



Haines Borough Administration

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Report

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D.O.T. Projects Finally Out to Bid!

The Department of Transportation has released two projects in Haines for bidding. The Union Street & Third Avenue work including the 6th Avenue culvert and storm-damaged sections of Lutak and Mud Bay Roads are finally out to bid. Work on Third Avenue is expected to be complete (except for the paving) by December 15, 2007. Also out to bid is the mooring improvement project for the ferry system. That project will include supports for the concrete cap over the failed cells on the Lutak Dock. Project costs for both jobs are estimated between \$3.5 million and \$7 million.

Lutak Dock Use Agreement

Assembly member Rossman, the harbormaster, and I met onsite with D.O.T. personnel to discuss borough compensation for the loss of dock space use due to the failure of their facility in October 2004. They have agreed to provide the borough with additional dock space (see photo) that is 4-5 times the amount of actual space impacted by the hole. This does not have any effect on current or future ownership of any of the property parcels. That issue will be fully discussed at a later date. I also requested that the state consider using a local vendor for the concrete barriers, and they have agreed to do that.

P.C. Dock Open

The new security fencing and gates are in place and portions of the dock are now open for the public to enjoy. New (colored) fencing is complete at the ice house.

Harbor Project Visitation

Brigadier General John Peabody and Colonel Kevin Wilson will be visiting Haines this week, primarily to see the Haines harbor project. They are also interested in the role Haines may play logistically as a port community for the Yukon. Colonel Wilson is the Commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District.

Pool Update

The pool is set to reopen during the Labor Day holiday depending on final repairs and the ability to heat the pool. We expect to have water in the pool prior to the 8/28 assembly meeting as well as heat. Sheetrock repairs and painting are complete in the lobby area. A full update will be available at the meeting.

Borough Right-of-Way Development

A property owner has approached the borough about developing a portion of borough right-of-way to access his property in Mud Bay. All development would be at the owner's expense. HBC 12.08.040 states that the assembly shall authorize such projects. I have attached a section of code and my draft response to the property owner who will be present at the meeting along with the chair of the planning commission. Title 12 is primarily old city code and deals mostly with the townsite area. It might be appropriate for the planning commission to review and update this section.

School Lighting

The assembly asked for more information regarding the lighting around the school property. I have attached a drawing that shows the location of 14 street lights and a few of the building lights. Each porch will have additional lighting. Each pole along Main Street and Allen Road does have a street light attached.

Manager's Schedule

I will be taking a week off to attend a family reunion (the in-law's 50th wedding anniversary) returning Sept. 6th. The office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd for Labor Day.

STREET AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR

12.08.030 Plan of construction and development.

The streets and alleys of the borough shall be constructed, graded and improved in accordance with the direction of the manager....

12.08.040 Construction or improvement authorization required.

No street, alley, curb, or any part of such street or alley shall be constructed or improved except for ordinary maintenance until the assembly has authorized the same and until the manager has established grade lines. All such construction and improvement shall be made on grades established by the manager.

12.08.050 Construction by parties other than borough.

Construction of streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs, and other parts of such streets and alleys, exclusive of any utility lines, may be constructed by persons or corporations other than the borough at the owner's expense or with borough contribution to the cost thereof as agreed by the assembly. All such construction must be in accordance with the requirements and specifications established by the manager, who shall put the same in writing at the request of any such builder.

12.08.070 Permit to destroy or construct.

It shall be unlawful to destroy, construct, or repair any street, alley, culvert, bridge, sidewalk, ditch, sewer, or drain within the corporate limits of the borough on property within its jurisdiction without first obtaining permission from the manager.

12.08.090 Type of construction.

The manager shall designate the type of construction, materials, width, length and established grade for any construction or repairs for any street, alley, culvert, bridge, sidewalk, ditch, sewer, water or drain within the corporate limits of the borough on property within its jurisdiction.

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August 22, 2007

Lawrence R. Strawbridge
5602 East 104th Ave
Anchorage. AK 99517

Re: Right-of-Way Permit

Dear Mr. Strawbridge:

Your right-of-way development permit application is approved with the following stipulations:

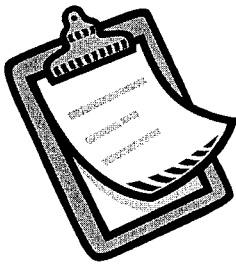
1. Applicant will construct a 24' wide roadbed within the 60'ROW
2. Roadbed will include a 12' driving surface with 6' wide shoulders on either side
3. All stumps and fallen timber are to be removed from the ROW
4. All hazardous trees within the ROW to be removed
5. Culverts to be installed as needed as specified by the manager or AKDOT
6. Construction outside the ROW must have documentation of legal access with a copy on file at the borough office
7. All road grades to be less than 10% unless approved by the manager

Land use permits are valid for two years. If development is not substantially complete after two years from the permit approval date, you will need to apply for another permit.

Feel free to contact me with any questions by phone or email at rvenables@haines.ak.us.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Venables
Borough Manager



Haines Borough Department Reports

Submitted 8-15-07

Ports & Harbors – Phil Benner, Harbormaster:

Small Boat Harbor -

- maintenance on floats to halt deterioration
- icehouse operations
- maintenance – float patch, painting, plumbing, weed removal
- moved 3 boats out of permanent slip holder berths
- hosted USCG Auxiliary
- 2 medical evacuations from Battery Point Beach

Lutak Dock –

- received four freight barges, two fuel barges
- received Landing Craft for AP&T transferring explosives to Skagway
- general cleanup, maintenance and organization

PC Dock -

- 5 cruise ships and 2 private yachts at Dock
- general cleanup and maintenance

Letnikof -

- general cleanup and maintenance

Administration -

- billings for commercial/transient customers and transient moorage
- continue development of 5 year plan for harbor maintenance and facility upgrades
- working with Coast Guard for security and upgrades

Water & Sewer – Scott Bradford, Plant Operator

- Routine testing completed for both water and sewer plants
- ADEC and an Environmental Specialist came to Haines to award the \$21,000 grant and complete training on water sample collection from the PC Dock Beach.
- Windows damaged by last winter's snow were replaced.
- Provided a presentation to the Energy Task Force regarding composting of sludge at Haines sewer plant.

Public Works – Bruce Smith, Superintendent:

- Set up judging stations, prepare fairgrounds for fair
- Remove trees and prep school for landscaping
- Complete water service at Haven Court
- Rebuild view station and place dumpster at Tlinkit Park
- Continue work on new shop – backfill and compact foundation, run drain tile
- Maintenance and vehicle repair

Volunteer Fire Department – Al Badgley, HVFD Training Officer:

Call Outs:

- 5 – 2 motor vehicle, 1 structure, 1 unattended burn, 1 assist to hiker
- 25 – ambulance

Training:

- Ambulance: Smoke & victim location, geriatric injuries, and IV training. Fire: hydrant hookups, ladder drills, and preconnect.
- Additional Assistance to be Noted: 4th of July – Mud Volleyball, hose battle, parade and standby for fireworks. SE State Fair – medical equipment, personnel and parade participation.
- Volunteer Hours – June 2007
Fire – 207 Ambulance – 177 SAR – 8

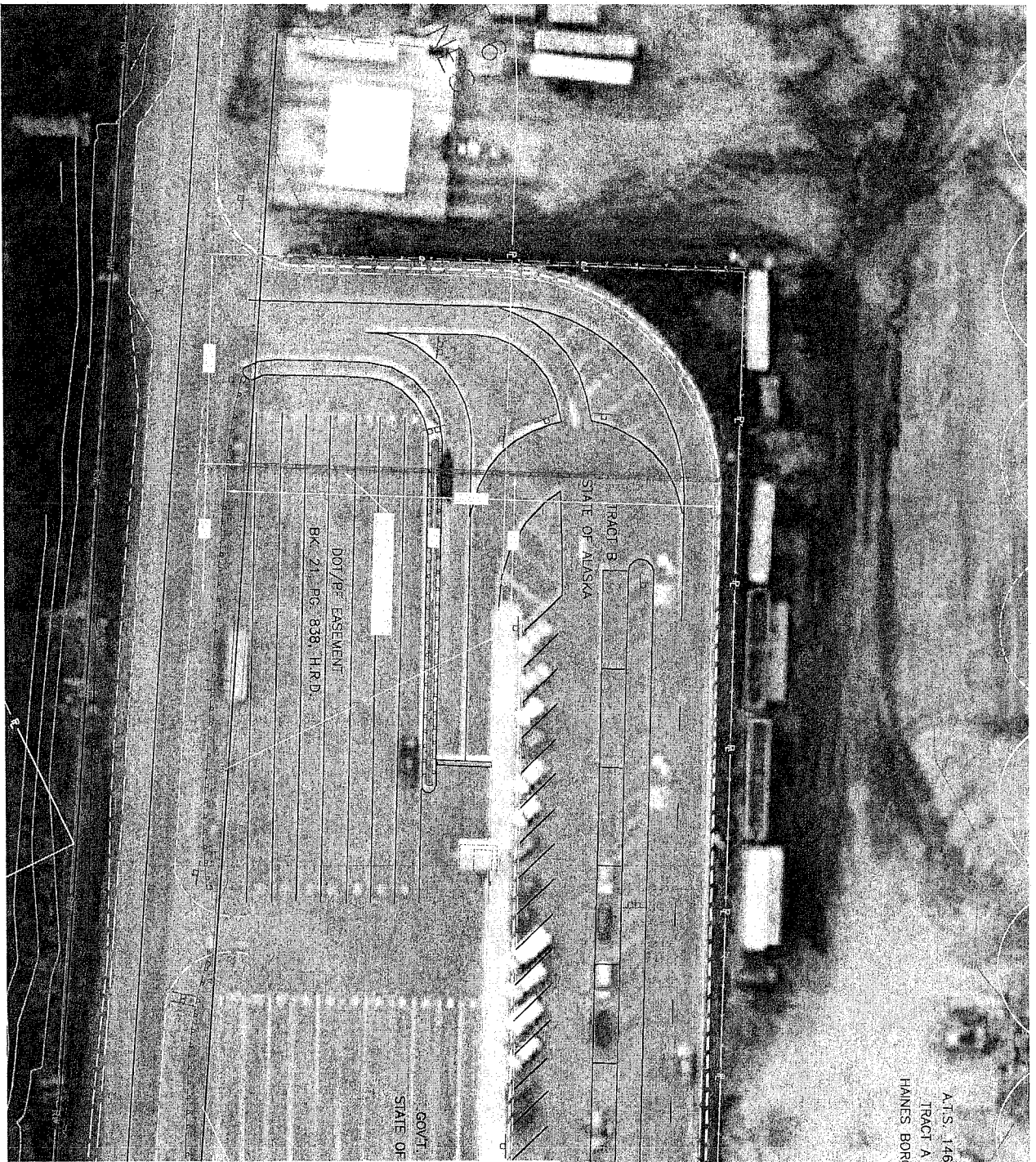
Tourism – Lori Stepanski, Tourism Director:

- Statistics for June 2007 versus June 2006:
 - Vehicles: 2006 – 4322 2007 – 6502 up 2180
 - Visitors: 2006 – 4639 2007 – 4767 up 128
 - Phone inquiries: 2006 – 136 2007 – 151 up 15
- Photos provided to Jensen Yorba Lott to complete the Haines Corridor Management Plan – plan should be to the Tourism Dept. by the end of August.
- Travel writer Heidi Sander (Globe and Mail, Toronto newspaper, the Boston Globe and AAA publications) will be in Haines Aug. 16-19

Lands – John Wurst, Lands Manager/Assessor:

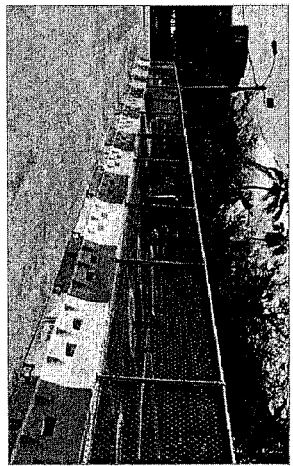
- Planning and Zoning & Land Use:
- 6 single residential permits issued
- 1 permit for lot line change
- Reviewed and re-evaluated permit fee schedules

- Land Management/Assessment
- Attended Alaska State Assessor Conference and Seminar in Wasilla
- Reviewed for reappraisal 76 improved properties between 40 mile and Porcupine bridge.



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Haines Ferry Terminal
Existing Facilities &
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