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Report

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Southeast Conference

I was in Juneau most of the past week to lead the mid-session summit for Southeast Conference. Haines was represented by Mayor Shields, Chamber President Karen Hess and Chris Schelb from the Chilkoot Indian Association.

Topics included, economic development, transportation, ties with Canada, energy, solid waste, health and social services, timber, fisheries, tourism and mining. We had a wide range of speakers, including the Governor, Lt. Governor and Senator Ted Stevens. I have attached an agenda for your information.

Budget Update

I will be presenting the budget to the mayor this week and am on schedule to deliver the manager's proposed budget to you on April 1.

Disaster Assistance

The state was in town this past week to continue assessment of the storm damage and work with staff to identify costs associated with repairs to local infrastructure. Preliminary estimates indicate that relief funds to the Borough may exceed \$150,000. The state is also working with private citizens separately to address their damage-repair needs. Special thanks to Roc Ahrens, Scott Bradford and Jila Stuart for their time and efforts on this (a lot of paperwork and time).

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Project Updates

School Project - Deadline for contractors to respond is March 28th. We have had a lot of interest to date with five firms coming to Haines for site visits.

Public Works Shop - Our project manager is updating costs for this building and we plan to prepare for construction this year.

Pavilion Project - The covered pavilion/restroom project at the PC Dock is progressing. The Tourism Advisory Board is leading the effort to coordinate the design of the facility and looking for ways to fully fund the project with industry support.

Water & Sewer - We have a number of line upgrades planned around town (especially along the Union Street state project). We also have funds for a new water tank on Young Road.

Boat Harbor - The ramp repairs will be made in the next 2 weeks and efforts continue on the harbor expansion project. We should have our next design update from the Corps in May. Currently, the funds in the state budget remain intact.

Manager's Vacation

I will be attending my sister's wedding on April 22 and plan to fly out on April 12th. I will be in touch with staff during this time. The CFO will be available for budget-related questions and the Clerk can assist with any other issues. I will be absent for the April 18 assembly meeting.

Southeast Conference Mid-Session Summit **2006**

Juneau, AK Centennial Hall

Tuesday March 21, 2006	
8:00 am	Registration Open <i>sponsored by the Association of Yukon Communities</i> <i>Morning Coffee sponsored by Carson Dorn, Inc.</i>
9:00 am	Welcome, President Robert Venables View from the State Capitol - Governor Frank Murkowski
9:15 am	Economic Development: AK Economic Development Issues, Bill Noll, Commissioner, Dept. of Commerce Southeast Alaska Economic Data – Susan Bell, The McDowell Group
10:00 am to 10:15 am	Break <i>sponsored by The McDowell Group and Capital Disposal</i>
10:15 am – 11:30 am	Economic Development in Alaska CEPRA and USDA-Rural Development: Bill Allen, Alaska Director CEDS Regional Strategy Revision – Carol Rushmore, SEC Board Member Entrepreneurial Projects – Lance Miller, Juneau Economic Development Council State Issues for Communities – Kevin Ritchie, AK Municipal League Canadian Perspective - Karen Matthias, Canadian Consulate to Alaska
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Environment Committee Regional Solid Waste Report, Next Steps – Richard Smith Solid Waste Authority Legislation - Staff Household Hazardous Waste Program – Steve Haavig, Carson Dorn
12:00 pm to 1:15 pm	Lunch: On Your Own
1:15 pm – 1:35 pm	Sen. Ted Stevens – Alaska Issues, Q&A
1:35 pm – 2:25 pm	Tourism Committee: Cruise Ship Ballot Initiative – John Hansen, NW Cruiseship Association Alaska Marine Highway & Tourism – Vernon Craig, Marketing Director, AMHS Glacier Bay – Tourism Update – Tomie Lee, National Park Service
2:25 pm – 3:25 pm	Fisheries Committee: Alaska Fish & Game Issues, McKie Campbell ADF&G Commissioner Processors' Vantage – Doug Roberts, Wrangell Seafoods Tongass Aquarium Project – John Sund
3:25 pm – 3:40 pm	Break <i>sponsored by the City of Petersburg</i>
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm	Regional Issues – Mayors' and Community Issues Panel
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Timber Issues: George Woodbury, SEC Timber Coordinator US Forest Service & Timber Supply, Forrest Cole, USFS Forest Supervisor State Forestry Perspectives, Jack Phelps, Alaska Dept of Commerce

Wednesday March 22, 2006	
8:00 am	Registration Open <i>sponsored by the Association of Yukon Communities</i> <i>Morning Coffee sponsored by AK Electric Light & Power</i>
8:30 am	Welcome: Loren Leman , Lt. Governor
8:45 am	Energy: Energy Export Report: John Heberling, D. Hittle & Associates, Inc. Project Updates from Around the Region
10:00 am to 10:15 am	Break <i>sponsored by Ketchikan Visitors Bureau – host for 2006 Annual Meeting</i>
10:45 am to 11:45 am	Health and Social Services Committee State Initiatives, Karleen Jackson, AK Health and Soc Services Commissioner Regional Updates from Hospitals, Clinics and Social Service Organizations
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Lunch - <i>sponsored by Coeur Alaska</i> Keynote Address: Dennis Wheeler , CEO of Coeur D'Alene Mines
1:15 pm to 3:00 pm	Presentation: Transportation Issues Jim Clark, Chief of Staff, Governor Murkowski State of Alaska – Dept of Transportation – Commissioner Mike Barton Regional Plans/Projects– Mal Menzies, Andy Hughes, AK Dept of Transportation US Army Corps of Engineers Perspective – Phil Hunt, Deputy Engineer, Alaska District, USACOE Funding Issues - AK Dept of Transportation Denali Commission Review: George Cannelos, Federal Co-Chair Denali Transportation Access Task Force
3:00 pm to 3:15 pm	Break <i>sponsored by Alaska Marine Lines / Lynden Transport</i>
3:15 pm to 5:00 pm	Transportation Continued: Alaska Marine Highway, Robin Taylor, Deputy Commissioner Marine Transportation Advisory Board, JC Conley, Chair New Vessel Update - InterIsland Ferry Authority, Tom Briggs, General Manager Update - Rail Link to Canada – Mark Taylor, AK Dept of Transportation Bradfield Road – Update – Terry Otness, City of Wrangell Federal Highways Overview, Dale Lewis , Central Region Liaison FHA
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Legislators' Roundtable – SE Alaska Legislators Weigh in on Issues
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Evening Reception – Centennial Hall – Alaska Committee with support from the Juneau Chamber of Commerce

Thursday March 23, 2006	
9:00 am	SE Conference of Mayors – SEC Office – 612 W. Willoughby, Juneau
TBD	SEC Board Meeting / SEC Conference of Chambers