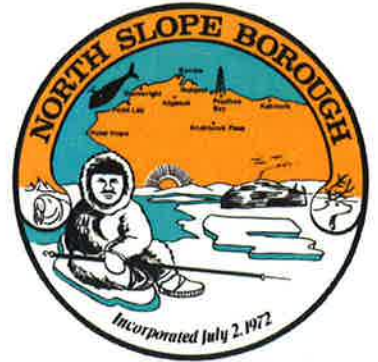


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Charlotte E. Brower, Mayor

MEMORANDUM

TO: North Slope Borough Assembly

FROM: Charlotte E. Brower, Mayor

DATE: December 2, 2014

SUBJ: November Status Report

Charlotte E. Brower

Good evening Assembly Members and listening audience.

November was filled with accomplishments that show promise for things to come, and the blessings of community gatherings.

I would like to thank the communities for hosting their Thanksgiving Feasts, and for the Department Directors who assisted in serving, the community appreciates your efforts. Attached to my report I have included a full listing of all Director and Deputy Director Appointments made since the beginning of this term.

I am also pleased to report on following accomplishments achieved by my dedicated staff over this past month:

Staff from the **Mayor's Office** and **Division of Government and External Affairs** have been engaging with our communities to identify potential projects that can be undertaken by the Port Authority. Additional outreach will take place as the Port Authority moves forward in its organization. Government Affairs staff also worked with other North Slope entities in drafting comments to address the EPA's proposed changes to the Waters of the U.S. definition and will continue to work to ensure that the Borough's interests are made known to federal agencies.

The **Department of Wildlife Management** has coordinated with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to conduct caribou hunter meetings in Anaktuvuk Pass, Barrow, Wainwright, and Point Lay. Data from caribou and fox surveys flown during June and July should be summarized and available in February 2015.

This month Wildlife staff talked to 3rd Grade Ipalook students about plants on the North Slope. On November 12-13 staff attended the Alaska Beluga Whale Committee meetings where high school senior Timmothy Ferreira, from Point Lay and staff presented. Wildlife Department staff also met with an 8th Grade teacher to discuss assisting with a field trip on the sea ice next spring.

The Department of Wildlife Management has formed a task force to further investigate the 2013-2014 water mold disease events in broad whitefish in Nuiqsut. Community presentations on preliminary results from examined fish and plan on how to move forward have taken place during the Nuiqsut Science symposium.

In addition to its normal workload, the **Department of Public Works** worked on addressing issues with the lighting at the Wainwright baseball field. Staff was sent to work on the lighting during the week of November 24, 2014. Work was completed before Thanksgiving weekend.

Barrow had a concern of sagging lines at Cakeater Road – the lines were identified as ASTAC lines. We reached out to ASTAC and the latest update was provided on December 1, 2014 from ASTAC that the cable was “removed and fixed this weekend”.

Concerns brought to Public Works from Nuiqsut included location of a fire hydrant in relation to Gordon Matumeak’s house. Public works found that the distances between the fire hydrants closest to the home do not meet the International Fire Code requirements. The Nuiqsut Fire Department has the option to submit a project request to the Planning Department to determine feasibility of additional fire hydrants in their community. Also there was a concern regarding the power line over the main entrance of the City Building. Public Works staff is currently working on a solution to re-route the line as requested. An updated status will be provided once the issue is fixed.

The **Department of Administration and Finance** has had two major events this month: (1) completed the 2014 A and B General Obligation bond offering which raised \$136 million for infrastructure needs across our communities and (2) the Service Area 10 Water/Wastewater construction project completed the exterior construction and began plumbing and electrical work for the treatment equipment.

Looking ahead, Administration and Finance will have two major events happen in the near future: the 2014 Series C bond sale will close in December which will provide approximately \$23 million for the Oxbow Landfill expansion. They will also start the process for the establishing the annual budget for the upcoming year.

The **Police Department** responded to 2,539 calls for service in the month of November. A total of 43 criminal cases were submitted to the District Attorney. The Police Department staff met in-house and with AWIC staff to plan multiple upcoming Community Oriented Policing Projects. The projects will include children’s activities, awareness activities, an afternoon tea for young and adult women, a food drive in December and a Christmas project for elders. On November 11th staff attended Police Academy graduation in Fairbanks – congratulations to our latest graduate Officer Samuelu!

The **Fire Department** has renewed its focus on training and maintenance in November.

A trainer came to Barrow to conduct a four day training on Ladder One, the new Aerial Quint; numerous staff attended the training and are now certified to use to apparatus. Ladder One still requires maintenance upgrades to be ready for operations.

Other trainings include:

- ACEMS Symposium, 7 people attended and received multiple CME's
- DMICO had 5 attendees and the results are pending.
- ETT/EMT1 Bridge 14 attended; 13 passed skills assessment and written tests are pending State review
- EMT1 refresher 11 attended – all certified
- MOI2 1 attended – results pending

The maintenance staff is traveling to the villages. This month they went to Anaktuvuk Pass where all emergency vehicles were serviced. Tanker 2 underwent engine repair in and is back in service for the community of Anaktuvuk Pass.

The **Human Resources Department's** Training and Development Division partnered with Ilisagvik College and the Fire Department for trainings this month. In total the division offered 21 trainings that were attended by 137 individuals.

The **Department of Search and Rescue** continues to maintain their mission of serving the NSB Public. The aircraft were utilized a total of 15 times in the past month, for a total of over 77 flight hours. There were 4 PLB responses and additional Search and Rescue operations for overdue hunters and an emergency landing by Umiat approximately 140 miles from Barrow with no injuries. The Learjet is currently receiving an engine upgrade and routine necessary maintenance; it is scheduled to return to service on December 20, 2014.

The **Department of Health and Social Services'** North Slope Health Fairs are still active; Anaktuvik Pass will hold their fair on December 5th. Public Health Nursing has been hosting student nurses from who have assisted in the health fairs and other outreach projects. Health has been meeting with SSMH, NSB Fire & NSB Risk Management on Ebola Preparedness.

The Health Department is pleased to share that although there have been construction delays, childcare training is underway for hired staff for Nuiqsut and Barrow. The next steps are to conduct outreach and community leadership meetings with Anaktuvuk Pass and continue planning with Point Hope.

This concludes my summary report for the month of October. Thank you!

Staff Announcements:

Rob Elkins – Director of Administration & Finance

Andy Stemp – Deputy Director of Finance

Mark Hermon – Deputy Director of Administration

Lauren Berdow – Borough Attorney

Hubert Hopson – Director of CIPM

Ned Nelson – Deputy Director of CIPM

William Tracey, Sr. – Fire Chief/Director

Shannon Esparza – Deputy Director, Fire Department*

Doreen Leavitt – Director of Health & Social Services

Jennifer T. Brower – Deputy Director of Community Services*

Robbyn Igtanloc – Deputy Director of Administration, Health & Social Services

Justina Wilhelm – Deputy Director of Behavioral Health

Lucy Leavitt – Director of Human Resources

Christine Solomon – Deputy Director of Human Resources

Rhoda Ahmaogak – Director of Planning & Community Services

Gordon Brower – Deputy Director of Planning & Community Services

Charlie Sakeagak – Director of Public Works

Irving J. Igtanloc – Deputy Director of Public Works

Morrie Lemen, Jr. – Deputy Director of Public Works

Price Leavitt, Sr. – Deputy Director of Public Works

April Brower – Director of Search & Rescue*

Dennis Tiepelman – Deputy Director of Administration, Search & Rescue

Raynita Taqulik Hepa – Director of Wildlife Management

Harry K. Brower, Jr. – Deputy Director of Wildlife Management*

Jacob Adams – Chief Administrative Officer

Dorothy Edwardsen – Chief Advisor to the Mayor

Harold Snowball – Advisor to the Mayor

Grace Ng – Advisor to the Mayor

Crystal Tulai – Advisor to the Mayor*

Kristine Hilderbrand – Advisor to the Mayor

Lloyd Leavitt – Advisor to the Mayor

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