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# Report

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## **New Faces at the Borough**

The Borough has hired Joanne MacKnight-Phair as the accounts receivable clerk, Zach Jacobsen as the new assistant harbormaster and Tammy Piper and Crista Rayl as the summer staff aides at the visitor center. Lisa Pace-Rode will be the project clerk for the new school project.

## **Municipal Lands Selection**

The University Lands bill made it out of the Legislature with the 4 parcels removed that the assembly had objection to. Representative Thomas worked with Senator Stedman (Sitka) to make it happen. The Haines Planning Commission will be meeting to prioritize the parcels for Assembly nomination to DNR.

## **Chilkat Center**

Lynn Canal Broadcasting's board of directors passed a motion at it's last meeting to adopt the lease and MOU pending attorney review. The documents have been forwarded to their lawyer for him to study.

## Ferry Changes

The AMHS has decided to use the fast vehicle ferries to connect Juneau and Ketchikan this winter as an experimental run. This concept was intended to utilize FVF vessels #3&4. The administration is still committed to a basic service level of 4 days a week in Upper Lynn Canal. It may require a separate union contract and will bear watching. There is still support for the Haines-Skagway shuttle service.

## Haines Legislative Appropriations

Haines is poised to do very well this session. Listed below are the projects in the current capitol budget:

Ferry Terminal Improvements	4,310,000
Water Tower water tower & line replacement	968,700
Fuel Assistance Grant (Supplemental)	67,187
NSRAA Spawning Channel Construction	300,000
SE Alaska State Fair Repairs/Renovation	100,000
American Legion Building Repairs/Renovation	150,000
Highway improvements ferry terminal to Old Haines Highway	13,000,000
Highway revetment reinforcement project milepost 34.2 to milepost 36.3.	2,400,000
Haines Harbor launch ramp replacement	350,000
Chilkoot Lake boarding dock improvements	25,000
Total	<b>\$21,670,887</b>

## Training in Juneau

I will be in Juneau all week attending courses at the University of Alaska as part of the certified public manager's program. I will have email capabilities in the evening. Thank you for the opportunity for professional development training!