

HAINES BOROUGH MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 9, 2004
TO: HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
FROM: Robert Venables
RE: ACTING BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Department Kudos

Public Works has completed the parking lot at the Administration building and it is a great improvement. It is also noteworthy that during this past week's record rainfall, that there was no significant drainage problems around town, due to Public Work's attention to ditching this fall. Bruce will be developing a master plan this winter to address other drainage problems along the 4th Ave and Lynnview Dr. neighborhoods. He is also researching waste oil furnaces for the shop and sewer plant. The Borough has about 5,000 gallons of waste oil. This efficiency could bring the borough considerable cost savings.

Municipal Advisory Group (MAG)

In your packet are the 8 resolutions developed by the municipalities projected to be impacted by the natural gas pipeline project. Much of the information does not apply to Haines. There are a number of impacts to Haines during both pre-construction and construction, including infrastructure use as a supply route, jobs for Haines as freight is moved and services are needed and most importantly, access to gas that will allow potential spur routes to be developed.

Assessor

The Assessor will be in town this week to resume progress on the supplemental property tax roles. A detailed report should be in the next meeting packet.

Personnel Issues

Travina Stuart is joining the finance department as the accounting assistant. She seems to have excellent technical skills and comes highly recommended having won multiple performance awards from her previous employer, ITT Technical Institute. We are posting for assistance at the Chilkat Center to coordinate events in Kim's absence. Thanks to Judy Erekson for volunteering in the mean time. We do not plan to fill the vacant position at the tourism department for now.