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Report

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Marine Transportation Advisory Board

The Board met recently and passed two resolutions of significance to Haines. The first was a recommendation for **baseline service**. This would provide Haines with 4-day a week service year-round with capacity added for the summer season. The second recommendation was to secure a **shuttle ferry** ASAP for service between Haines and Skagway. Deputy Commissioner Taylor has directed his staff to search for available vessels that could be suitable for such service. I have requested that the vessel be **based in Haines** and will work toward that end if there is no Assembly objection.

Road Transfer

The Third-Class Haines Borough Assembly approved the transfer of the Chilkat Lake Road and Porcupine Roads in exchange for improvements that have been made. I have been sent a Quitclaim Deed (excluding the bridge) for signature. Does this Assembly wish to weigh in on the matter?

Pool MOU

The School Superintendent is out of town this week. It is my understanding that the Borough is not willing to reimburse the school district for prior year negative fund balances or

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expenses in the first half of the year that went beyond the \$61K agreed to in the budget. I also do not recommend spending funds on meters that may not work at all and may be obsolete when the new school mechanical systems come on line. I would recommend a formula for sharing the fuel costs in exchange for full use of the pool for educational purposes.

Municipal Land Selection

As previously reported, I have made application on behalf of the Borough for the 4 parcels of land being proposed for transfer to the University of Alaska. DNR has replied asking for prioritization of the 4 parcels. I have asked the planning commission to comment and will bring their recommendation to the Assembly.

Anway Road

The Borough has a unique opportunity for the development and extension of Anway Road (top of Piedad). Greg Palmeri will be building on his lot and has offered to make improvements to the road as outlined in the attached memo. If the Assembly concurs, Phase 1 can begin immediately. Phase 2 will be forwarded to the Planning Commission before coming to the Assembly in ordinance form.

Legislative Issues

Representative Thomas was successful in having the Senate remove the 4-parcels of Haines land from the University bill. He has also put in legislation that would fund a king-salmon release in Haines. This will involve the release of approx. 250,000 king salmon smolt and be a huge boost to the charter fishing and tourism sectors. While in Juneau, I also updated Rep. Thomas on the condition of the swimming pool. He has put in a CIP request for \$85,000 to renovate the pool which should extend its life another 10-15 years. All of the funding requests should be finalized before the Legislature adjourns on May 10.