

# **MEMORANDUM**

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY  
CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

**FROM: LISA VON BARGEN  
BOROUGH MANAGER**

**SUBJECT: MANAGER'S REPORT**

**DATE: October 20, 2017**

## **INFORMATION:**

### **Youth Court Status Update:**

Wrangell Youth Court is still a recognized chapter at the state level. However, locally things have gone dormant. My understanding is that there was a significant period of no youth activity resulting in no referrals to Youth Court. Each year a group of students would be trained, but with no cases there was no activity for them. Wrangell reached out to Petersburg to see if referrals from Petersburg could be used to keep the group active. Parents in Petersburg were apparently unwilling to participate in the process via conference call. At this time the program remains recognized, but inactive.

### **Goal Setting:**

Draft Goals, including timelines and deliverables were distributed to the Assembly at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting for review. Two Assembly members responded with comments, and some comments were also received from Department Directors. Those comments are reflected in the agenda statement for the goals on this agenda. Some information received late Thursday regarding considerations for a new hospital and hospital operating partner require significant attention and work. This could not be accomplished prior to the time the packet was required to be published on Friday; and actually will take some further consideration by the Assembly and the Hospital Board. Given this and that the Assembly meeting will only have four members I am requesting a postponement of the Goals until the next meeting.

### **Healthcare Continuum:**

The joint work session with the Assembly and the Hospital Board is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Assembly Chambers. BDO will be giving a presentation regarding the financial feasibility of a new hospital facility. Prior to the close of the work session a subsequent joint work session should be scheduled to begin the discussion about the process for a new facility a third-party operating partnership for the Hospital (existing facility and/or new facility) and how the process will unfold.

### **Wrangell Island Project Draft Record of Decision:**

There is an item on the agenda for consideration by the Assembly regarding the CBW letter of objection and the alternative proposed by the USFS.

### **USFS M/V Chugach:**

Staff met early this week to go over the draft agreement and financial plan provided by the USFS. Some follow-up information from the Forest Service is necessary. Once that information is obtained the item will be brought before the Assembly.

### **Wrangell Junkyard Cleanup:**

The Assembly and WCA are having a work session prior to this Assembly meeting to discuss how to move forward with disposal alternatives. Please see the work session agenda statement for more information.

**Proposed ANSEP Boarding School:**

Patrick Mayer, Superintendent and Esther Ashton, WCA Director, are at AFN this week. The resolution of support is scheduled for consideration. We are awaiting the outcome of action at AFN. At the Assembly goal setting work session there were concerns about this proposed concept. Following AFN I am proposing to have a work session with the Assembly and local stakeholders to talk about the next phases of this concept.

**Nuisance Abatement:**

The scrap metal program continues throughout this month. Staff is working on additional outreach to the community. The Police Chief, Harbor Master and Public Works Foreman met to discuss the removal of junk cars from the harbor parking areas. The Harbor is going to provide the Police Department with a list of vehicles to be considered for removal. The Police Department will conduct a review of ownership. The team will get back together to determine which vehicles are candidates for scrap, and which will require being impounded. Of course, every opportunity will be provided for owners to retrieve their property prior to final removal. This work will take place over the next couple of weeks. Additionally, the Harbor will be working on some revised parking policies to help keep this type of vehicle abandonment from happening again.

**Nuisance Burning:**

The manager met with Mr. Brewster to follow up with him about the process for reporting nuisance burning.

**Community Jail Contract:**

Amendment #4 to the Community Jail Contract was approved by the Assembly at the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The signed contract was submitted to the Department of Corrections. The Police Department is awaiting contact from them about training for the new programs.

**Community Development Block Grant:**

The second public hearing was held by the Assembly on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The Assembly took action and approved the Fire Department portion of the Public Safety Building as the preferred project. The formal resolution authorizing the CDBG application will be on the November 7<sup>th</sup> agenda. It will include a full funding package recommendation for the Assembly to review.

**Water System:**

Please see the attached water system report.

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## **INFORMATION:**

### **CRW System Solution Evaluation:**

At the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting the Assembly approved a professional services agreement amendment with CRW to perform an evaluation between a revitalization and replacement solution of the water treatment system. That evaluation is underway and is expected to be complete in mid-November.

### **Shannon & Wilson Desktop Groundwater Evaluation:**

At the second meeting in September the Assembly approved a professional services agreement with Shannon & Wilson to perform a desktop groundwater evaluation. The purpose of this is to understand if there is a possible groundwater source to serve part of the water source needs in Wrangell. That evaluation is underway and is expected to be complete at the end of November.

### **Shannon & Wilson Dam Tap Phase I Evaluation:**

At the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting the Assembly approved a professional services agreement with Shannon & Wilson to review existing dam conditions and assess the best approach to tap the upper reservoir dam and connect with the portion of the existing bypass pipe installed years ago. This will lead to Phase II (design and engineering) of the project. Phase I is expected to be complete by mid-November.

Following receipt of this information, specifically the treatment system solution evaluation by CRW, the Assembly will be engaged to make a decision which solution they would like staff to pursue. This will likely take place in early to mid December.