



## CITY MANAGER REPORT

**Reporting Period:** April 14 – June 11, 2021

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### COVID-19

#### Vaccine

Below are the community COVID-19 vaccine stats as of June 1, 2021:

| Category                           | Population | # of Individuals Fully Vaccinated | # of Individuals with 1 Dose of Vaccine |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Residents 18 Years of Age and Over | 278        | 210                               | 15                                      |
| Residents 16-17 Years of Age       | 8          | 5                                 | 3                                       |
| Residents 12-15 Years of Age       | 23         | 0                                 | 16                                      |
| Residents Under 12 Years of Age    | 63         | 0                                 | 0                                       |
| <b>Totals</b>                      | <b>371</b> | <b>215</b>                        | <b>34</b>                               |

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| % of All Residents Fully Vaccinated                | 58.1%   |
| % of All Residents with 1 Dose                     | 9.2%    |
| % of 18 Years of Age and Older Fully Vaccinated    | 76.1%   |
| % Residents 16-17 Years of Age Fully Vaccinated    | 63%     |
| % Residents 12-15 Years of Age Fully Vaccinated    | 0%      |
| % Residents Under 12 Years of Age Fully Vaccinated | 0%      |
| Target for Residents Fully Vaccinated              | 296/80% |

#### DHSS Funding

The City has received funding from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to purchase an ultra-cold freezer. The funding has been distributed via a Memorandum of Agreement between DHSS and the City (*see attached*). The plan is to pass through the funding to Southcentral Foundation so they can purchase the freezer for the Saint Paul Health Center. We are working on a MOU with SCF to pass through this funding.



## **VARIOUS MEETINGS**

### **Representative Bryce Edgmon**

On April 14, 2021 Mayor Meruelief, Clerk Clerk Baker, Mark Hickey and I met with State Representative Bryce Edgmon via Zoom. We discussed the following topics with Representative Edgmon: COVID status in the community, school roof project, Village Safe Water grant.

### **Senator Lymann Hoffman**

On April 22, 2021 Mayor Meruelief, Clerk Clerk Baker, Mark Hickey and I met with State Representative Bryce Edgmon via Zoom/teleconference. We discussed the following topics with Senator Hoffman: COVID status in the community, school roof project, Village Safe Water grant.

### **Federal Aviation Administration Alaska Regional Administrator**

On May 18, I met via Zoom with the new FAA Alaska Regional Administrator Shelly Larson. The meeting focused on brief introductions and commitment to continued communication between the City and FAA. I also brought up our ASOS issues so that FAA was aware of them.

### **Anne Kranawetter regarding NWS demo**

On May 21, I met with Anne Kranawetter a Project Manager with Ahtna Engineering regarding disposal of construction debris in the City landfill. Ahtna has been contracted by the National Weather Service to demo the NWS housing. The older housing units contain lead based paint. Ahtna has taken samples of the lead-based paint materials and had them analyzed. The City permitted Class III landfill can accept some lead at certain levels but there is a process to obtain approval from ADEC for disposal in our landfill. I informed Anne that the City would not take any materials that contain lead and they would need to ship it off island. I also reviewed the City's refuse rates with here and let her know the various options and cost associated with disposal of construction materials in the City landfill. The demo project is scheduled for next year.

### **Senators Murkowski's and Sullivan's Staff**

In mid-May, Mateo and I met with several different staff with Senators Murkowski and Sullivan office to update them on the status of the City CEIP loan, harbor infrastructure and essential air service. Mateo informed me that Senator Sullivan's staff contacted the USDOT to inform them they support the comments in the letter that the entities sent to USDOT.

## **INSURANCE**

Accounting Supervisor Nadia Melovidov and I worked on submitting the application paperwork for our insurance renewal prior to the deadline. We are still waiting to hear from Alliant our insurance broker regarding coverage renewals and if there will be an increase in premiums.

**LOBBYING EFFORTS IN JUNEAU**

*Attached* is Mark Hickey’s legislative report 21-09.

**ESSENTIAL AIR SERVICE (EAS)**

On May 19, 2021, the City, Tribal Government, CBSFA and TDX submitted a joint letter to the US Department of Transportation commenting on EAS for Saint Paul Island (*see attached letter*).

On May 25, 2021, Deputy Commissioner John Binder with the Alaska Department of Transportation/Public Facilities submitted a letter to the US Department of Transportation commenting on EAS for Saint Paul Island (*see attached letter*).

**AUTOMATED SERVICE OBSERVING SYSTEM (ASOS) / AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVING SYSTEM (AWOS)**

As many are aware our island’s ASOS has been having issues again resulting in cancelation of schedule passenger flights. I have reached out to both the National Weather Service and Federal Aviation Administration regarding the status of the upgrade to our ASOS. Per email exchanges with the NWS, I have been informed that they are during the hardware and software integration of the new processing capability and that NWS is proceeding with the installation planning and will set into motion the ASOS upgrades. The FAA sites have priority. Saint Paul Island is an FAA site. However, I have not received an actual timeframe regarding the upgrade.

There are FAA certified AWOS systems that we could purchase, install, and maintain. I am exploring options currently.

**SAINT PAUL HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS/EXPANSION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

R&M Consultants Engineer John Daily performed a site visit on June 3-5. He is working on finalizing a draft the feasibility study. The purpose of the site visit was to evaluate the docks and other harbor infrastructure to get an idea of what needs to be repair/replaced or upgraded. Information from the site visit will be included in the study.

**US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

We are working with R&M and our grant writer to prepare a proposal to fund some portion of projects that will be identified in the feasibility study. Proposals are due on July 30, 2021. Options we are exploring include a modern fendering system for the South Dock, a new harbormaster office and removal of the old Unisea piers and North Dock and installing dolphins and heavy lift ramps to replace these structures.

**COMMUNITY PARK PLANNING**

*Attached* is the final civil design of a community park located on the ballfield area.

**EMERGENCY SIRENS**

The Federal Signal Modulator High Powered Omni Speaker have been ordered and some of the parts are on the June Coastal boat. We are still waiting for the delivery of the main sirens to Coastal.

**CITY PARK**

Thanks to Phyllis Swetzof for donating her time and pushing to have something for the kids to play on this summer; we started work on the City park site. Additionally, Simeon Swetzof volunteered his time to level out the lot and prepare the site for playground equipment. Thanks to Biff Baker for donating the playset by his house. City crews then assemble removed the donated playset and reassembled it as the new site. Additionally, City crews gathered logs and rocks for the natural playset.

Donations or grants received thus far for the construction of the park include:

| <b>Funding Source</b>      | <b>Amount</b>   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Aleutian Housing Authority | \$2,000   |
| American Seafoods          | \$6,000   |
| City of Saint Paul         | \$10,000  |
| Coastal Transportation     | Donating shipping of materials for swing sets                       |
| Ravn Alaska                | \$750 plus donating shipping of freight for the seed and fertilizer |
| Trident Seafoods           | \$2,500   |
| TDX                        | 100 yards of scoria   |

Items to still complete at the site include:

- Assembling and installing the swing sets, monkey bars, net climb and climbing wall
- Assembling the picnic tables and park benches
- Installing bollard light around the perimeter of the park
- Hydroseeding the area
- Installing posts and chain on the Sidetown Road side
- Cleanup of the scoria path and parking area
- Installing a new streetlight pole
- Purchase of a donation recognition placard

We are still seeking a donation from the Aleut Community of Saint Paul Island to use the hydroseeder they purchased to hydroseed the site. Additionally, we will need volunteers to assemble the swing sets, monkey bars, and picnic tables/benches once the materials arrive. Boretide has graciously donated a day of their crew’s time to help with the installation and has donated some concrete as well.

I am working on a Rasmuson grant for the purchase of the lighting for the park.

Lastly, I am working on a park ordinance which will establish some rules for the park.

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SAINT PAUL SCHOOL ROOF AND FOUNDATION**

The City's lobbyist Mark Hickey worked with Superintendent John Bruce to secure the additional funding needed to repair the floor at the Saint Paul School after the foundation was leveled. The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development award the Pribilof School District an additional \$300,000 for the school roof replacement and structural repairs project (*see attached letter*).