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 Timothy 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 Taquilik 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

*Nepotism waiver authorized by Mayor Charlotte E. Brower