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# Report

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## Supplemental Funding

Although the Governor did veto most of the CIP projects in the supplemental bill, the 2 important projects for Haines made it in the final cut, thanks to Representative Thomas and his staff. The Beach Road force-main (\$399,795) and pool (\$100,000) will soon have funding available for repairs this summer.

## Project Updates

The Young Road water tank and water line replacement project is out to bid and the Beach Road force-main should be ready next week. PND will have their survey crew here next week to move the road paving project forward. The State plans to have the Lutak Road project out to bid by April 10.

## D.C. Trip

Our meetings were productive and informative. The highlight was Senator Stevens accepting our invitation to visit Haines this summer. The mayor will announce the date during the April 8<sup>th</sup> assembly meeting. Both the Senator and Congressman Young pledged to do what they could for the harbor project's funding needs. While there was hope expressed for one more year of funding for the Secure Schools program, the outlook for long-term funding seemed doubtful.

## **FY 09 Budget**

The Manager's FY09 budget was submitted to the assembly on March 27. Despite the challenge of being short-funded due to the lack of funding in the Secure Schools program, the budget is projected to be balanced and provide tax-rate relief for most of the property owners in the borough.

## **Chilkat Center Assessment**

Engineers will perform an analysis later this month on the structural, mechanical and electrical systems at the Chilkat Center. This will identify the needs and costs for the building repairs for budgeting and planning purposes.

## **Borough Personnel**

The Borough recently received notice that the Chief of Police Greg Goodman, is retiring. Additionally, resignations have been received from police officers Jason Dollarhide and Carole Lauenroth, and the Library Director Dan Coleman. All of these positions are currently being advertised. We have also begun the annual recruitment for seasonal positions for the Public Works and Tourism Departments. Additionally, we are continuing recruitment efforts for a Director of Public Facilities.

## **Borough Property Sales**

The borough recently sold the last two lots that were for sale at Excursion Inlet. We are now preparing the lots recently authorized by the assembly for advertisement. Competitive bids for the six properties will be sought with a May 30, 2008 submission deadline.