

# The Mohegan Way



## Tourism: A Vital Industry For Connecticut

A recent study conducted by the Connecticut Culture and Tourism Commission found that the economic impact of culture and tourism in Connecticut is profound and far-reaching. All told, the arts, film, history and tourism industries account for over \$14 billion in economic activity and 170,000 jobs annually.

Connecticut has become a major tourist destination, and tourism now pumps over \$9 billion into the economy each year. In fact, travel and tourism provide more than 110,000 jobs, making up about 6.5% of the state's work force. Tourism generates about \$5.4 billion in additional personal income and adds about \$7.95 billion to the gross state product. Tourism also accounts for over \$1.2 billion in state and local revenue.

Of the approximately 46,500 jobs that are directly tied to Connecticut's arts and entertainment industry, more than 60% are jobs connected to the activities of Connecticut Native American Tribes.

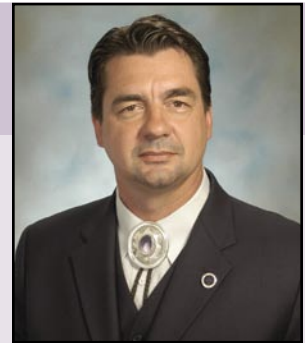
The total numbers of jobs due to tourism have more than doubled since the Native American casinos opened and the gross state product from tourism (held constant for inflation) has more than tripled.

The Mohegan Sun, owned and operated by the Mohegan Tribe, has become one of America's premier entertainment, meeting, shopping and gaming destinations. The Mohegan Sun includes two casinos, 40 dining and retail establishments, three major entertainment venues, as well as the 1,200-room luxury Mohegan Sun Hotel and Spa.

The Mohegan Tribe's new expansion, called Project Horizon, will make the Mohegan Sun an even more attractive destination. The project, a \$740 million investment, includes a 1,000 room hotel, the new "Casino of the Wind" and additional entertainment, retail and restaurant space including a House of Blues® Restaurant and Music Hall. The project will create an additional 1,400 construction jobs, about 1,500 permanent jobs, and will attract many more tourists to the region.

Project Horizon will ensure that the Mohegan Sun remains competitive, helping the Mohegan Tribe to further strengthen and enhance the role tourism plays in the state's economy.

## Letter From the Chairman: The Mohegan Tribe — Working Together for an Even Better Connecticut in 2007



Dear Friends,

*For generation upon generation, the members of the Mohegan Tribe have never forgotten their fundamental obligation to honor our past, strengthen our present, and work toward a better and brighter future for our children and for future generations.*

*By every measure, the Mohegan Tribe has had a profound and positive impact, both for our membership and for the greater community. We have continued the Mohegan legacy of serving as a force for good, helping to strengthen our local communities, our state and our country.*

*The Mohegan Tribe and its members are especially proud of the benefits we have brought to the more than 10,000 employees who work at our casino and the fact that we have become a major engine of economic growth and opportunity for our region.*

*The Mohegan Sun has become one of the largest employers in Connecticut with more than 10,000 employees, 90% of which are Connecticut residents. Today, Mohegan Sun employees reside in more than 110 of Connecticut's 169 towns, and every single Connecticut community benefits from the historic revenue-sharing compact between the State of Connecticut and the Mohegan Tribe.*

*We have also worked to preserve, protect and strengthen the Mohegan Tribe. Through such projects as the ongoing reclamation of the Royal Mohegan Burial Ground and the restoration of the Mohegan Church (which celebrated its 175th anniversary last year), we are taking historic and meaningful steps to preserve our heritage and revitalize our traditions.*

*Now, as we embark on the next major expansion of our operations, called Project Horizon, we are confident that we can build an even stronger future for our Tribe and our neighbors.*

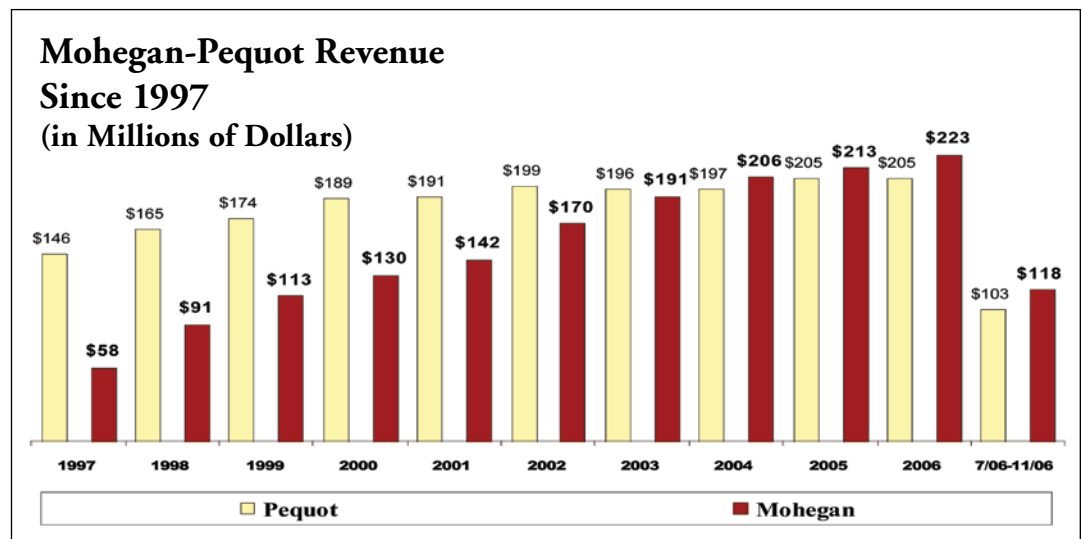
*In 2007, we remain dedicated to working with all of our neighbors and fellow citizens to ensure an even better future for all of us, especially our children and future generations yet to come.*

Sincerely,

**Chairman Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum  
on behalf of the entire Mohegan  
Tribal Council**

## Mohegan-Pequot Revenue to Connecticut

- The two Native American casinos have become the single largest sources of funds for the State of Connecticut other than the Federal Government. In addition, unlike other major businesses and industries, neither casino receives any state funded support or incentives.
- The Mohegan and Pequot Tribes have provided the state with more than \$4 billion since the fund began in 1993. Last fiscal year (FY 06), the two Tribes accounted for over \$427 million in revenue for the state.
- Although the Mohegan Tribe has fewer slot machines, the contribution from the Mohegan Tribe has exceeded the Mashantucket Pequot's contribution every year since 2004.



## The Sachem Fund:

### *The Mohegan Tribe and the City of Norwich create a new \$2 million program to support economic development and cultural activities*



*Chairman Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum and Norwich Mayor Lathrop*

Photo: Bill Guca/Mohegan Tribal Publications

In January 2007, officials from the Mohegan Tribe and the City of Norwich finalized a special partnership creating the Sachem Fund and providing vital resources for economic revitalization and arts and cultural programs in the community.

The Sachem Fund includes a five-year commitment by the Mohegan Tribe to donate \$200,000 per year and a matching donation by the city. The concept for the fund was developed as part of the Mohegan Tribe's program to purchase, repatriate, preserve and protect the Tribe's historic Tribal burial ground, which is located in Norwich.

The City of Norwich passed two ordinances last month, including one to define the legal parameters of the fund and create a governing board to review grant and loan applications, and a second ordinance to commit an equal amount of city money to the fund in the next five city budgets. The ordinance also allows for other entities to contribute to the fund, allowing it to expand.

The restoration of the Mohegan Tribal Burial Ground has already begun. This sacred land was the burial ground for Uncas and his descendants. The entire region was considered Mohegan land. As part of an agreement Uncas made with the new settlers in 1659, this particular property was deeded to the Tribe. The agreement also deeded the adjacent land to the European settlers, land that later became the City of Norwich.

A series of desecrations reduced the Mohegan-controlled portion to an eighth of an acre. The worst desecration was recorded in 1842 by Mohegan Medicine Woman Emma Baker. One day she and her mother noticed part of the burial site had been plowed and went to investigate,

only to find ". . . someone had made a pit and had a piece of pipe in it for the smoke to escape and they were burying some of the bones and bodies which they had dug up when they had commenced building Goddard Cottage."

The Mohegan Tribe purchased the land that contains the royal burial grounds from the City of Norwich in 1999 and is working to return the site to its natural state.

Chairman Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum called the Mohegan Royal Burial Grounds "one of our Tribe's most sacred sites," adding "Our ancestors were laid to rest there, and it has been the hope and prayer of every generation that we would someday be able to return ownership and care of this precious land to the Mohegan Tribe."

Chairman Bozsum attended the January City Council Meeting to thank the city, its officials and its citizens for their support of the Tribe's effort to restore the burial ground.



#### **Mohegan Tribal Council**

*Front row (left to right):*

**Roberta Harris-Payne:** Corresponding Secretary  
**Bruce "Two Dogs" Bozsum:** Chairman  
**Marilynn "Lynn" Malerba:** Vice Chairwoman  
**Allison D. Johnson:** Recording Secretary

#### **Mohegan Tribal Elders**

*Front row (left to right):*

**Maynard L. Strickland:** Elder and Justice  
**Marie Pineault:** Elder and Justice  
**Robert (Bob) Francis Soper:** Secretary and Justice

*Back row (left to right):*

**William Quidgeon, Jr.:** Treasurer  
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**"Matahga" Mark F. Brown:** Councilor  
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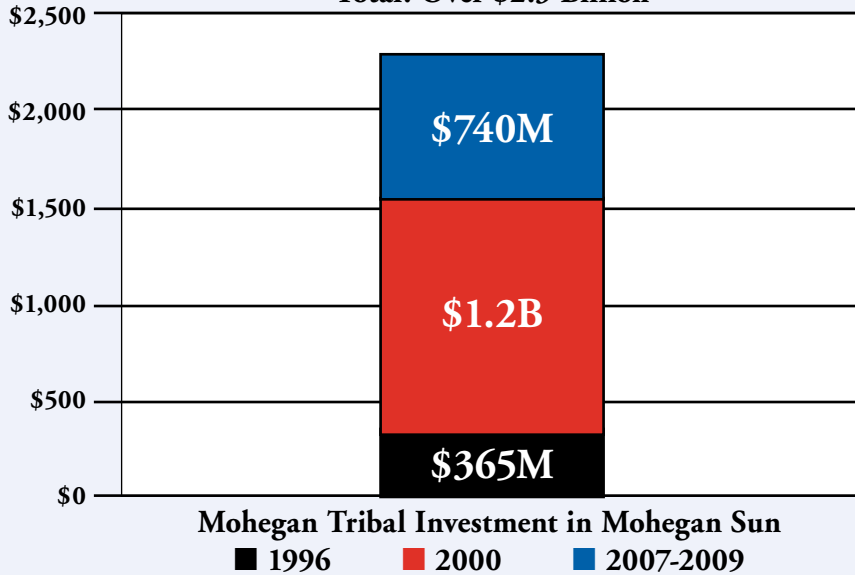
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**William "Dancing Shadow" Andrews:** Elder and Justice  
**John Henry Clark:** Chairman and Chief Justice  
**Joseph "Wolf Who Walks Alone" Gray:** Vice Chairman and Justice  
**Austin Fish, Jr.:** Treasurer and Justice



# The Mohegan Tribe: Investing in Connecticut

## Capital Investment in Connecticut Total: Over \$2.3 Billion



## Other Annual Economic and Financial Impacts:

- 10,000+ direct jobs
- 14,000+ indirect jobs
- Slot fund contribution of over \$225 million in FY 2006
- Pay all costs associated with state police and liquor control oversight
- Increase CT gross state product by about \$1.43 billion
- Major source of charitable organization for Connecticut organizations

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