

The Friendship Pole



BALD EAGLE
(YUXWULE')

BEAR
(SPE'UTH)

SALMON
(STSEELHTUN)

Keeping with First Nations tradition, Cicero worked with his sons Darrell and Doug August on this pole. The sons assisted in all aspects of the carving, from roughing it out to the finishing work. Cicero's poles are tool-finished, not sanded, a feature that distinguishes his work.

The Eagle is the protector, he watches over us from the sky. The Bear symbolizes strength of the tribe. The people live with the Salmon all year round. It nourishes the people. The Salmon is smoked and salted to put up for our sustenance (Cicero August, Interview, Dec 2012).

In 1986, Cicero carved a five-foot pole of an eagle as a gift to Duncan's sister city of Kaikohe, New Zealand. Tupari TeWhata refurbished the Kaikohe eagle pole in 2002, where it still stands in Council Chambers.©



1987 | Size: 12'6" (3.8 m)

Cicero August

Cicero was born in 1940 and is Coast Salish from Samuna', one of the Quw'utsun' Tribes. He is an accomplished carver in the Coast Salish style and has carved since the age of eight. He studied with his grandfather, uncle, and also with master carver Simon Charlie.©



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