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Report

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Boat Harbor

Add to the long list of funds coming to the Borough! The State has budgeted another \$100,000 for our boat harbor expansion project. The only catch is - the borough has to match it. With the assembly's concurrence, the finance committee discussed changing the CIP line item from Letnikof Harbor to Harbor Expansion Project. This should provide enough funds to carry the project through PED to construction.

Chilkoot River Corridor Monitor

I spoke with Polly Hessing before she left for another position about the bear monitor program. She was still trying to get the state to share the costs of the monitor program. DNR's Joel Telford will continue to follow up on the topic. It is still possible that the state could split the costs with the Borough.

Employment & Training program

The Haines Borough has an opportunity to partner together with the Chilkoot Indian Association and provide an employment/training opportunity for economically-disadvantaged native youths. We are looking forward to having a young person working in the office and another working outdoors with Public Works. The positions are fully-funded by a grant program and are only for this summer season.

KHNS

The FY05 budget revision includes just over \$8,000 of direct wages that reflect savings from not having a borough employee on staff for the Chilkat Center operations. The Finance Committee met and recommended directing those funds to Lynn Canal Broadcasting as compensation for their management assistance (which has been greatly appreciated). The \$1680 of rent normally paid during the last 7 months will be deducted from the total.

DEC Training Opportunity

The Borough has an opportunity to host a Comprehensive Performance Evaluation (CPE) training session at the Haines water system plant October 24-28. This will bring a small group of professionals to town and give our system a valuable critique.

Chilkat State Park RMSA

This is the only road maintenance service area that does not have taxing authority. They have about one year's funds left before being abolished. If the Government Services committee will entertain the topic, the residents could be invited to decide whether or not to put the question on the October ballot.

School Construction Project

We just concluded another excellent workshop with the architects. It has been very encouraging to see the committee and community members pull together on this project. The architects will return with some cost estimates at the next workshop scheduled for July 20-21. They would like to meet jointly with the Borough Assembly and School Board to present the findings and receive the preferred alternative for design.

Denali Biotechnologies

The makers of the health supplement, AuroraBlue called to gauge interest in assisting with the harvest of blueberries and the possibility of using Haines as a site for a processing center. This company hopes to harvest 150,000 pounds of blueberries this summer and looks to increase that number to over 1 million pounds state-wide by 2007. The product is marketed as an antidote for various ailments, including high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes.