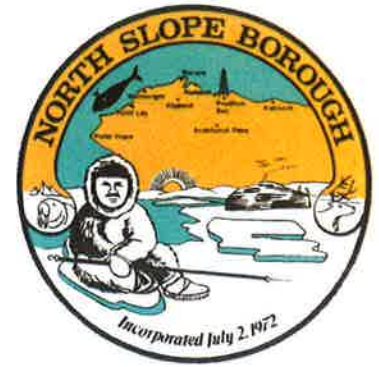


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Charlotte E. Brower, Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: North Slope Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlotte E. Brower, Mayor

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DATE: October 14, 2014

SUBJ: Status Report

Good evening Members of the Assembly and the listening audience. First of all, I thank our Father in heaven for the path laid before us to continue our work for the residents of the North Slope. As I said in my remarks following my Oath of Office, I will continue to work positively with all stakeholders in our region.

We worked hard to implement the construction loan program and are meeting with prospective clients. We are receiving applications and are hopeful to be awarding our first loan. Quyanaqpak to the **Department of Administration and Finance** and **CAO Adams** for their continued hard work to make this program a reality. We know this is a small step in the right direction, and we are committed to assisting families without housing in every way we can.

The **Law Department** worked closely with community of Anaktuvuk Pass and the **Department of Wildlife Management** to create the caribou association in Anaktuvuk Pass. The United Caribou Association of the Nunamiut (UCAN) will be a useful tool to help our subsistence hunters. We continued to protect our interests on three Endangered Species Act Rulemakings in addition to ensuring our voice at the table to protect our subsistence way of life. As part of our outreach activities staff took students on a field trip to the greenhouses at the Barrow Environmental Observatory and had a plants discussion for the 1st and 2nd graders. A community talk was held at the Tuzzy library on bowhead whale research. We have been blessed with the bowhead whale from our communities in

The **Department of Planning & Community Services** continues to work hard to update the Comprehensive Plan. The Barrow Plan was presented to the City of Barrow on September 15th and governing body resolutions developed this fall for the ordinance to be presented to the Assembly in December.

The **Police Department** continued to conduct successful drug and alcohol interdiction efforts across the North Slope. They confiscated 6 bottles of alcohol, 2 gallons of beer, over 2

pounds of marijuana, and 1 gram of cocaine. Police staff participated in a church beautification project, which involved cleaning up areas throughout the town. They also read to children at the Tuzzy library and continue their involvement in the schools and community to ensure our children recognize police officers as helpers of our communities.

Staff from the **Department of Human Resources** went to the Barrow High School to meet with prospective OJT students to discuss workplace expectations. The next MJP cycle started at the beginning of this month. The Training & Development Division has held eleven different trainings from First Aid/CPR to Business Grammar & Writing. A new Personnel Action form has been created and distributed to create more efficiency and reduce errors in the Personnel Action process. Job training and development continues to be a top priority of my administration and we will work to bring more employment opportunities to our local residents.

The **Capital Improvements Program Management Department (CIPM)** has been working on finalizing the Childcare facility upgrades. They are working with WHPacific to get Fire Marshalls drawings completed and signed. They are also working on the designs and code requirements for the facility. The area wide light duty vehicles projects for the villages have been delivered and a request has been made to purchase two Ford F250 crew cab pick-up trucks for the village of Point Hope.

Concerns regarding water and sewer issues in many of our communities continue to be a priority for the **Public Works** department. The department responded to major challenges with our utilidors and the impacts of climate change on our infrastructure by working closely with community members to address these issues. Power Plant operators are going through training through AVTEC sponsored by the Alaska Energy Authority and NSB, in line with providing training opportunities for our employees. We celebrated **Richard Ungarook's** retirement and welcomed **Irving Igtanloc** into this position.

The **Fire Department** continued normal operations during the month of September. The training division held a 3 week long State of Alaska Firefighter 1 Course. This course was taught in accordance with the International Association of Fire Service Training that is nationally recognized. They had twelve participants from various communities across the Slope. The Medevac division is conducting activities for the National Fire Prevention Month which is this month. During this time they will be conducting school visits and sharing fire and emergency prevention training to our students across the slope. The **Barrow Volunteer Fire Department** received its new 100' Ladder truck and hosted an open house on September 29th to unveil it to the community. Fire Captain/Mechanic Ron Shaw has retired and Damon Kalei Contrades has been selected to fill his position. I want to thank Ron for his dedication and many years of service to the **North Slope Borough Fire Department**.

This concludes my summary report for the month of September. May God continue to bless and protect our hunters, whalers and their families during this fall season. Quyanaqpak!