access and much more.
- We'll hold another **community meeting on May 30**, to talk about some of those key questions. We definitely want to hear from you!

You asked about ... MUCH, MUCH MORE

- People's comments and questions at the March 30 meeting filled 40 poster-size pages.
- **The full transcript is available** at the CIHA office, the Community Health Center or the Administration office in North Bend. Or download it from MyTribe.
- A project timeline, FAQs and informational charts also are available.
- If you have other comments or questions, please send them to anna.chavez@coquilletribe.org; drop them off at any Coquille Tribal office; or talk to any Tribal Council member.

